



## Message from Executive Principal, Bedford Catholic Schools

Dear Applicant,

Bedford Catholic Schools are a strong collaborative, working together to provide outstanding Catholic education for the children of Bedford. We have been serving the Bedford community for over fifty years.

The St Francis of Assisi Academies Trust was formed in April 2013 when the schools joined together to become a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). As a MAT, we believe we offer a truly unique journey for pupils across all age ranges - from our nursery provision to post-16 study.

We offer seamless academic and pastoral support, grounded in our Gospel values, to pupils in all stages of their educational journey. Our schools – [St John Rigby Primary](#), [St Joseph's and St Gregory's Primary](#) and [St Thomas More Secondary and Sixth Form Centre](#) – are all rated good or outstanding.

Through the [Inspirit Teaching School](#), the Trust leads in the training and professional development of teachers, support staff and head teachers across the local area and the diocese of Northampton, as well as contributing to the raising of standards through extensive school-to-school support. Our teachers have the opportunity not only to receive high quality CPD through the teaching school but also to deliver and be part of CPD planning and implementation.

The success we have had so far is down to the highly talented and dedicated support staff, teachers, leaders and governors in our Trust. We are committed to ongoing development in each school and across the Trust and as a member of our team, you will have the opportunity to work with staff across all of our schools.

Our schools our exciting, thriving communities and we endeavour to ensure that our students leave us as well-rounded, well-educated young people. If you have the drive and enthusiasm to help our students to achieve even more, we would love you to join us.

Yours faithfully

Tony Bishop  
Executive Principal  
Bedford Catholic Schools

