



**The Bishop of Llandaff CiW High School**  
**Ygsol Uwchradd Esgob Llandâf**

**School Prospectus**  
**Prosbectws Ysgol**



***A culture of extremely high expectations permeates  
all aspects of school life***

Estyn

# Headteacher's welcome

## Croesawiad y Prifathro

**It is my pleasure to introduce and welcome you to The Bishop of Llandaff CiW High School. I trust you will find our prospectus gives you a feel for what life is like here at our school and what we stand for. We are very proud of our unique school and all those members, both students and staff, who are part of it.**

The secondary school you choose for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make as a parent. You obviously want your child to be happy and successful, so you need to feel confident that The Bishop of Llandaff will provide a creative and challenging environment where this will be achieved.

We want our students to have the best start in life by providing them with an outstanding education. This means that we provide every child who enters our school community with a better educational experience than they could hope for in any other school. We want to be the best school for your child, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that this is the case. We want our students to develop into well-rounded individuals, ready to be successful in the next stage of their lives.

As parents you will want reassurance that we can meet our aims. When you send your child to us you can trust us to give them the best opportunities in every area of school life. We look to support and challenge students so they can flourish in a culture of success which prepares them fully for life beyond school.

Our pursuit of excellence, seeks to ensure every child in our care achieves their full potential academically; develops the skills to be successful in our ever-changing world; and understands a sense of morality guided by the gospel values of love, acceptance, responsibility and forgiveness. These aims are delivered through a very strong pastoral system, a commitment to providing high quality teaching and learning and an extensive range of sporting, cultural, physical and extra-curricular activities.

Visitors to the school are impressed by the students, who are friendly, who value the school and want to be successful. We have a talented staff who are dedicated and committed to providing the children with a first-class education. We only recruit the finest teachers who will inspire, motivate and challenge our students to be the 'best versions of themselves'.

Children have one chance in education. They deserve the best and our role at school is to ensure we provide them with this. We have the highest expectations of and for our students and we shall leave no stone unturned to achieve our goal. We will always focus on improving the quality of the education our young people experience and place great importance in working together in partnership with students, staff and parents.

Educating children is a great responsibility and an immense privilege. If you are a parent of a student already at the school, thank you for entrusting us with that job. We won't let you down! If you are considering sending your child to us or would like to find out more do get in touch. We are open to visitors every day.

I very much look forward to meeting you in the future.

**Marc Belli**  
**Headteacher**



# About our school

## Ein hysgol



**The Bishop of Llandaff is a special place and is, first and foremost, a Church in Wales (Anglican) school with over 1300 students including 300 in the sixth form. We serve Christian and non-Christian families across the city of Cardiff and surrounding areas, including the Vale of Glamorgan and as far as Pontypridd in the north and Bridgend in the west.**

We aim to instill a positive attitude to learning where students believe they can reach their full potential. This can only be achieved in an ordered and settled environment. We insist on the highest standards of conduct and courtesy, behaviour and appearance. We believe this attention to detail helps promote a purposeful atmosphere.

It is our firm belief that a high-quality education requires a healthy balance between challenge and support.

We are committed to ensuring that each of our students leaves us with the best possible examination results; the skills and knowledge to be successful in the world of work; and the values and morals to lead good lives based on Christian principles.

Ultimately, we want our students to be happy and successful. Equally, we want each child to have fun during their time with us and look back on their school days with pride and fond memories.

In 2019, the school was designated 'World Class' status, being the first and only school in Wales (to date) to receive this recognition. In 2022, the school was redesignated as 'World Class' recognising the outstanding education offered and the exceptional performance of our students, over a sustained period.



***Students make outstanding progress in their subject knowledge and skills. Performance is consistently well above that in other similar schools***

Estyn





*Collective worship acts as the heartbeat of the school, offering students engaging and inspiring experiences*

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# Faith in Education

## Ffydd mewn Addysg

**Our distinctive Christian identity and ethos guides every aspect of life at The Bishop of Llandaff. Our approach to education is rooted in the life of Christ and the gospel message of Christian love. We value each member of the school community as an individual, uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. We seek to develop responsible, caring, dedicated and committed students who will make a positive contribution to society.**

While our faith-based intake is predominantly Christian, we are a school for all faiths and those without any faith. We are very proud of our distinctive ethos. We are supported by our daily act of worship and the work of the parish clergy who visit the school for parish prayers on a weekly basis. We also have strong links with Llandaff Cathedral, which is the home of our annual Carol Service, Awards Evening and the many Eucharist services throughout the school calendar.

students excel in their studies but also are happy with us.

Form tutors helping students to settle in and make a smooth start to life at school. They continue to support students throughout their years at The Bishop of Llandaff. Students meet their tutor every morning; this time is used for prayer and reflection, academic monitoring and mentoring. It is also a time for the group to meet and celebrate successes. Heads of Year and other pastoral support staff are available to ensure that each child is safe at school while challenged to perform at their highest level.

We have a comprehensive house system and every member of the community, both students and staff, are encouraged to take part. The house competitions throughout the year include talent shows, sporting events, fundraising challenges and performances throughout the school year.



***Students demonstrate a deep understanding of their work and build on this exceptionally well, using their subject knowledge to make inferences and solve challenging problems***



# Learning

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**Learning at The Bishop of Llandaff is an exciting journey of discovery, brought to life with innovative teaching and imaginative use of resources.**

The standard of learning at the school is very high and we seek to recognise and celebrate achievement in addition to acknowledging our students' many talents. Our Graduation Programme supplements the formal curriculum and is designed to ensure students develop into well-rounded individuals ready to progress in their learning and beyond.

We expect our students to work hard and perform to the best of their abilities. This ensures they are active learners and makes being in lessons a rewarding experience. As a school we monitor progress each term and act upon it so that no child 'slips through the net'.

A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum ensures that every child is well catered for. This includes a range of options at GCSE, which includes a selection of vocational subjects.

Students with additional learning needs and those identified as more able and talented are supported throughout the curriculum by all of our staff. This ensures they make progress relative to their individual starting point.

To be successful at school, students need to be happy, taught by outstanding teachers and motivated to achieve. We believe children thrive in a secure but challenging setting where they are treated with care and respect, where there are lots of opportunities for personal, spiritual and moral development and where students have the chance to take responsibility for their own learning. Through homework students are encouraged to be independent learners.



***My daughter simply loves school***  
Parental Questionnaire Response

***There are so many activities and groups for students to get involved in. My favourite is playing at Llandaff Cathedral***

Year 10 student



# Beyond the classroom

## Tu allan yr ystafell ddosbarth

**As well as the focus on academic achievement, we place great emphasis on the need for students to enjoy their time at school and play a more active role in the life of the school.**

Students are encouraged to further develop their talents and social skills by taking part in as many activities as possible, available through the curriculum and as part of out of hours activities.

We provide students with the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of sports and exercise. This promotes the benefits of staying fit and living a healthy lifestyle. We have several teams across all sports and the school frequently enjoys success at a range of tournaments. A significant number of our students have represented their county, while many have gone to international level honours.

Music and drama thrive with students gaining pleasure and success from taking part in numerous shows and festivals. In addition to timetabled music lessons, peripatetic teachers provide individual sessions for students who wish to develop their musical talents in a range of instruments. The school ensemble is very impressive and plays a large part in the life of the school.

There are dozens of trips and visits to enrich the experience of school life. We certainly have something for everyone.



# An inclusive vision

## Gweledigaeth cynhwysol

**The Bishop of Llandaff is an inclusive school, with opportunities for students of all abilities to achieve their full potential. We believe that every student regardless of ability and background is entitled to be nurtured to exceed academically and develop socially.**

Our Inclusion team works closely with students who have a specific learning difficulty. They work closely with staff to develop effective strategies to support the learning needs of all students.

We are very proud of the specialist support we provide to students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The Marion Centre is a specialist provision within The Bishop of Llandaff and can accommodate up to 50 students across the full secondary age range, with approximately six students in each year group.

Throughout the curriculum, students who are supported in The Marion Centre are taught functional life skills to help them become independent and develop the necessary confidence to prepare them for life.

The school is committed to promoting awareness and education of Autistic Spectrum Disorder. A number of sixth form students work in The Marion Centre to support younger students, through mentoring and reading support.

Admissions to The Marion Centre are managed directly by Cardiff local authority. The school does not accept applications directly and families are advised to discuss any potential applications with the Autism Team within the local authority. Please contact the Head of Centre, at school, for more information.



***Standards of wellbeing are notably high and student's attitudes to learning are exemplary***

Estyn

***The quality of support I have received to help get me into my chosen university has been first-class***

Year 13 student



# Sixth form life

## Bywyd y chweched dosbarth

**The Sixth Form is highly successful and all students who choose to study with us are expected to have the highest standards in their attitude and work.**

Most students in Year 11 opt to remain at The Bishop of Llandaff to study in the sixth form. However, we accept applications from all students in the local area who wish to receive a faith school-based sixth form experience. Students can be sure of receiving a rounded experience which will prepare and challenge them for their lives in the future.

The Sixth Form at The Bishop of Llandaff has its own strong identity, but the students have a unique role as leaders and models for the rest of the school. The school offers a wide range of courses for students, including academic and vocational A levels designed to cater for all abilities.

Many of our sixth form students support younger students in the school, acting as mentors to help with mathematics, reading and other subjects.

We ensure all students are prepared well for university, further education and/or the world of work. They receive high quality teaching, and their tutors provide them with effective academic guidance and pastoral support.

All students within the sixth form take part in an enrichment programme, designed to support wider learning and enable students to develop skills outside of the classroom. This includes areas such as sport, languages, engineering, preparation for medicine and Oxbridge as well as many more.

# Find out more

## Darganfyddwch fwy

If you are interested in our school, then feel free to pay us a visit. Our annual Open Evening takes place during the autumn term so please look out for our dates on our school website and twitter feed [@Bishop\\_Llandaff](#)





World Class  
School Status

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