



St Philip Howard

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Welcome

to St Philip Howard Catholic School

I am delighted to introduce and welcome you to St Philip Howard Catholic School. We are a thriving Catholic community with happy children and high standards. Our Mission Statement 'Becoming the people God calls us to be' shows clear intent, that whilst being recognised as an 'Outstanding' school by Ofsted, we believe that our job is never done, striving for excellence in all that we do.

Our aim is simple, to provide the very best educational experience for your young person. In practice, this means a relentless drive for students to achieve outstanding grades – better than any your child could hope to achieve elsewhere. Results consistently place SPH in the top 15% nationally; something that we are very proud of. Education, however, is so much more than this. Being kind, compassionate and well-rounded individuals is of equal importance; building a community that nurtures the unique gifts and qualities that make us all special, enabling everyone to fulfil their God-given potential.

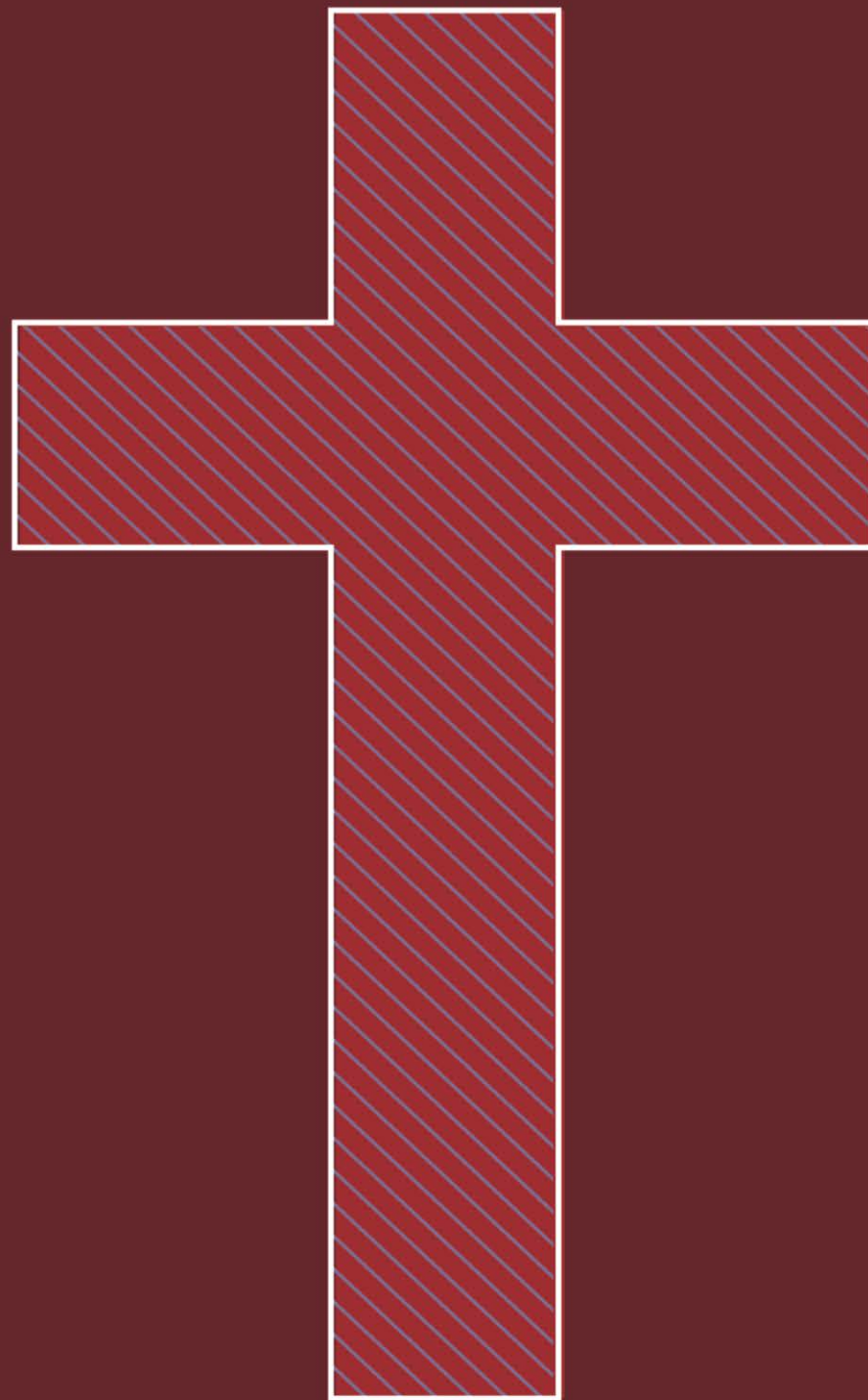
Picking the right school for your child is one of the biggest decisions you will ever make in life. At SPH every child is 'known and loved', where all decisions are made with the best interests of the students entrusted to our care. Whilst this prospectus gives a flavour of what we are about as a community, I would encourage you to come and see for yourself. Every day is an Open Day: you are always welcome to come and see our school 'in action', giving you the fullest sense of what life is like at SPH.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Tim Hulse

Headteacher

At St Philip Howard
we are “Becoming
the people God calls
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Our School

SPH is a special place and is, first and foremost, a Catholic school, guided by Gospel values. We recognise everyone as being made 'in God's image and likeness' and as such everyone, regardless of their own faith perspective, is welcomed and valued for who they are.

We believe in nurturing the whole person and seek to develop responsible, caring and committed young men and women, who make a positive contribution to society and fulfil their potential. To achieve this, we have a 'can do', no excuses culture, setting the highest of possible standards and working in close partnership with parents and carers.

As a strategic lead within the Xavier Teaching School Hub, we work with and support schools across the South East and are proud to be a part of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust, the Diocesan Multi- Academy Trust for Sussex.





Lifelong Learners

School should be fun and we want children to leave with a love of learning. A broad and balanced curriculum at SPH enables children to flourish and feel valued for their own unique strengths and talents. Children are expected to work hard and do their very best; both at school and home, in order to become capable independent learners. Whilst achieving results which place us amongst some of the best schools in the country, we do not take our success for granted, or indeed rely solely on this being a measure of what makes us an outstanding school. We aim to be more than just a school; being a family which supports, challenges and enables a child to grow into the person they are called to be.

Enriching Lives

Developing the whole person means providing opportunities for all children to thrive in a variety of contexts, not only by enabling them to develop existing talents, but to challenge them to discover more.

Whether it is sporting, musical, dramatic, artistic or social, there are a range of enrichment activities available to explore. Children at SPH participate in school sports, after school clubs, dance, public speaking, drama and school productions, Duke of Edinburgh and a wide range of educational visits, both locally and internationally.

Our aim is to ensure that every child at SPH experiences a rich and diverse extra-curricular programme, which widens their horizons and deepens their character.





Faith In Action

Our school exists for the children and our distinctive Catholic ethos guides every aspect of life at SPH. We believe that it is important to make our faith relevant to young people today.

This means being outward-looking as a community; inclusive of all people, regardless of their religious beliefs, making sure we live out our faith on a day to day basis. Prayer and the sacramental life of the Church is at the heart of our school community, as is providing children with opportunities to live out the Gospel values.

Every year the children at SPH raise thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes, help people in the local community, serve within school as reading mentors and buddies, attend the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and visit our partner schools in Rwanda.

Sixth Form

Post-16 education presents new and exciting challenges for the vast majority of our children who stay on for Sixth Form education, along with many others who join us from other state and private schools.

We are very blessed to have an outstanding Sixth Form provision at SPH and are very proud of all that our students achieve. The Sixth Form has its own strong identity and students enjoy the benefits of working in smaller classes, with high quality teaching, careers advice, mentoring and enrichment activities.

Being based within a school, our Sixth Form is able to offer a seamless transition for students from GCSE to A Level, helping deal with the academic challenges and personal learning skills required to be successful. A separate Sixth Form prospectus is available on the school website or upon request.





“ Parents and guardians speak enthusiastically about the school. They value the school’s commitment to academic and personal development as well as the strong Catholic ethos. One parent wrote that, ‘The school promotes a feeling of community and inclusivity.’ ”

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As an outstanding Catholic school, we are committed to working collaboratively with others, sharing best practice and raising the standard of education for all young people. The Bosco Catholic Education Trust was opened in April 2017, originally with SPH and St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Worthing. Bosco CET is Arundel and Brighton's diocesan multi-academy trust for Sussex and works closely with all Catholic schools across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

As a strategic lead within the Xavier Teaching School Hub, SPH leads the Bosco Teaching School Alliance; a strong working partnership of schools who work together to provide school-led teacher training, professional development and school to school support.

If you would like more information on training to teach, whether in a primary or secondary school, please visit www.boscocet.org.uk/tsa.



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