



Saint  
Francis  
Xavier

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

CATHOLIC ETHOS





**What is our Mission?**



**KINDNESS  
SERVICE  
FAITH  
INCLUSION  
COURAGE  
HONESTY  
RESPECT  
FORGIVENESS**





## Why is this our Mission?

In the course of the centuries “while constantly holding to the fullness of divine truth”, the Church has progressively used the sources and the means of culture in order to deepen her understanding of revelation and promote constructive dialogue with the world. Moved by the faith through which she firmly believes herself to be led by the Spirit of the Lord, the Church seeks to discern in the events, needs and hopes of our era the most insistent demands which she must answer if she is to carry out God’s plan.

*From the Vatican II document ‘The Catholic School 1977*



“Go out to the whole world and proclaim the  
Good News to all creation.”

*Mark 16:15*

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“I have come that they may have life, life in all  
its fullness.”

*John 10:10*

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“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptise  
them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.”

*Matthew 28:19*

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“Catholic Education exists for the transformation  
of the person for the transformation of society.”

*Sister Judith Russi, EducareM*





OUR VALUES

# Why are they our Values?



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May we, in kindness, be of service to  
those we encounter In love and faith

Let us foster inclusion with the  
Courage of the holy spirit

For honesty to be valued,  
respect must be shown

Forgiveness must be shared,  
forgiveness must be sought

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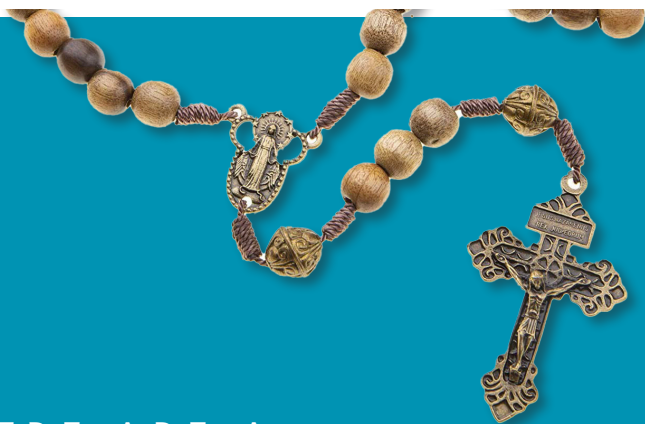
WHOEVER PURSUES  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
& KINDNESS

———— FINDS ————

**LIFE, PROSPERITY  
AND HONOUR**

Proverbs 21:21





THERE ARE A  
VARIETY OF GIFTS  
BUT ALWAYS THE SAME  
—— SERVICE ——

1 Corinthians 12:5



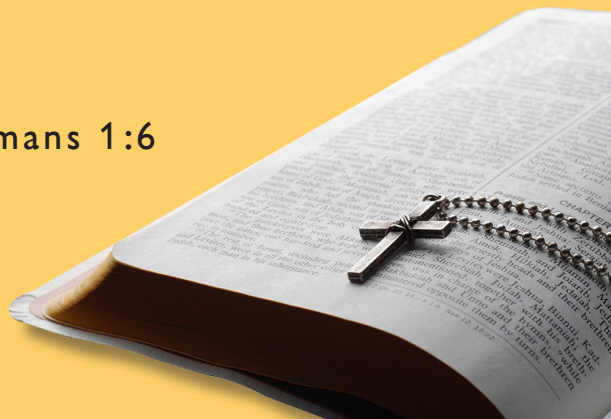
WHATEVER  
YOU ASK FOR IN  
**PRAYER WITH FAITH**  
YOU WILL RECEIVE

Matthew 21:22



INCLUSION  
IS FOR ALL  
**WHO ARE CALLED**  
TO BELONG

Romans 1:6





FOR GOD  
**TO HEAL YOU,**  
TAKE COURAGE

Tobit 5:10



HONESTY COMES HOME  
—— TO THOSE ——  
**WHO PRACTISE IT**

Ecclesiasticus 27:9



THOSE WHO DESPISE  
— THE WORD —  
BRING DESTRUCTION ON  
THEMSELVES,  
BUT THOSE WHO RESPECT  
THE COMMANDMENT  
**WILL BE REWARDED.**

Proverbs 13:13



## THE LORDS PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.  
THY KINGDOM COME.  
THY WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. AMEN.





**How do we Apply  
These Values?**



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**Kindness**

Our pastoral support for all our community

**Service**

Our outreach to the local and wider communities

**Faith**

Sharing of Ethos Day together

**Inclusion**

All are welcome to join in all they can

**Courage**

We encourage our staff to progress

**Honesty**

No one is ever misled

**Respect**

CPD where needed

**Forgiveness**

Is given and sought

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## Our Ethos

At Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, we believe every young person should have the opportunity to fulfil their educational potential. A Sixth Form College with excellent results, we offer a wide choice of A level, BTEC and UAL courses for 16-18 year olds. We are a diverse and compassionate community built upon a core Catholic ethos that is reflected in our values. We warmly welcome students from all faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

Quality teaching and an enriched educational experience provides our students with the freedom to learn in their own way, underpinned by the support of our excellent teachers and dedicated learning, welfare and careers teams. Bridging the step between school and university, training or employment, we commit to developing our students personally and spiritually, and helping them succeed in all aspects of life.



# Why are we Here?

1. **To ensure** every student receives an outstanding education
2. **To inform** the mind and the intellect for self evaluation and critical thought
3. **To awaken** our students to the world around them and their place within it, while seeking a path to eternal life





# Why a Catholic Education?

*From the foreword of Christ at the Centre, 2012,*

“At the Baptism of their children, parents promise to bring them up in the practice of the faith by loving God and their neighbour. The Church assists them in fulfilling this solemn commitment in two ways, by providing catechesis in our parishes and by establishing Catholic schools.”

The key word here is ‘practice’ of the faith.

Colleagues of all faiths and none are welcome and able to assist the mission of the College



# What is the Identity of a Catholic College?

To Educate and transform the person, who is made in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:26*)

To become Christ's body on earth, to be involved in social action, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and be the voice of the voiceless

There should be a symbiotic relationship with faith and culture evident throughout the college

Solidarity and collaboration should be a guiding feature found in all students.





# Our History

There has been a school on the site of St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College for over 100 years. The first school to occupy the site was Clapham College, a fee-paying school for day boys and boarders, which became a state-funded grammar school in 1944. Another grammar school (St Gerard's) joined Clapham College in 1975, and in 1977 the school became comprehensive along with all other schools in the Inner London Education Authority. To accommodate the extra students., new classrooms were built alongside refurbished Victorian classroom (refurbished again in 2014!).



# Who is our Patron?

St. Francis Xavier was born in Navarre, Spain in 1506. He was one of the first Jesuits. Francis was one of the most prolific of all Roman Catholic Missionaries. Throughout Asia he is believed to have baptised over 30,000 people. He died of a fever in 1552 while waiting for a boat to take his mission into China. His feast day is 3 December.





# Our Chapel

Formal prayers happen most mornings. For our prayers we use the Divine Office of the Church, although there will be times when other forms of prayer, such as the rosary, may be used.

The chapel remains open as much as possible for private use. The chapel is registered to be used for Catholic marriage ceremonies, and is available to current and former staff, and past students, although current students have to wait!





# Our Chapel Patron

## St Oliver Plunkett

St Oliver Plunkett was born into a wealthy Irish family in 1625. He became a priest aged 29 and worked wholly to provide food for poor families until he was sent to Rome to train other priests.

Aged 44 he became bishop and was sent back to Ireland. He was very popular and under his guidance over 150 men started training for the priesthood.

However, being a Catholic was made illegal and being a clergyman meant you could be put to death. After being put on trial and false evidence of other crimes presented, he was sentenced to death and died aged 55 in 1681.

His legacy lives on though. There are over 60 churches, colleges, sports facilities and even an aeroplane named after him. One of his relics is contained within the chapel.

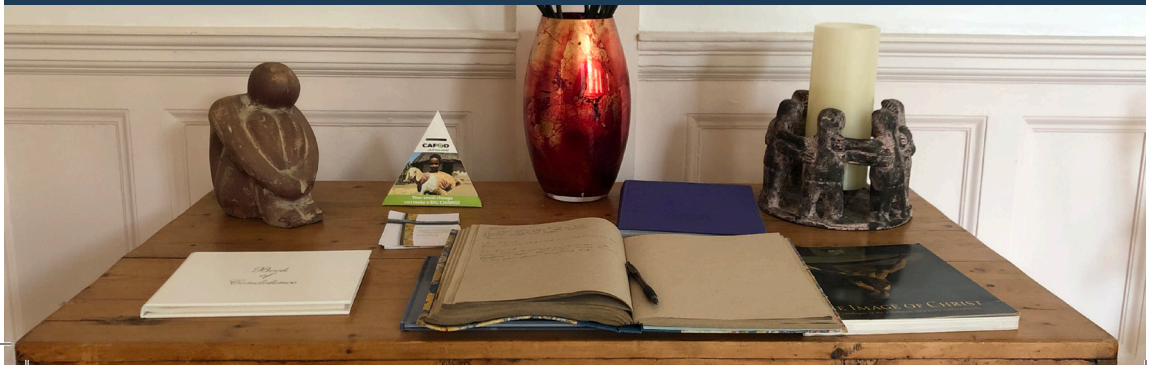


# Governance and Trusteeship

The College is in the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Archbishop appoints up to eleven Foundation governors to the governing body. These make up the majority of the governors. Their remit is to ensure the College adheres to Church teaching at all times.

The Diocesan Education Commission provides training, support and guidance for governors, leaders and those in the RE department.

The College is subject to the Catholic Inspection Framework as well as Ofsted inspections.





# Be who you are Meant to Be

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world  
on fire.”

*St Catherine of Sienna*

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“Be who you are, and be that well.”

*St Francis de Sales*

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“Whatever you are doing, that which makes you feel most  
alive.... That is where God is.”

*St Ignatius of Loyola*

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“Trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.”

*St Teresa of Avila*

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And finally, “Be great in little things.”

*St Francis Xavier*



THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

AT PENTECOST THE  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
CAME TO THE APOSTLES OF  
**JESUS AND IMPARTED**  
TO THEM *SEVEN GIFTS*:





1. AWE AND WONDER.
2. COURAGE.
3. KNOWLEDGE
4. REVERENCE
5. RIGHT JUDGEMENT
6. WISDOM
7. UNDERSTANDING.



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### What is That?

In 1891 Pope Leo XIII issued the first encyclical (Papal document) on Catholic Social Teaching. It is called *Rerum Novarum* (Of New Things). This came about due to the new conditions and situations experienced by people after the industrial revolution. Since 1891, *Rerum Novarum* has been updated and nuanced seven times.

There are seven principles to Catholic Social Teaching:

#### **1. The dignity of each person**

Made in the image and likeness of God, each person's dignity must be upheld and respected from conception to natural death.

#### **2. Solidarity**

We stand in solidarity with everyone for the betterment of humanity. We belong to each other and with each other.



### **3. Stewardship of the earth**

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### **4. A preferential option for the poor**

A principle you will see demonstrated throughout the college. No one is left without the help they need.

### **5. Dignity of work**

“The dignity of work is to be found in the fact that a human being is doing the work.” *Laborem Exercens* 1981

### **6. Subsidiarity**

Decisions must be made at the level of authority closest to the resolution.

### **7. Rights and responsibilities**

Every right has a corresponding responsibility, every responsibility has a corresponding right.



# What About Those of Other Faiths and None?

The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in other religions. It has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from its own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men and women.

This is from the 1965 Papal Document *Nostra Aetate* (Our Faith)

And as Pope Francis tells us.

“What God wants is fraternity among us;  
we must not be frightened by difference”



## And Finally...

After the Reformation, Catholic education was driven underground until the mid 1800s. In 1847 the Catholic Poor School Committee was established, which focused on the promotion of Catholic primary education. This was followed by the re-establishment of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales in 1850.

With Catholics now able to freely acknowledge their faith, the bishops made the building of schools a priority over the building of churches.





In 1965, with the Second Vatican Council document *Gravissimum Educationis*, the Church made clear her belief of a universal right to education for everyone.

There are over 2,200 Catholic Education Establishments in England and Wales.

No two are the same, they each have their own unique personality, and the personality of St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College is one of kindness, service, faith, inclusion, courage, honesty, respect and forgiveness.



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed  
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



