



COLLEGE AIMS

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL - A LIVING FAITH

"St Bede's Manchester College" was founded in 1876 by Cardinal Vaughan, then Bishop of Salford. Situated originally at Grosvenor Square in All Saints, we moved to our present site in April 1877.

The College is a vibrant community, which has at its centre the Gospel values of loving God and loving our neighbour. We teach these values through our curriculum and we aim to live by them. Within each aspect of school life, we affirm these values.

We aim to prepare the next generation of Catholics for life beyond school, at university and in the world of work. They should take with them the values they have learnt at school and apply them to life beyond, contributing positively to the communities in which they live and to society in general. We want them to hold influential positions in this society, and to have the courage and ability to lead by example.

Central to our mission is respect for the individual. We create an environment which is safe, secure, respectful, nurturing, challenging and affirming for the pupils. The basis of the mission is recognition of Christ's love for each person. Testament to this is the strength of relationships which exist in the College, staff with pupils, pupils with pupils and staff with staff.

We aim to educate the young people so that they become theologically literate young adults, who understand their faith and can articulate their beliefs and values. They will understand the philosophical and theological principles of Catholic doctrine.

When the time comes for our pupils to leave and go on to the next stage of their development, we want them to feel that they have been cared for and nurtured. They should have a sense of vocation and meaning to their lives. They should have a good understanding of themselves, of their strengths and areas for development. Each should be an instrument for use by God to shape His creation, willing to share their gifts and talents for the good of all.

Part of our mission is to reach out to those who need our help, including hospitals in Peru and South Africa, a street children's mission in Sao Paolo, a school in Ethiopia, a hospice and a refuge for homeless people in Manchester. We see these works as vital to our continuing the work of Christ on earth and so that the pupils experience opportunities to help others. We hope that this work will continue with them in later life.

We have high standards in all things, academic endeavour, sport, artistic pursuits, personal relationships and behaviour. The pupils work hard and achieve very high standards, ably assisted and directed by highly qualified and well motivated members of staff. St Bede's is a very civilised community, where respect for self and for others is expected and where the Gospel values inform everything that we do.

We believe very strongly that in order to educate each person, the partnership between home school and pupil is critical. The role of the parents cannot be underestimated.