



SACRED HEART

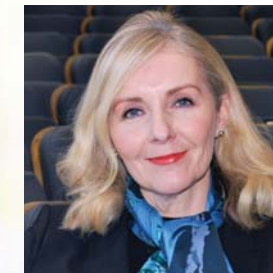
Every day is an open day at Sacred Heart. If you would like to visit, or would like more information, please contact us.

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





Welcome from the Headmistress

If you would like to visit us during the day and have a tour, please contact the school.

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There are many misconceptions about who can apply to Sacred Heart. We welcome applications from Catholics and non-Catholics: up to 10% of our places are available in Year 7 for girls who have promise and potential in the Arts.

Please see our admissions criteria for further details

A great education has the power to transform lives.

This is the simple philosophy that motivates everyone in our school community. We want every girl who joins us to have the best education possible, and be well prepared to take her place in the world with purpose, enthusiasm and strength of character.

We are one of the consistently top performing schools in the region: behind every single result lies the aspiration and future of our girls. At Sacred Heart we offer our girls an environment that allows them to stretch themselves both academically and socially. There is a sense of community that allows girls to develop confidence in their own ability and realise that they are not defined by their gender.

All our high performing scientists are girls, all our mathematicians are girls and all of our student leaders are girls. There is no area of school life where girls cannot succeed and this leads them to be aspirational and realise their ambitions. We want girls to leave Sacred Heart with the courage to take on new challenges, confident in the knowledge that they can achieve great things.

Mrs Bath
HEADMISTRESS





Courage and Confidence

We are a school founded on the values, ethos and traditions of the Society of the Sacred Heart and are part of a worldwide network of schools. Pupils and staff benefit from being part of that worldwide community.

At the heart of our philosophy is the belief that each child possesses unique gifts. Our job is to unearth those gifts, nurture them, and empower each child at Sacred Heart to share those gifts with the global community.

Everything we do is encompassed in our five goals of Sacred Heart education:

- A personal and active **faith** in God.
- A deep respect for **intellectual values**.
- **Social awareness** which impels to action.
- Building **community** as a Christian value.
- **Personal growth** in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

Through exploring the five goals, the girls develop the courage to try new challenges and explore their own potential. They also develop an inner confidence and sense of self-worth, ready to make a difference in the world.

“Courage
and confidence,
I cannot repeat this
too often.”

Madeleine Sophie Barat

FOUNDRESS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART





Love, Care and Commitment

A young person's happiness and well-being are recognised as foundations to success.

We ensure that their school days are the best of their lives by having a holistic approach to their academic, social and spiritual well-being. We help every girl to develop resilience and self-worth, we support them through any setbacks and celebrate their successes.

We have Assistant Headteachers dedicated to pastoral care and who oversee the transition from primary to secondary. This team works with Heads of Progress and Form Tutors to ensure the highest standards of behaviour and achievement. We expect all students to leave school with a sense of achievement and having experienced success.

The pastoral staff are keenly aware of the social and academic issues each student has and works with each student to support them.

“Through the care my daughter has received at Sacred Heart she has grown in confidence and has thrived both socially and academically.”

PARENT OF YEAR 9 STUDENT





Crossing Frontiers

At Sacred Heart we want to ensure that every girl develops the courage to cross personal frontiers.

We believe that every one of our students is unique and that school should be a place where she can develop her own special talents and interests, both inside and outside the classroom. A strong extra-curricular programme allows leadership skills to develop, builds teamwork, helps friendships to flourish and taps into unknown potential.

As a Lead Associate School with the Royal Shakespeare Company, girls have had the opportunity to perform with the RSC both in Newcastle and Stratford. Our girls also regularly participate successfully on a regional and national level, not only in sports and the arts, but also through extra-curricular science and enterprise. At Sacred Heart students volunteer their time to support the local community in many ways, from acting as stewards at local events to spending time supporting the elderly at local homes. Our extra-curricular programme really does develop the whole person.



“Being part of Sacred Heart has given me the courage to face new challenges and to step outside of my comfort zone.”

Francesca Pietrafesa
HEAD GIRL 2018

“At Sacred Heart every individual is encouraged to develop their own unique talents and, regardless of their starting point, are supported to achieve their hopes and dreams.”

Rabia Dosani
HEAD GIRL 2018





Aspiration and Ambition

“I truly believe that Sacred Heart has given me the keys to my future successes and that it has helped me to realise my potential.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT



Everyone at Sacred Heart strives for the best for every girl in our care whatever their academic ability or personal circumstances.

Over the years our results have consistently positioned Sacred Heart as one of the top performing schools in our region for both GCSE and A-Level. We are one of the few schools in the North East to be listed as a Sunday Times Top 250 school.

What this means, is that a Sacred Heart education allows your daughter to realise her dreams and ambitions. Sacred Heart girls successfully meet their University offers and gain places on their first-choice destinations including Oxford, Cambridge and many high tariff courses such as Medicine and Dentistry.

Increasing numbers of girls are opting for Level 3 Apprenticeships and secure apprenticeships at leading Law, Accountancy and Banking firms.

Broad and Balanced

Key Stage 3

The Key Stage 3 curriculum at Sacred Heart provides a balanced and diverse blend of subjects.

It is designed to provide academic, creative, technological and active learning for all.

The emphasis is on relevant, challenging and stimulating experiences. This prepares our students for both examination courses, and a positive attitude to learning in later life.

Key Stage 4

All students study a range of academic subjects throughout Years 10 and 11.

This allows students to build upon their learning already achieved during Key Stage 3 and includes the core subjects of Religious Studies, English, Mathematics, and Science (including Triple award). From these subjects alone, students are able to achieve six GCSEs.

In addition, we offer a broad range of courses for students to choose. This allows all our students to pursue areas of interest from Languages, creativity in the Arts, Music, Performance and Technological areas to Humanities. This ensures that our students achieve their very best.



“The staff here could not be more supportive, they are really motivating.”

YEAR 11 STUDENT

“One of the things that I have discovered whilst being here is that your teachers really encourage you to persevere when you find something difficult.”

YEAR 7 STUDENT

Sixth Form

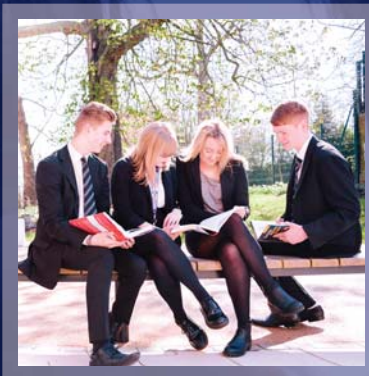
Our Sixth Form produces young women who are well prepared to take their place in the world.

We have extremely high ambitions for all our students and want them to leave us ready to make the world a better place and take up the best jobs, apprenticeships or university places.

Our close relationship with St Cuthbert's High School means that a number of boys study with us at Sacred Heart, giving the boys and the girls an opportunity to learn and socialise together.

As well as our strong academic achievement we are proud of the care and guidance we give. For those who aspire to Oxbridge or medical school we provide a bespoke programme to prepare them expertly for the application process and are very successful in both areas.

Our multi-million-pound Sixth Form facilities offer dedicated ICT, private study areas, Sixth Form library, common room, all supported by learning mentors. Sixth Form teaching takes place in both the Sixth Form building and in the main building, which offers state of the art, subject specific facilities.



“All I can do is look back at the last seven years fondly, they have been the best years of my life. It has the best support network, the entire school has supported me.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT