

St. Joseph's Catholic High School



A Catholic, learning and listening community.

Our Mission Statement

“We endeavour to be a centre of excellence which serves the needs of all its pupils and staff and where the teachings and values of Jesus are reflected in its structures and policies”.

What this means in practice is our vision.

Our Vision

We aim to create a school where children aren't just loved but that they know they are loved. We envision our students as having the qualities and virtues of : love and compassion, learnedness and wisdom, attentiveness and discernment, gratitude and generosity, faith-filled and hopefulness, curious and active, eloquent and truthful and living prophetically and intentionally. This is what it means to be a St Joseph's student.

“Leaders are passionate about raising standards. They work tirelessly to improve pupils' standards”. Ofsted January 2016



I am learned and wise

“The leadership of teaching is particularly strong. Leaders have developed a very effective mix of professional support for new teachers and development for those who are more experienced. There is a consistent approach to planning and assessment that enables teachers to carry out their work well and ensure that all pupils make good progress”.

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Learning at St Joseph's



We are a learning community. Learning occurs through exceptional teaching with trust, understanding and moral purpose at its core. Our mission is to create curious, resilient, determined lifelong learners who don't view the world as it is but as it might be. We aim to develop learners who are prepared for life in a world characterised by change, who can thrive as part of a school community which extends beyond the school gate. 'Only the best is good enough' has become a mantra for aspiration, Students at St Joseph's work towards highly ambitious targets from Year 7 to Sixth Form.

Our insistence of high academic rigour has resulted in the students making outstanding progress during their time with us placing the school in the top 4% of schools nationally (Family Fischer Trust 2015) and in the top 6 best performing and improving schools in the country in April 2016 (HMI Inspection). Our alliance with two nationally recognised outstanding schools has given us access to cutting edge approaches to continue to evolve learning and teaching rapidly

I am curious and active

“Leaders have radically changed how subjects are organised so that now all pupils have the chance to succeed. The Key Stage 3 curriculum is well balanced and offers flexibility. At Key Stage 4 , there are three pathways that enable pupils to choose a broad range of subjects”.

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The Curriculum at St Joseph's



The purpose of our curriculum is to allow all learners, irrespective of starting point the means of making excellent progress. Our curriculum pathways, established thorough analysis of prior attainment, currently working at grades and areas of interest students give students the uppermost chance of realising their potential.

Students joining us in Year 7 will experience a two year Key Stage 3 which develops carefully tracked skills and competencies to allow them to access the new curriculum during a three year Key stage 4. Having been through an Information and Guidance process students begin their GCSE courses in Year 9. Pathways are carefully developed to give students opportunities to select courses relevant to their future ambitions, areas of interest and expertise. Students taking the esteemed EBACC qualifications is considerably higher than the national average and we are one of the only schools in Slough to offer the challenging 'Triple Science' GCSE to our most able cohorts.

The vast majority of our students remain with us to study A/S and A' Level's at sixth form. Over the past 2 years 100% of our students secured a place at their first choice university. 99% were the first members of their family to attend university .

I am Attentive and Discerning

“Pupils are proud of their school. They behave well around the school and in lessons. They are cheerful, polite, helpful and very supportive of each other”.

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I am Eloquent and Truthful

“The ethos of the school is that all pupils, no matter what their background, ethnicity or religion have a right to succeed. Leaders promote very high standards of conduct and respect so that pupils are secure and can focus on learning”.

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I am generous and grateful

There is a real commitment to the care and well being of the pupils alongside the desire to improve academic performance and educate the whole child....."

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The Sixth Form at St Joseph's



Life as a Sixth Form student at St Joseph's is stimulating, inspiring and enjoyable. Our students leave with excellent qualifications and experiences which will serve them throughout their lives.

At Sixth Form we bridge the gap to adulthood. Students develop across many areas of school life, contributing intentionally to the school climate. The prefect system allows students to grow as leaders and to engage in many initiatives to broaden their horizons, be it taking part in our partnership programme with Eton College or funding missionary work in Thailand. Students are challenged to engage in enrichment activities that resonate with our core values as a Catholic school.

We aim to provide each and every student in our care with the best experience possible. Students who choose to be part of our Sixth Form are expected to have high ambitions and expectations of themselves.



I am intentional and prophetic

“The Head Teacher and other senior leaders have transformed the culture of the school . They show clear and firm leadership and have supported staff and students to bring about clear improvements in their work”.

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Spiritual Life

At St Joseph's we cultivate an unashamedly Catholic atmosphere in which each individual is highly valued. The care and value of others is central to our work. All of our students are expected to achieve their God given potential and become morally and spiritually equipped for adult life so that they can change society for the better. At St Joseph's every action we take is directed by Gospel values.



The Pastoral System

Form tutors live out the concept of a 'home from home'. Building meaningful relationships with students and families to ensure students feel supported, confident and prepared. Our Lay chaplain is well known to the student body, guiding students on their spiritual journey. We are committed to safeguarding our students and have clearly established values rooted in the worth and dignity of each individual child.

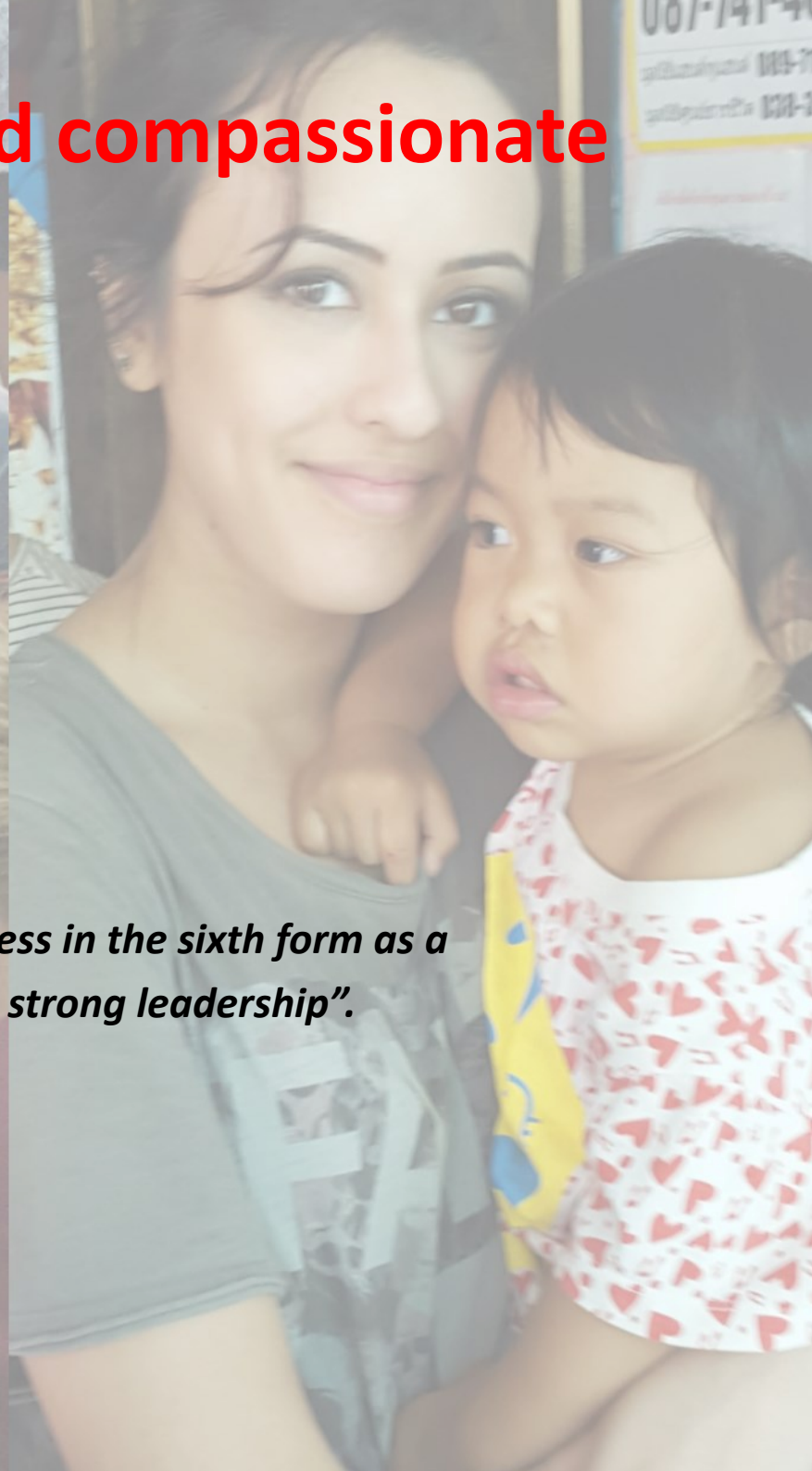
I am loving and compassionate



“Learners make good progress in the sixth form as a result of good teaching and strong leadership”.

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Curricular plus

St. Joseph's has a strong tradition of extra curricular activities designed to ensure every child has the chance to develop life long skills applicable outside the classroom. Every child participates in at least one extra curricular activity over the year. Sport, art and the performing arts are strong traditions and the school has a reputation of excellence for it's theatre productions. Students have access to a wide range of activities from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, theatre trips to London, trips to Paris, trampoline clubs, guitar clubs, choir, right through to modern dance competitions.



We are faith filled and hopeful



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Happy, hopeful Students

We are inspired by St Joseph, patron Saint of workers and a member of the Holy Family. We aim to create a place where children aren't just loved but that they know they are loved. It is this ethos that drives our children to become academically successful. Here, all children are developed according to their ability and we make every effort to ensure that we reach out to all, regardless of background. You'll experience a happy atmosphere at St Joseph's in which the dignity and worth of each pupil and member of staff is recognised, developed and safeguarded. Our school is recognised for its atmosphere of welcome where all feel at home in a sense of safety and security. Staff are willing to be present with the pupils in friendship and to go that one step further to meet their needs.





We are Joseph

“The Headteacher has a deep-seated conviction and moral purpose that all pupils have a right to an excellent education and this belief drives a very positive culture in the school. All staff support this vision and are energised by the passion of the Headteacher to do their best”. Ofsted January 2016

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