



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Courage & Confidence





St Madeleine Sophie Barat, the foundress of the Sacred Heart schools in 1800, said that she would have founded the Society of the Sacred Heart 'for the sake of one child' and in many ways; this simple statement is still relevant in our school today.

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



A Welcome from OUR HEADTEACHER



FAITH

"A special place"

Our visitors comment on the feeling they get when they walk through our corridors and meet our students.

We are different, as everything we do is driven by the **FIVE GOALS** of a Sacred Heart education:

- FAITH** | a personal and active faith in God
- INTELLECT** | a deep respect for intellectual values
- SOCIAL AWARENESS** | an awareness which impels to action
- COMMUNITY** | building community on Christian values
- PERSONAL GROWTH** | in an atmosphere of wise freedom



Mrs. Howell

“Courage

AND CONFIDENCE” I CANNOT REPEAT THIS TOO OFTEN

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT, FOUNDRSS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART

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 of the Sacred Heart to share those gifts with the global community.

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

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 Performing Arts. Please see our admissions criteria on the school website for further details.

If you would like to visit us during the day and have a tour of our school, please contact us via:

Telephone: 0191 274 7373 | Email: enquiries@shhs.org.uk



A GREAT EDUCATION HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES

We are one of the top performing schools in the region, but pride in our academic success is not because of league tables or headlines, more because behind every single result rests the aspiration and future of our girls. At Sacred Heart we offer our girls an environment that allows them to stretch themselves academically and socially. There is a sense of community that allows girls to develop a deep confidence in themselves and their own ability.

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

Love, CARE & COMMITMENT

A YOUNG PERSON'S HAPPINESS & WELL-BEING ARE RECOGNISED AS THE FOUNDATIONS TO SUCCESS.

We help every girl to develop resilience and self-worth, we support them through any setbacks and celebrate their successes.

Our Head of Lower School oversees the transition process from primary to secondary school. We have a Deputy Headteacher who leads a team dedicated to the pastoral care of our girls and to ensuring the highest standards of behaviour and achievement.

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

COMMUNITY

"I could not have asked for a better school for my daughter. The range of opportunities and the standard of education and care she has received from the moment she entered the school has been outstanding."

Sacred Heart Parent



Personal DEVELOPMENT

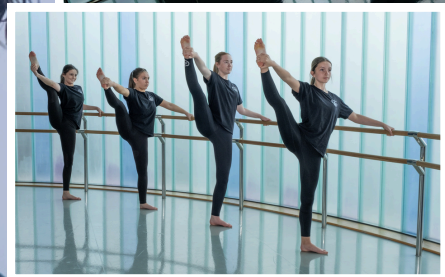
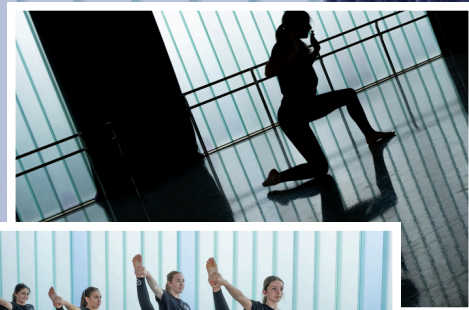
AT SACRED HEART WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY GIRL DEVELOPS THE COURAGE TO CROSS PERSONAL FRONTIERS.

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 at 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 care homes.

Our extra-curricular programme really does develop the whole person and this shows in our girls.



SOCIAL AWARENESS

“I think about how much I have achieved as a result of the teaching, care and support here and I know that I will be grateful for the rest of my life.”

Sacred Heart Student



Artsmark Alliance
Platinum Award





PERSONAL GROWTH

"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."

Sacred Heart Student

Aspiration AND AMBITION

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. In 2021 we were awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark.

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. Increasingly, girls opt for Level 3 Apprenticeships, securing places 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 examination courses and gives them 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) as well as a broad range of option choices. Students can pursue many areas of interest from creativity in the Arts, Music, and Performance, to Technological subjects, Languages, and Humanities.



INTELLECTUAL VALUES

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

Year 11 Student

"The teachers here really make you feel settled and looked after from the beginning. I am very happy here."

Year 10 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, ready to take up the best jobs, apprenticeships or the best university places. Our close relationship with St Cuthbert's Catholic High School means that their boys study with us at Sacred Heart in Key Stage 5 and our girls can study subjects at St Cuthbert's. This gives both girls and boys 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 students expertly for the application process and are very successful in both areas.

Our multi-million pound Sixth Form building offers dedicated ICT facilities, private study areas, a common room, and Madeleine's cafe bistro. Sixth Form teaching takes place in both the Sixth Form building and in the main school 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.”

Sixth Form Student

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