



ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE



MEN & WOMEN
FOR OTHERS



WELCOME TO **OUR SCHOOL**

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS YOU WILL EVER MAKE.

Here at St Ignatius College, our aim is for your child to be happy and to thrive in a loving, supportive environment where he can develop in the fullest sense - academically, spiritually, culturally, emotionally, physically. We also want our students to enjoy their learning. Our aim is for our children to be happy, safe, respected as the individual God made them to be and to be challenged academically.

Our Catholic, Jesuit identity is at the very heart of all we do. We strive to develop our students' knowledge and understanding of their faith so that they can go out into the world and make a difference. We expect our students to be men for others and to live their faith through their actions.

At St Ignatius College, all in our community walk alongside our students on their faith and academic journeys to ensure that when they leave us, they have the academic qualifications, confidence, principles, compassion and faith to make a significant contribution to society and be a force for good in the world.

I hope this prospectus gives you some insight into life at St Ignatius College. I warmly invite you to visit and witness all we have to offer.

Mary O'Keeffe
Headteacher



AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM
FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD





CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

We work hard to equip our students for the modern world: we are experiencing rapid economic, political, and social change and our students need to be ready to take their place in that world. Our curriculum is broad, balanced, relevant and challenging yet flexible; it is responsive to the needs of our students and the world in which we live and provides our students with choice. Our curriculum provides clear pathways through all key stages and includes a mix of traditional academic disciplines and exciting vocational opportunities.

CHALLENGING TEACHING

What happens in the classroom is the most important thing that happens in schools. Our inspiring, dynamic teachers provide high quality, creative and engaging lessons, challenging students to think for themselves and succeed. They encourage pupils to delight in learning, have a sense of wonder and ignite their desire to take their learning beyond the classroom. We have a focused, vibrant, stimulating learning environment supported by a wide range of technology and resources.

LEADERS HAVE CREATED A CULTURE WHERE THE FOCUS ON PUPILS' INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE IN THE SCHOOL IS THE NORM.

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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

FIRST AND FOREMOST, OUR FOCUS IS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND THE INTELLECTUAL FORMATION OF OUR STUDENTS. WE ARE A TRULY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL AND BELIEVE THAT WITH THE RIGHT SUPPORT ALL CHILDREN CAN ACHIEVE REGARDLESS OF THEIR STARTING POINTS.

Students are valued as individuals who learn in different ways and progress at different rates. We use a wide variety of teaching and learning styles to meet their individual needs. We foster intellectual growth, enquiring minds, independent learners, young people with the qualifications needed to access the next stage of their academic journey. Our students aim high and strive to achieve their hopes and dreams.

ASPIRATION

We expect the best for our students and we expect the best from our students. We encourage and support our students to be aspirational in all they do, including applying to the best universities. We begin conversations about the process regarding university application early on in lower school, well before our formal programme of support for students commences in the Sixth Form.



PUPILS HAVE A PLANNED ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM WHICH THEY ENJOY AND IS STIMULATING. TEACHERS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH STIMULATING AND APPROPRIATE CHALLENGES IN LESSONS.

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A FULL LIFE

CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON, IN JESUIT TERMS, CURA PERSONALIS, IS AT THE HEART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY.

Our role as a school is to educate the whole child and to help unlock each child's potential so that he will be fulfilled. We aim to deepen and broaden pupils' experiences, in order to nurture their individual talents and enable our students to become well-rounded individuals, living life to the full.

We offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities including a rich and varied music and sporting offer. We also foster the Arts and value their role in developing the creative, artistic elements of the human spirit.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We encourage student leadership and provide students with numerous opportunities to influence College life and make a difference. Students know that they have a voice that is heard and valued, and that their views are taken seriously. Students are involved in fundraising work, interviews for staff vacancies and meet with staff to inform whole school policy on issues ranging from our school vision, the curriculum, teaching and learning strategies, the liturgy and spiritual life of our school and healthy lifestyles.



LEADERS ENSURE THAT PUPILS' SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS STRONG THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS, MUSICAL AND SPECIAL FOCUS CLUBS.

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OUR JESUIT PUPIL PROFILE ARTICULATES THE VIRTUES AND CHARACTERISTICS WE AIM TO NURTURE IN OUR STUDENTS AND THE PROFILE OF A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN EDUCATED AT ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE.

Reflecting St Ignatius' vision, the characteristics relate to living and learning, education and formation. Our Jesuit Pupil Profile seeks to answer the question posed by Pope Benedict; what kind of person would you really like to be?

SPIRITUALITY AND FAITH

We support our students to develop their relationship with God and gain a deeper understanding of their faith. Ignatian spirituality supports our students to know that God is present in our world and active in our lives. It is a pathway to deeper prayer; good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others.

FAITH IN ACTION

In keeping with Jesuit tradition, we strongly encourage students to do all they can for others. We expect our students to be men of conscience and compassion, to live their faith concretely in the world. They are encouraged to fight social injustice and support those who are marginalised and disadvantaged. Our students are committed to supporting those less fortunate than themselves and actively fundraise and support charities both close to home and further afield showing their commitment to the Common Good.



LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

OUR SIXTH FORMERS ARE OUR GREATEST AMBASSADORS AND LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Sixth Formers are actively involved in every aspect of life here at St Ignatius College. They are testament to our mission to develop men and women for others who have the academic qualifications, confidence and values to take their place in society and make a difference.

We offer high quality teaching; students are challenged to think for themselves and develop their learning skills. The support for the university application process is exceptional: our tutors guide students through each stage of the process giving them the personalised support they need.

There are endless opportunities to lead: Sixth Formers play a critical role in College life both with respect to decision making and the day to day operation of the College. Our focus on leadership and service is particularly strong in the Sixth Form; students make a significant contribution to our community taking on a variety of roles from the Captaincy team to prefects and mentors to providing in class support for younger students.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

THE PASTORAL CARE OF OUR STUDENTS IS OUTSTANDING.

All in our community are here to care for students, to keep them safe and to nurture their personal development. Staff at St Ignatius College foster in students a sense of self-worth, achievement and responsibility within the school community. We have a dedicated team in Student Services to meet the needs of individuals and support students with the challenges they may face. Where appropriate, we also work with external agencies.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Partnership with our parents is fundamental to all we do. We foster strong, open, honest, mutually supportive relationships and welcome and expect parents to be involved in all aspects of school life. As you look for the right school for your child, it is vital that you find a school with which your values are aligned, one to which you can subscribe wholeheartedly. We need and expect the support of the home. Parents are encouraged to actively support the work of the College through our strong parents association, Friends of St Ignatius.

We do not work in isolation. We learn and grow, are richer and stronger, through working with others. We are outward looking and work closely with many other organisations, both locally and nationally.

THE SCHOOL'S WORK TO PROMOTE PUPILS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE IS OUTSTANDING.

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RICH HERITAGE: A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

WE WERE FOUNDED AT STAMFORD HILL IN 1894 BY THE SOCIETY OF JESUS (THE JESUITS), WITH THE SPECIFIC INTENTION OF EDUCATING CATHOLIC BOYS OF NORTH EAST LONDON TO BECOME "MEN FOR OTHERS".

We are one of two non-fee paying Jesuit schools in the UK and we value our links with other Jesuit schools worldwide. We have a long, proud tradition and a unique Catholic identity that is learning-centred and supportive in the Ignatian tradition. Today, the College maintains its Jesuit identity but embraces change, equipping students for the modern world. Like all Jesuit schools, our aim is to provide a sound, intellectual and technological formation, not as an end in itself, but for the fullest possible development of each individual student so that he or she can make the world a better place.

NEXT STEPS

We would encourage you to visit St Ignatius College to witness the work we are doing. Please contact the school office to do so. We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

JESUIT SCHOOLS ARE PLACES WHERE:

- people are believed in,
- people are honoured and cared for;
- natural talents and creative abilities are recognised and celebrated;
- individual contributions and accomplishments are appreciated;
- everyone is treated fairly and justly;
- sacrifice on behalf of the economically poor, the socially deprived, and the educationally disadvantaged is commonplace;
- each of us finds the challenge, encouragement and support we need to reach our fullest individual potential for excellence;
- we help one another and work together with enthusiasm and generosity, attempting to model concretely in word and action the ideals we uphold.



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