

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Roman Catholic School in the Diocese of Northampton Headteacher: Mr C Stapleton MA, NPQH



"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

## September 2021

Dear Prospective Parents,

Thank you for expressing an interest in sending your son/daughter to St Joseph's School. St Joseph's Catholic High School is a non-selective, co-educational academy for children aged 11 - 18 years old situated in the Diocese of Northampton. We currently have 1000 students, including 205 in the Sixth Form. The school exists to serve the Catholic community of Slough and the surrounding area.

This summer's GCSE and A Level results were again above national average. 59% of year 11 left with at least 5 GCSEs grade 5 (B equivalent) and above including English and Maths; the National Average this year was 49.9%. Progress 8 measures place the school in the top 5% of the country for 4 of the last 5 years. In 2019 & 2020, the Sixth Form results placed us as the highest performing Sixth Form in Berkshire of all schools in terms of Progress and an early indicator by the ALPs measure (OFSTED approved) suggests in 2021 we're back in the top 2% of the country.

We are extremely proud of our over-subscribed status; applications last September were again strong with 542 students applying for 160 places. We are proud to be at full capacity and the school now has the highest number of pupils in its history.

As a school, we have a strong Catholic ethos. Pupils show respect for all adults and their concern for others is based on strong Christian values. Students at the school 'feel safe, secure in the school, and find their teachers willing to support their well-being and development'. The school was judged to retain its status of 'Good' by a 1 day Ofsted in November 2018 but had improved so much since our last inspection that it has requested a full inspection to enable the possibility of changing to 'Outstanding'. In the same month, the school was judged 'Outstanding' in a 2 day inspection Ofsted Section 48.

The school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities in most subject areas, providing life-long learning and giving your children an all-round experience to prepare them the best as young people in today's world. I hope the prospectus addresses any questions you have. You are very welcome to contact the school to make an appointment to visit us at any time.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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