

Prospectus  
2023-24

The English Martyrs Catholic  
School and Sixth Form College





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Mrs Crawshaw

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College is a vibrant and dynamic school and Sixth Form College with a tradition of excellence.

As a Catholic school 'Christ is at the Centre and Children are at the Heart' of all we do. During lessons and through our rich extra-curricular offer we live out our virtues of justice, compassion, honesty and resilience. Students are given opportunities to develop confidence and self-belief and taught to act respectfully and responsibly.

We are ambitious for every child. Our students consistently achieve excellent academic results.

We have excellent school facilities, dedicated and skilled staff and provide a high-quality curriculum.

Our aim is that through our work we 'shape futures and fulfil dreams' enabling your children to have full and exciting lives and futures.

## Mission Statement

The English Martyrs Catholic School  
and Sixth Form College is:

**'founded on truth,  
built on justice and  
animated by love'**

These values permeate our policies,  
learning climate and curriculum.



A photograph of a classroom scene. In the background, a male teacher in a white shirt and teal tie stands smiling. In the foreground, two students, a girl and a boy, are looking towards the camera. A birthday cake with lit candles is in the immediate foreground, slightly out of focus. A red text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

A broad and balanced

# Curriculum

where children can experience a range of subjects. Our staff are subject specialists and provide high quality lessons, set purposeful work and help students to become more confident and skilled.

We encourage students to be passionate about their learning and to find fulfilment in their achievements.



## Key Stage 3

Students develop their knowledge and skills with increasing fluency and confidence.

Specialist teachers nurture a love of subject through relevant, challenging, and exciting lessons.

## Key Stage 4

All students study a range of disciplines including core and option subjects.

Students can pursue GCSE and BTEC courses.





Natural progression into

# Sixth Form

## Key Stage 5

We have a highly successful Sixth Form College.

In summer 2023 results, we had a 100% pass rate in 27 courses in Sixth Form. Students leave our School and Sixth Form to pursue degrees at the best universities and win prestigious apprenticeships.



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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE





## Pastoral Care

Students are nurtured to grow personally, socially and spiritually.

Form Tutors, Pastoral leaders, School Chaplain, Student Support and Careers Teams support each child individually. We are very proud of our House System that encourages collegiality, team work and competition.





## Developing Leadership

Opportunities for students to develop leadership skills are plentiful. Including:

- House Captains • Sports Captains • Sports Leaders • Head Students
- Sixth Form Leadership Team • Student Council • Prefects
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award • Chaplaincy Team



## Enrichment

We have an exciting and varied range of activities that enrich the taught curriculum. These additional opportunities help students to develop social skills, invest in the things they love and to broaden their experiences.

All students are encouraged to participate in activities that build confidence, develop team skills and allow students to have some fun with their friends.



After school & lunchtime enrichment sessions for 2023-24 include:

- iDEA Award in ICT
- Dance
- Football
- Trampolining
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Musical Theatre
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- House Activities
- Sign Language Club
- Film club
- Geography Eco Cub
- Drama Club
- Pit Band
- Table Tennis
- Food Technology
- History Club
- Various Art Clubs
- RE Club
- EMS Youth Voices
- Subject Mastery Sessions



# Reading

Reading is central to school life. We have fantastic library provision and dedicated staff who promote the love of reading.

Our Library contains vast stock of resources encompassing all subjects, and a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.





# Catholic Life

Our Catholic ethos has distinctiveness in that we follow the guiding principles of the Gospel and teach explicitly the virtues of honesty, self-belief, resilience, compassion, responsibility and justice. Our Parish, Diocesan and Trust family support us in ensuring each one of our students can flourish spiritually.





## Wider Opportunities

We aim that all students take part in a wealth of activities that broaden their horizons, help them learn new skills, make new friends and pursue things they love.



# Music, Art and Sport

Our Music, Art and Sports Departments offer many opportunities that bring new learning, skills and lots of joy.





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

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