



Together in Christ, we make a difference
St. Illtyd's Catholic High School



Prospectus

Making a Difference



I am delighted that you have taken the time to read our school prospectus and that you are considering St Illtyd's Catholic High School for your child. Choosing the right school for your son or daughter is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. I hope that this prospectus will give you some insight into life in our school community and that you will decide to apply for a place at St Illtyd's.

We aim to develop confident, well qualified pupils who have all the skills they need to follow their chosen career. The staff here work together to make a difference to young people and we are committed to expressing the values and ideals of the Gospel in everything we do. Ours is a school where we are all equally valued and where we have the highest standards of work, behaviour and attitude.

I know that you, as parents, will expect the very best for your child. At St Illtyd's you will find excellent opportunities for young people to achieve far beyond their potential. I also know that you have a crucial role to play in the education of your children. We will work in partnership with you to help your child to develop academically, spiritually and socially so that our young people leave school well equipped for their adult lives having experienced an enriching learning environment in a Christian community.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of St Illtyd's Catholic High School and would be delighted to meet you should you wish to arrange a visit to our school. Please contact us to arrange a tour during the school day. I look forward to meeting you and to answering any questions you may have.

Mrs T Jarvis
Headteacher



Community • Contribution • Choices

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St Illtyd's Catholic High School exists to provide a first-class education for all the children who attend the school. However, as a Catholic school, it has another major role – to help the school community to “know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Knowing and loving God means:

- Pupils will be taught to put God first in their lives by joining in the worship of the school community – through private and public prayer (in guided retreats, in assemblies and in form prayer), in reverently celebrating the Mass and liturgical services, and through the teaching of the Catholic Faith, especially in RE lessons, but throughout the whole of the school curriculum.
- Pupils will be taught to respect themselves, and others, as children of God who has made all people in His image and likeness.
- Pupils will be taught to use their gifts and talents, according to their ability and interests, in a stimulating learning environment, not only to reach their full academic potential, but to love learning so that they can develop into fully-rounded human beings.
- Pupils, following the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ, will be taught to love the poor and needy in their locality and in the wider national and international community and to make their love alive and active through service to others.

Everyone involved in the life of the school, the leadership team, teaching and support staff, the pupils and their parents, the governors, the local clergy as well as the communities they serve, has a duty to try to put this mission into practice so that, with God's help, St Illtyd's Catholic High School will really reflect the school's mission statement.

“We commit to do everything possible to meet the needs of each individual, to inspire young people to learn and grow personally and spiritually. St Illtyd's must be an exciting learning community which challenges us all to extend ourselves further and to grow in the Love of Christ”







Learning

Our professional staff know each individual pupil extremely well. We are committed to meeting the learning needs of each child and to providing a positive working ethos with high standards of behaviour and self discipline. Our staff are highly qualified and experienced teachers who are continually updating their own skills and knowledge to ensure that education at St Illtyd's is 21st Century.

Our pupils are expected to work hard and to do their very best. Their progress is monitored frequently and you will be kept up to date so that you support your child's learning at home.

"St Illtyd's offers a wide range of courses both academic and vocational to develop my knowledge globally."

Year 10 Student

Guidance • Progress • Success

Personal Development

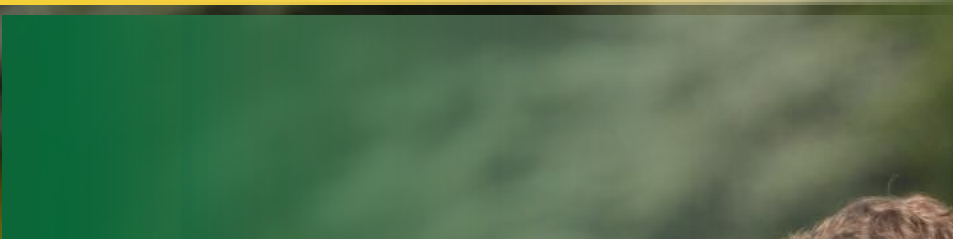
Young people who attend St Illtyd's have a sense of belonging to a community. Every child is given the opportunity to become involved in the life of the school and to contribute to its development.

Our pastoral care is based on the recognition that we are all created in God's image and likeness, and respecting the worth of each individual in the school community is extremely important to us. We lead young people to a clear understanding of right and wrong and guide them in the choices they make. This help and guidance is given by all members of staff but the form tutor who sees the tutor group once a day has a special role to play in this aspect of school life.

"St Illtyd's guides us to develop morally and spiritually."

Year 9 Student

Skills • Talents • Pride



Achievement

Our pupils follow a broad curriculum which offers opportunities to all. School based learning is enhanced through educational visits and a wide range of extra curricular activities. The two resource bases are open throughout the day and offer a lively centre for learning outside of lessons.

In sport, we have a good record of winning area tournaments in a variety of sports and we are very proud of the success of our teams and of individuals. Girls and boys are encouraged to develop their sporting talents through regular training sessions after school. There are also numerous opportunities in music and drama. We have choirs, ensembles, bands and an orchestra and a history of superb productions which enjoy an excellent reputation in the local community.

These examples give a flavour of the out of hours activities at St Illtyd's. There really is something for every child who wishes to get involved.

“St Illtyd's is a learning environment where we are all treated equally and encouraged to achieve our full potential.”

Year 11 Student





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