



# STUART BATHURST

Catholic High School

PROSPECTUS 2024 - 2025



TO DO AND BE OF OUR BEST



## WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School, where it is our privilege to ensure your child has every opportunity to develop their God given talents to the very best of their ability.

Our ambition is to work alongside parents and carers so that your child continues to progress academically, but also is given every opportunity to develop themselves spiritually and socially, so they can aspire to become our next generation of leaders and good citizens in the ever-changing 21st-century world of work.

In many ways, we are a very traditional school. We believe in treating everyone with dignity and respect. We promote the values of Catholic Social Teaching, and students are not only expected to behave well and treat others and our environment with respect, but they are also expected to maintain our high expectations in terms of work ethic, uniform/appearance, and excellent attendance to school. We encourage all our students to develop a love of learning to enable their future success.

Stuart Bathurst is proud to be a member of the St John Bosco Multi Academy, and alongside our primary schools, we ensure that the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is smooth by getting to know as many of our new

Year 7 students as early as possible before they join in September.

All students are encouraged to make important contributions to the Catholic life of the school. There are Chaplaincy and Mission teams, Charitable committees, House Captains, Subject Ambassador roles, and many more opportunities to add to the experience of being part of a Catholic secondary school. If your child is a keen sportsperson or has a love for the Performing Arts, there will be trials and auditions, extra-curricular clubs, and many groups to join. We encourage bravery in performance and commitment to becoming your best.

We look forward to potentially welcoming you and your child to our wonderful school community next academic year.

Mr R May  
Executive Principal

“The other students have helped me to feel welcome and safe around school.”

Grace – Year 7



“Stuart Bathurst is a small, friendly, homely school. All the staff are there to help your child.”

Mrs Atkins – Parent

## OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

As the only faith school in Sandwell, the distinctive Catholic ethos in our school is one that permeates all that we do, from policy to action and we are proud to put our faith into action every day – in the classroom, around the school site, the local community and in all our liaisons with parents and all other stakeholders.

Being a member of a Catholic school community is so much more than just academic study and achieving qualifications.

Each member of our community is a child of God and this means that all are treated with dignity, respect and love, as each person is a reflection of God. Paying witness to this belief is central to our mission as educators and ensures that we are able to celebrate the diversity and richness of our school community with integrity and authenticity.

The ethos in our school is evident in our prayer and liturgy, Religious Education curriculum, and in the way we work together to foster a community built on service and generosity.



“Pupils are exceptionally proud of their culture, faith, and beliefs. Leaders have nurtured a community where everybody is respected, and sincerity infuses each interaction.”

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“Pupils are happy and secure in their relationships and learning. They aspire to achieve well.”

**OFSTED Section 48 inspection – May 2022**



“The curriculum has been carefully sequenced in all subjects to help pupils build their learning over time.”

**OFSTED - April 2024**

## TO DO AND BE OUR BEST – LEARNING AND ACHIEVING

We are a Catholic School for all, and as such we will recognise and celebrate your child’s uniqueness, value their success and encourage them to “do and be of their best” at all times. We have worked hard to ensure that our pupils have access to first-class teaching from subject specialists.

Our teaching staff engender a passion for learning by imparting excellent knowledge through a clear, well-planned and structured delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum.

We are proud of our community’s collective and individual achievements. In 2024 80% of all Year 11 students achieved GCSE

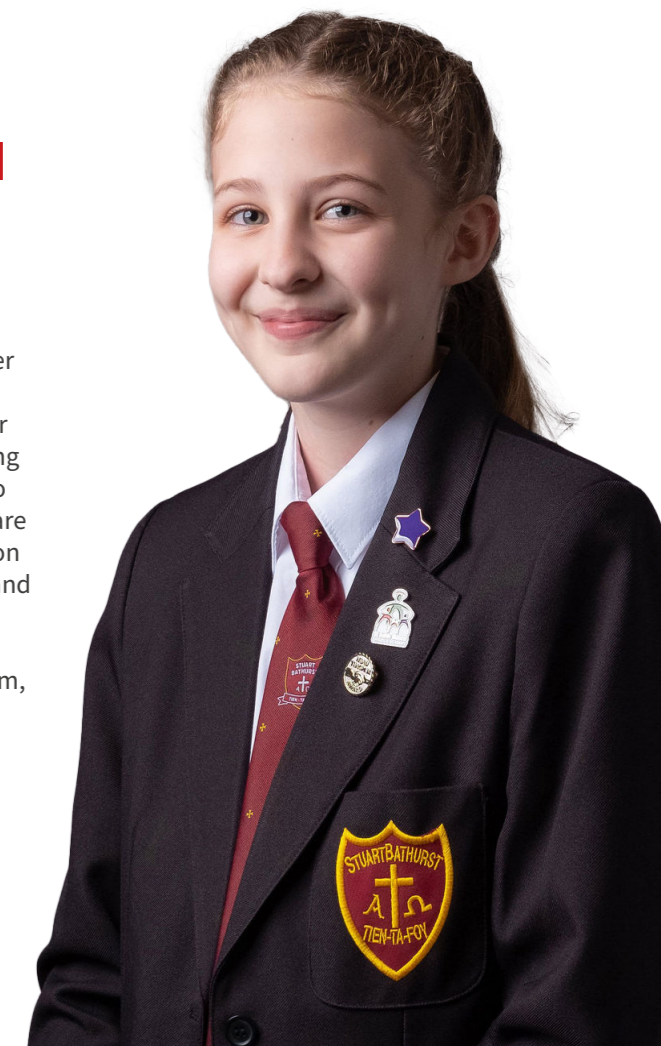
English or Maths and 48% of all Year 13 grades achieved were A\* to B, and our Sixth Form students all went on to either study courses at university, or take up apprenticeships. We set no limits on our students, we know that they are amazing young people who have the potential to achieve great things academically. We are also proud of the contribution they go on to make both in their own community and also society as a whole.

You can find full details of our curriculum, and the destinations of our older students, on our website:

[stuart-bathurst.org.uk](http://stuart-bathurst.org.uk)

“The teachers are very easy to talk to and always ready to listen and support you.”

**Nawera – Year 7**



## PASTORAL CARE AND SAFEGUARDING

As a Catholic community, all that we do is based on the key principles of our faith and through placing Christ at the centre of all we do. Our faith tells us to love one another and we do this in the level of pastoral care which shapes our school and enables all of those in our care to do and be of their best, with the most important aspect being to demonstrate love for one another. Love governs what we do and what we say and, more importantly, how we support all in our community, particularly the vulnerable.

Key members of staff such as Heads of Year, Welfare Officers and our Safeguarding Team, are assigned to each Key Stage and provide a daily point of contact for parents and students and work closely with any and all, agencies to keep our children safe and happy. We are proud of the outstanding care we offer all our students and every day we make a difference.

“Staff are exemplary role models.”

OFSTED Section 48 inspection – May 2022

“Stuart Bathurst is an amazing school, they would take care of all of your problems and the people are very kind here. Feel free to talk to any staff member.”

Haya - Year 7



“Education at Stuart Bathurst is ‘Good’ in all key areas”

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loving  
 attentive  
 faith-filled  
 generous  
 eloquent  
 intentional  
 learned  
 prophetic  
 wise  
 grateful  
 discerning  
 compassionate  
 active  
 truthful  
 hopeful  
 curious  
 wise  
 grateful  
 discerning  
 active

“This school has a good understanding of how to be respectful to people of other faiths and religions”

Mercy – Year 7



## ACTIVE AND CREATIVE IN OUR FAITH

Everything we do, we do in faith. Our faith teaches us the value and importance of using our gifts and talents as an expression of gratitude and joy. We recognise how creativity is vital in our personal growth and academic development.

Our academic curriculum and pastoral programme for personal development, have been developed to foster a spirit of creativity and allow students to explore their potential in a way that is joyful, energetic and authentic.

As a school we support all our students to grow in virtue, developing good characteristics which support well-being, and more significantly, enable

every child to become all that God has planned for them to be. We encourage our students to focus on the development of eight pairs of virtues. We look to see these displayed in lessons and in how they put their faith into action, showing concern for the vulnerable and needy in our local and global society.

Our students value the opportunity to serve others and readily engage with charitable events which allow us to support others in a practical and meaningful way. Students at Stuart Bathurst are confident in how to help others. We seek always to serve, and in doing so become more than we are.

“Pupils’ spiritual and ethical development is outstanding. Initiatives have a lasting impact on their growth as human beings.”

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## JOINING STUART BATHURST

Up-to-date information and advice on applying for a place can be found on the local authority's website.

If your child is already in secondary education and you would like to transfer to us you will need to apply via the local authority's website.

Stuart Bathurst is part of Sandwell Local Authority's in-year coordination scheme, details of the scheme can be found on Sandwell Council's website.

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Get more information and links to the local authority via our school website using the following route:

[www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk](http://www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk)  
> Parents > Admission

“The teachers consistently seek our perspectives, opinions, and feelings, creating a truly remarkable environment. You'll find that everyone here is incredibly kind. I honestly can't imagine having chosen a better school.”

Malikah – Year 7





## ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC ACADEMY

“The support and challenge from the trust have been instrumental in the school’s improvements.”

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The SJBCA believes in offering quality Catholic education to all children we serve, using the development of individual talents to support the spiritual, moral and social development of our children. We want our family of academies to provide a platform for our children, young people and staff so they become exemplary citizens who strive to reach their potential and become what God intended us to be.

The SJBCA Academies offer a friendly, vibrant, busy and challenging place for learners with

a ‘take care’ approach to all aspects of school life. All of our Academies seek to go beyond expectations in all we do. We understand the importance of teaching and the foundation skills all children need. It is a journey of commitment and confidence, of participation and hard work, of creativity and learning, of success and support, of attainment and value and of encouragement, set within a vibrant and evolving inclusive culture of opportunity and achievement.

## THE SJBCA PRINCIPLES

### Ensuring Quality of Teaching and Learning through:

- implementation of best practice and proactively working towards raising standards
- collective accountability for pupil/student progress, attainment and enrichment
- development of opportunities for professional development
- child centred approach to teaching and learning
- effective use of resources

### Ensuring an Inspiring Learning Environment through:

- establishing a culture based on openness, respect, integrity, diversity and inclusivity
- application of innovative systems of learning and pedagogy
- resourcing according to learning and educational demand
- utilisation of learning environments and resources across the multi academy

### Ensuring Financial Viability through:

- driving efficiencies through best value practices and economies of scale
- operating shared and central distribution services
- setting financial KPIs

## OUR FAMILY



**Bishop Milner Catholic College**



**St Chad's Catholic Primary School**



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**



**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**



**Stuart Bathurst High School**



**St Bernadette's Primary School**



**St John Bosco Primary School**



**St. Mark's Primary School**

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