



SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



A Welcome from our Headteacher

Mrs Howell

FAITH

We are different, as everything we do is driven by the five goals of a Sacred Heart education:

- **FAITH** · a personal and active faith in God
- **INTELLECT** · a deep respect for intellectual values
- **SOCIAL AWARENESS** · an awareness which impels to action
- **COMMUNITY** · building community on Christian values
- **PERSONAL GROWTH** · in an atmosphere of wise freedom

St Madeleine Sophie Barat, the foundress of the Sacred Heart Schools in 1800, said that she would have founded the Society of the Sacred Heart 'for the sake of one child' and in many ways, this simple statement is still relevant in our school today. We see each and every girl as a unique individual with talents and gifts we must nurture and develop in the years she spends as part of our community.

Through exploring the five goals the girls develop the courage to try new challenges and explore their own potential. They also develop an inner confidence and sense of self-worth, ready to make a difference in the world.

Sacred Heart Catholic High School really is a special place.

Our visitors comment on the feeling they get when they walk through our corridors and meet our students.

Courage and Confidence

At the heart of our philosophy is the belief that each child possesses unique gifts. Our job is to unearth those gifts, nurture them, and empower each child of the Sacred Heart to share those gifts with the global community.

“Courage and confidence, I cannot repeat this too often”

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT, FOUNDRRESS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART

This simple philosophy motivates everyone in our school community. We want every girl who joins us to have the best education possible, and be well prepared to take her place in the world with purpose, enthusiasm and strength of character.

We welcome applications from Catholics and non-Catholics.

If you would like to visit us during the day and have a tour of our school, please contact us via:

Telephone: 0191 274 7373 · Email: enquiries@shhs.org.uk

A great education has the power to transform lives.

This is especially important in the two years your daughter will spend with us in Sacred Heart Sixth Form.

What happens during these months can determine the opportunities open to her in the future.

Excellent examination results will open doors to the careers and the futures she aspires to: the character she forms will begin to determine the woman she will become.

We are one of the consistently top performing schools in the region.

Behind every single result lies the aspiration and future of our girls. We value each girl's unique talents and ensure she is given every opportunity to develop and broaden these, therefore our sixth form students can access a huge range of extra-curricular opportunities at Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and our wider community.

We believe passionately in the education of young women and want our students to have the highest aspirations for their futures, and so a key focus of our Sixth Form involves building their self-belief and confidence. These are threads that run through everything we do with our students during their two years with us.



Love, Care and Commitment

COMMUNITY

A young person's happiness and well-being are recognised as foundations to success.

We help every girl to develop resilience and self-worth, we support them through any setbacks and celebrate their successes.

Each student is supported by the Head of Sixth Form and their Head of Progress and is guided daily by an experienced personal tutor. We expect all students to leave school with a sense of achievement, having experienced success.

Our pastoral staff are keenly aware of the social and academic issues each student has and work to support them.

“My daughter has been incredibly well supported in each step of her journey. Communication between school and home has helped my confidence in the process.”

SIXTH FORM PARENT



Crossing Frontiers

“At Sacred Heart every individual is encouraged to develop their own unique talents and, regardless of their starting point, is supported to achieve their hopes and dreams.”

YEAR 12 STUDENT

SOCIAL AWARENESS

At Sacred Heart we want to ensure that every girl develops the courage to cross personal frontiers.

We believe that every one of our students is unique and that school should be a place where she can develop her own special talents and interests, both inside and outside the classroom. We have extremely high ambitions for our students and want them to leave us ready to make the world a better place and take up the best jobs, apprenticeships or university places.

We offer a range of enhancement including debating, computer programming, medicine preparation and discussion, advanced studies in politics and classics via the Open University. Outside of academic fieldwork, there are also extended visits in art, drama, dance and music, as well as opportunities to act as stewards at local events and spend time supporting the elderly at local care homes.

The more adventurous will also be able to engage in visits such as World Challenge. Sacred Heart students have volunteered in Sri Lanka, Morocco, Uganda, Iceland and Kenya. Our extra-curricular programme really does develop the whole person and this shows in our girls.



Aspiration and Ambition

“I truly believe that Sacred Heart has given me the keys to my future successes and that it has helped me to realise my potential.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT

PERSONAL GROWTH

Everyone at Sacred Heart strives for the best for every girl in our care, whatever their academic ability or personal circumstances.

Over the years our results have consistently positioned Sacred Heart as one of the top performing schools in our region for both GCSE and A-Level. We are one of the few schools in the North East to be listed as a Sunday Times Top 250 school.

A Sacred Heart education allows your daughter to realise her dreams and ambitions. Sacred Heart girls successfully meet their university offers and gain places on their first-choice destinations including Oxford, Cambridge and many high tariff courses such as Medicine and Dentistry. Increasingly, girls opt for Level 3 Apprenticeships, securing places at leading Law, Accountancy and Banking firms.

A group of students in school uniforms are wearing colorful eclipse glasses and looking upwards, likely at the sun during an eclipse. The scene is bright and outdoors. The text is overlaid on a dark blue semi-transparent banner.

Broad and Balanced

INTELLECTUAL VALUES

Whatever your daughter's unique interests, there is a suite of subjects for her to follow.

Sacred Heart's Sixth Form curriculum is broad, balanced and designed to ensure your daughter is successful and can realise her unique talents.

Sixth Form students can select from over 30 wide ranging courses. These provide excellent progression from Key Stage 4 and our partnership with St Cuthbert's Catholic High School gives a rich co-educational experience for our students.

Sacred Heart students engage in large numbers with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and have equal access to high quality Arts and Humanities subjects. Whatever the career path a student selects, we continue to support every young person in their choice, ensuring that their chosen courses will help lead them to flourish.

“Sacred Heart is not just a school, it is family and I believe you can't get that anywhere else.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT

A photograph of four students in school uniforms sitting outdoors. A young man in a dark suit and striped tie is on the left, looking towards a young woman with glasses in the center. To her right is another young woman with long hair, and on the far right is another young man in a dark suit and striped tie. They are all smiling and appear to be in conversation. The background is a lush green hedge with small white flowers.

Fantastic Facilities

Our multi-million-pound Sixth Form building offers dedicated ICT facilities, private study areas, a common room and Madeleine's café bistro.

Sixth Form teaching takes place in both the Sixth Form building and in the main school building, which offers state of the art, subject-specific facilities.

Our Rose Auditorium allows opportunities for public speaking and performances in our state of the art theatre. As a Lead Associate school for the Royal Shakespeare Company, students are able to have unrivalled opportunities to see and participate in world class drama.

“All I can do is look back at the last seven years fondly, they have been the best years of my life.

Sacred Heart has the best support network, the entire school has supported me.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT



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

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