



Celebrating and Worshipping

“What makes the Catholic school distinctive is its attempt to generate a community climate that is permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and love”

St Augustine's RC High School

St Augustine's High School educates young people to the highest possible standards in many ways - academically, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally.

Naturally, of prime importance are our high expectations and the academic achievement of our young people. But we are about more than that.

The Religious Education Curriculum develops our young people's knowledge of the Church and its teaching. It explores Moral questions and gives them a grounding which they will take with them when they leave school and take their place in Society. Pupils are encouraged to live out their faith and pupils have the opportunity to consider what their faith means to them.

There is a Pastoral Group which, among other things, helps organise the celebration of the liturgy as well as marking in a special way the church seasons of Advent and Lent.

In our school, we see an increased awareness of the global dimension of the world and of the needs of people in developing countries. We actively support the work of SCIAF during Lent. Our Advent focus is on the needs of our local community and at that time we support our local food banks.

The school also involves itself in a number of fund raising activities which support local charities. This year we have introduced the Fr Duffy Memorial Fund which will provide funding for a sick person to take part in the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Pupils are well versed in education for citizenship and take on responsibilities through their involvement in the student councils and membership of other groups. Senior pupils are encouraged through our Buddy Scheme to care and look out for younger pupils, helping their transition.

In Scotland the introduction of the CARITAS AWARD for senior school pupils is providing an opportunity for young people to respond to the Gospel by showing love and faith in practical ways and by becoming active members of local parishes and faith communities. This year we have 65 pupils who are working towards their award.

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St David's RC Primary School

In St David's RC School, we regard an effective partnership of home, school and parish as an essential and distinctive feature of this Catholic School. Our pupils are held in high regard and their dignity, worth, and individuality is respected. Conditions and learning experiences are provided in order that a purposeful, planned and appropriate curriculum is available to all our pupils. An atmosphere of welcome and encouragement pervades the school promoting security and confidence in pupils.

St David's is a co-educated Roman Catholic School covering the stages from Nursery to Primary 7. It serves the catchment area of West Pilton, Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw - we currently have a school roll of 335. St David's is part of the Private Public Partnership (PPP) with the City of Edinburgh and shares a campus with Pirniehall, a non-denominational primary school. Although we engage in joint campus work with our neighbouring school both schools maintain their unique own identities.

St David's is a family school. We recognise that each child is unique and that each child has the right to achieve his or her full potential. We have a broad and balanced curriculum, which is delivered by a team of caring and committed professionals.

As a Catholic Primary School, Christ and the Gospel values are at the heart of all we do. It is our mission to ensure that our pupils are secure and safe in their learning environment and that they receive the kind of education which offers them opportunities to maximise their talents and potential, encouraging them to be life long, successful and confident learners and responsible citizens of the future.

Partnerships are vital to the work we do. Partners share, plan and deliver together. We work hard at developing partnerships with our parents and with our parish family.

We work in partnership with our cluster schools and our neighbouring schools and the many multi-disciplinary professionals and groups who help us offer the kind of service which is necessary and important to our pupils. Our school community—pupils, parents and staff are the heart of our school.

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Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland



The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.

All Catholic schools in Scotland, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.

All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in this Charter.