



# 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.

## St Margaret's RC Primary



St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary is located in South Queensferry and draws pupils from a wide catchment area, including Kirkliston. We offer a wealth of learning experiences within a nurturing environment. At St Margaret's we have an outdoor classroom and beautiful grounds which offer children areas to play and learn all round the school.

We celebrate all achievements and successes working in partnership with our families and the wider community to inspire all our pupils to achieve the best they can through a broad, balanced curriculum. We strive to create a learning environment that develops the uniqueness of each child and celebrates diversity.

At St Margaret's we have an active Parent Council, which supports school life in a variety of ways. We maintain and foster an excellent relationship with our local parish, St Margaret's. For further information, please contact me or visit our school website [www.stmargarets.ik.org](http://www.stmargarets.ik.org)

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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.