

ARCHBISHOP BLANCH SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

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Archbishop Blanch
— C of E HIGH SCHOOL —





One community
showing the love
of Christ through
friendship,
thanksgiving
and trust.

WELCOME FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Archbishop Blanch School. Archbishop Blanch is the only Church of England girls' school in the city and offers all students a dynamic place to learn in a caring, Christian way.

Our Christian ethos permeates through everything we do, underpinned by our core values of Community, Compassion, Forgiveness, Friendship, Thanksgiving and Trust. Archbishop Blanch is a happy school: our students are keen to learn, are respectful and develop into well rounded individuals.

They are supported by creative teaching using the latest technologies to enhance their learning, alongside a strong pastoral support system. It is a pleasure to watch our students grow and mature into confident young people who will become our citizens of the future.

Claire Madeloso
Headteacher



CHRISTIAN ETHOS

The Christian Ethos of Archbishop Blanch is a unique characteristic of our school. We offer a safe and caring environment in which every student can reach their full potential.

The faith life of our school is a strong feature of Archbishop Blanch. Our purpose built school building complements our Christian ethos and enables us to come together in groups small and large. We also have a dedicated Worship area for special services and spiritual moments.

“As a Christian school, we strive for all to reach their full potential both academically and spiritually, making for a compassionate, forgiving, hardworking and trusting community. We aim to ‘not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth’ (1 John 3:18), as we serve not only each other but the wider community through our service to charitable causes”

Keeping on Track Report 2021

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be the school of choice for those who want strong academic achievement but recognise the importance of developing the whole person and allowing them to flourish in a caring and Christian environment.

“The school is an exceptional multi-faith community, confident in its Christian identity yet demonstrating unity in diversity. Everyone is known well and cared for deeply. The culture of inclusivity and Christian nurturing means that a strong sense of belonging is experienced by all members of the school family.”

SIAMS Report 2017

PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING

Our pastoral system is extremely supportive and individual to the needs of our students, yet encourages all students to be the best they can be - a factor which was recognised at our most recent “Outstanding” Ofsted Inspection in March 2020

Our superb pupil attendance shows enjoyment of school and commitment to learning. We offer rich and varied extra curricular and enrichment opportunities which we feel is equally important to the development of an Archbishop Blanch pupil.

“Pupils and students feel safe in school”

OFSTED 2020

Worship is an integral part of school life. It is rich, varied and well planned. Ample opportunities are given to all members of the school community throughout the year to encounter inclusive, invitational and inspiring worship in both formal and more relaxed settings.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We have a tradition of high academic standards, encouraging students of all abilities to achieve and be successful. Our broad and balanced curriculum gives students many opportunities to progress and develop into whatever field they choose, offering a vast range of subjects at each stage across the school. The majority of our students gain places in our excellent sixth form to further develop their expertise, skills and knowledge as

they prepare for a place at university, apprenticeship or enter employment. Our dedicated teachers deliver lessons which are fun and exciting, supported by state of the art technology and resources. Our purpose designed school allows all types of learning to be explored, with dedicated curriculum spaces, individual break out zones, modern science laboratories, bespoke dance and drama studios.

Pupils and students are exceptionally proud to be part of such a close-knit, friendly and welcoming school community. They thoroughly enjoy coming to school and they thrive in all that they do. The pupils and students to whom we spoke said that they feel very safe. They are extremely well cared for.

OFSTED 2020

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

While incredibly proud of our academic results, we are just as concerned with the development of the whole person, and thus offer a wide and varied enrichment programme. Extra-curricular opportunities cater to a vast array of talents and interests, including our award winning choirs and drama productions, championship sports teams, and outdoor pursuits enthusiasts.

Opportunities include:

- > Sporting activities in our modern sports facilities
- > Orchestras & choirs
- > Instrumental lessons
- > Dance and drama clubs and productions
- > Homework clubs
- > International travel
- > World Challenge expedition
- > Duke of Edinburgh Award
- > Science & maths competitions
- > Debating competitions
- > Design technology clubs
- > Solidarity and diversity clubs
- > Pride club



Pupils and students appreciate the wide range of opportunities on offer. They relish performing at festivals and concerts. They develop into responsible, compassionate and confident individuals.

OFSTED March 2020



PUPIL VOICE

Our students' thoughts, opinions and ideas are hugely important to us at Archbishop Blanch School. We hold regular student voice meetings which give pupils the chance to voice their concerns and to pass ideas onto staff and governors.

We also give pupils the opportunity to take part in debating competitions and public speaking events such as Schools' Parliament. The feedback from school council has also directly impacted aspects of our new schools design, such as the inclusion of the outdoor amphitheatre and the retention of a large central gathering space right at the heart of our school.

“Pupils and students told us that the school’s values of trust and friendship are the glue that holds them together. Pupils and students live out these values daily.”

OFSTED 2020



A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO YEAR 7



Moving into secondary school can be a challenging and anxious time. At Archbishop Blanch we work to ensure this transition is a smooth one and our transition programme supports students as they become familiar with their new environment and begin to make friends for life. Students quickly learn their new routine and our reassuring staff provide the highest levels of support from the moment they join us.

“Pupils’ and students’ behaviour is impeccable. This reflects the respect that they have for staff and for each other.”

OFSTED 2020

SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form aims to give positive outcomes to all our students. We offer individualised support through a dedicated Sixth Form pastoral team, which helps all students prepare for higher education and the world of work. Sixth Formers act as excellent role models for all our students, taking on key roles in the Sixth Form leadership team, Interact (our charity fundraising group) and Christian Union. Whilst the Sixth Form is an integral part of the school, we are also proud of our separate and dedicated Sixth Form facilities, including a fully equipped study and enrichment area.



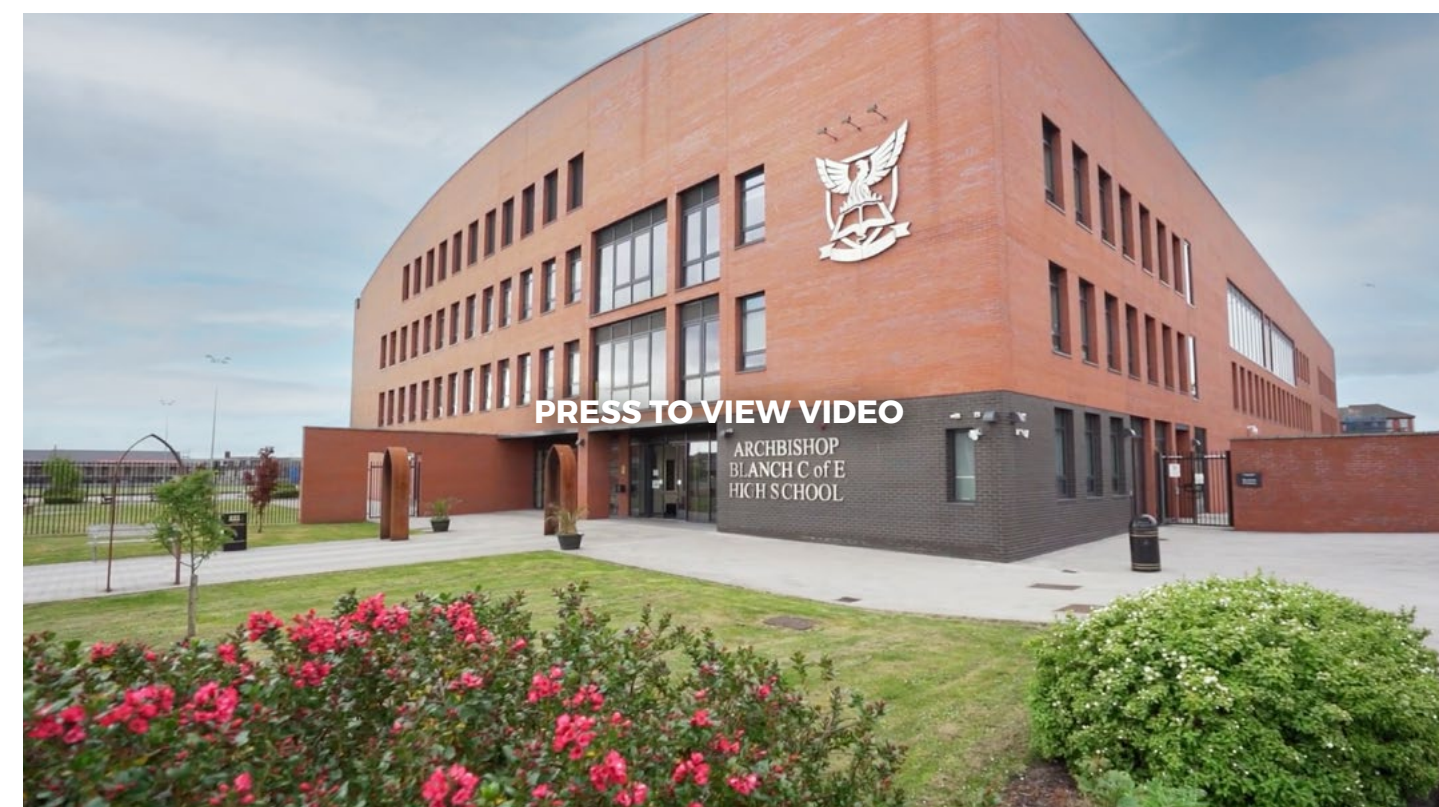
CEIAG

Our CEIAG Programme (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) is designed to prepare students for life in modern Britain by developing a young person's knowledge, understanding, confidence and skills that they need to make well-informed, thought-through choices and plans that enable them to progress smoothly into further learning and work, now and in the future.

Archbishop Blanch School aims to provide high quality, impartial information, advice and guidance to all students throughout their school career. This enables us to support our students and provide them with the best possible foundation on which to base not only their post-16 choices following Year 11, and later after sixth form, but also their options choices for GCSE subjects.

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