

ST. PHILIP HOWARD
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



FAQs

Do you have to be Catholic to come to this school?

No! We welcome people from all Christian denominations, other world faiths and nonfaith/non-belief backgrounds. Our current Year 7 comprises of pupils from 12 local primary schools.

What is homework like at St. Philip Howard?

Homework is set regularly in all subjects. The VLE allows both pupils and parents/carers to access on line exactly what homework is set and when it is due.

How do you deal with bullying?

We take all accounts of bullying extremely seriously and work tirelessly to ensure that children at SPH are happy. We have a fantastic Pastoral Team that works closely with students and parents/carers to ensure that support is given when required. Ofsted said that pupils felt that 'bullying in school is rare'. They said that if any issues emerged, these would be dealt with quickly and effectively by their teachers.

Are you strict on uniform?

We are fair and consistent. We expect high standards from our students and insist that 'looking smart' means you're ready to 'work smart'. Ofsted said "pupils are smart and wear their uniform with pride"

Do you have plenty of trips and extra-curricular activities?

Yes, we run numerous trips and events and have many more in the pipeline. Year 10 and Year 11 visited Rome last year and we are delighted to announce that in March 2018 a group of students will be visiting Poland and this will then be followed by our summer 2018 trip to China. This will be a fantastic opportunity for those students who are successful in our selection process. We have lots of extra-curricular activities on offer too.. Our fantastic PE department offers many lunch time and after school clubs, as well as representing the Academy in a variety of sports. We also have our Gratitude Club, Spanish Club and After-School Baking Club.

What are the school dinners like?

We have a new canteen called 'The Lunchbox'. Children enjoy their time in the new facility and student feedback suggests that they are much happier in their new environment.

Do you have a common room for students?

We now have a dedicated Year 10 and 11 Common Room called 'The Lounge' which is available before school, at break and during lunch. The Lounge has been newly decorated through a joint project between Loreto College Art Students and our own GCSE Art students.

