



St Bede's and
St Joseph's
Catholic College

September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College
Open Evening
Ignis (Lower School Site), Cunliffe Road BD8 7AP

We would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Wednesday 28th September, 17:30 – 20:00, with Headteacher presentations at 17:45 and 18:45.

St Bede's and St Joseph's is an oversubscribed, recently established co-educational school, founded in 2014 by the merger of the two single sex Catholic secondary schools in the city of Bradford; the boys school, St Bede's Catholic Grammar School in Heaton and the girls school, St Joseph's Catholic College in Manningham.

The College is now fully co-educational with around 1900 students on roll making us the biggest Catholic school in the country. Our aim is to be the best Catholic school in the country by honouring the first stated aim of Cardinal Arthur Hinsley, the first headmaster of St Bede's Catholic Grammar School in 1900 who wished to provide for his students:

'a thorough training in the knowledge and principles of the Catholic faith, combined with a secular education equal in every respect to the best public schools in England'

Learning opportunities, pastoral care and the wealth of experiences that we offer beyond the classroom are all arranged to meet this aim whilst our pursuit of Christ-centred virtues in all aspects of College life enables us to form: 'happy, confident, spiritually awake, life-long learners'

In short, we hope to build on the excellent work of our Catholic feeder schools in ensuring that there is excellent 3-18 Catholic provision in the City of Bradford.

We sincerely hope that you consider our College as your child's school of choice and look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 28th September 2022, where we will have the opportunity to elaborate more fully on the exciting journey that this College is on.

Yours sincerely

Mr L A Bentley
Headteacher

Aspiration

Self Control

Reflection

Service

Courage

Autonomy