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“My daughter is cared for and happy at this school – she feels safe. She is given full attention and is supported in her studies by her teachers.”

YEAR 7 PARENT
“I am delighted to welcome you to the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College.”

This truly remarkable school has been providing the highest quality of holistic education to girls for over a century. Its long history of Catholic tradition and founding on the values of St Claudine Thevenet ensure that every child is seen as special, unique and a gift from God. St Claudine’s life work was to care for, nurture and educate children. She established the Religious of Jesus and Mary houses and schools which has led to the current education of children in 28 different countries. Here in England there are just three Convent of Jesus and Mary schools; an independent college in Thornton and an infant and secondary girls’ school here, in Willesden.

We are therefore uniquely placed and this is what makes our school so special and different to many others. We place as much emphasis on the pastoral care and faith development of the child as we do on academic excellence. Our school, first and foremost, is a family; we are a family of faith. Staff have true pastoral hearts and take time to ensure every child is known, their strengths supported and development needs overcome. Our girls are happy and safe in the knowledge that we are watching over them, guiding them and walking alongside them as they make their journey through secondary education.

Classroom learning is supplemented by a wide range of co-curricular opportunities and a diverse programme of educational visits both in the UK and across Europe supporting the girls in their language development and extending their cultural awareness.

We have very high expectations of discipline and conduct. Girls are taught the importance of respect and good manners. They give their best every day striving towards our school mission: ‘With God’s grace, we excel and lead’. We are just as proud of our girls who achieve excellence having overcome challenges, as we are proud of those offered places at Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities. Every achievement of every child is a reason to celebrate.

I warmly invite you to come and join us in our mission. Our school and its values are universal and we welcome children and families of all faiths and none. Come and experience for yourself this very special place of immense beauty and deepest faith.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs L McGowan
Headmistress
Learning at CJM is rooted in the gospel values in a warm, supportive, nurturing community that contrasts with a less spiritual approach found elsewhere.

Christ is placed at the centre of all we do and the teachings and messages of Jesus are the foundation of our community. Excellence is promoted in every aspect of school life including academic achievement, conduct and citizenship.

Prayer and worship are central to daily life and extensive fundraising for charities near and far is undertaken throughout the school year – our girls’ generosity of spirit of is admirable.

We work with parents to ensure every girl reaches her full potential and that she feels safe and happy from the moment she joins our family.

Our Vision

To nurture each of our girls to become confident, resilient and articulate young women.

At CJM:

• We challenge our girls to fulfil their potential academically, socially and spiritually.
• Great care is taken to build on the God given gifts and talents of each girl as she progresses through the school.
• Expectations are high for our girls to become leaders of the future, following past pupils to universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Our Aim

To provide a school experience which:

• In its breadth introduces each student to the fullness of a life rooted in the love of God.
• In its balance establishes attitudes, which produce concern for truth and respect for others.
• In its relevance enables each student to make her contribution to society with dignity and faith.
• Respects the uniqueness of each individual regardless of gender, race, faith, social background or ability.
• Serves to develop a sureness to stand against all that undermines dignity of self and of others.

Our School

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Our Curriculum

At CJM, we endeavour to meet the individual needs of our girls. The curriculum is tailored to provide challenge and support for all.

Key Stage 3 – Years 7 & 8

A wide range of subjects are studied:

- English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, Modern Foreign Language (French/Italian/Spanish), History, Geography, Drama, Music, ICT, Art, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Physical Education, PSHE.

Key Stage 4 – Years 9, 10 & 11

A core curriculum is studied:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Core/Double/Triple)
- Religious Education

Girls are given the choice of a humanities subject, modern foreign language and a foundation subject:

**Humanities:**

- History
- Geography

**Modern Foreign Language:**

- French
- Italian
- Spanish

**Foundation Subject:**

- Art
- Food Technology
- Business Studies
- Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE)
- Drama
- Music

Advanced Level – Years 12 & 13

A broad range of Advanced Level courses are offered which include subjects studied at KS4 alongside new subjects such as: Economics, Government and Politics, Health and Social Care, Media Studies, Psychology and Sociology.

These courses secure progression to university. Over 90% of our Sixth Form progress to university including the Russell Group universities and Oxbridge.

“Teachers identify the gaps in learning for each pupil. These are noted...teachers then provide individual support, working with the pupil until she is confident that she understands the concept.”

OFSTED, 2017
**Pastoral Care**

**Ensuring our girls are happy, safe and well is the highest priority of all staff.**

The strong pastoral system embedded at CJM is often commended. Our experienced team of pastoral staff work alongside teaching staff to address any issues that our girls may face. Happy students enjoy coming to school and we are proud that attendance at CJM is consistently outstanding.

Our school chaplain, mentors and counsellor provide a further layer of support to ensure the emotional and spiritual needs of our girls are fulfilled as they face the challenges of growing up.

“Pupils feel safe and supported in the school because of the strong pastoral care that they receive.”

- OFSTED, 2017

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**Teaching and Learning**

**Learning at CJM is cooperative: teachers and students work together to develop skills and understanding.**

Our ambition is that every lesson should be engaging, challenging and enjoyable. Our teachers are approachable, well-qualified specialists who have subject expertise, a passion for learning and an understanding of young people.

Progress is monitored very closely and specific interventions are available to support all girls to achieve their targets. Teachers and support staff strive to give every girl the opportunity to experience success. Effort and achievement is praised and celebrated throughout the school year.

“You know your pupils as individuals and this is evident in your interactions with them as you walk around the school. The school’s Catholic ethos is reflected in the caring relationships between staff and pupils. Pupils show consideration towards each other and to those less fortunate than themselves.”

- OFSTED, 2017
Enrichment

Enrichment opportunities are paramount to the development of our girls, building their confidence and self-esteem as they tackle challenges and explore life outside the classroom.

Trips and visits across the UK and Europe take place throughout the academic year. Visits to art galleries, theatres, museums, and places of historical and religious interest are integrated into the school curriculum. Careers events, field trips, competitions, debating and public speaking also are a regular feature of school life.

To enrich our girls’ learning experiences a diverse range of clubs and societies are offered and all students are encouraged to join at least one. There is something to suit everyone in our vibrant and inclusive school.

Our co-curricular programme includes:
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Performing Arts Clubs
- Liturgical Service
- Sporting Clubs
- Ski Trip
- Art and Technology Clubs
- Debate Mate
- STEM Club
- Maths Challenges
- Residential Trips

Enhanced Learning

The Enhanced Learning Department supports students in overcoming barriers to learning as well as facilitating the progress of our most able.

Learning Support

Students’ educational needs are assessed on transition, and provision for those with special needs is coordinated and monitored by our Enhanced Learning Department. Support is provided in lessons to ensure full access to the curriculum. Girls may also be withdrawn from lessons to work in small groups to improve literacy or numeracy skills.

A team of Enhanced Learning Assistants is available every lunch-time and every day before and after school as part of the homework club in the library and in the ICT suite. A week long Summer School ensures that our more vulnerable girls experience a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

CJM is committed to supporting girls for whom English is not a first language. These girls are supported in the classroom and in small groups.

High Achievers

Those with the ability to achieve the highest grades are supported towards reaching their full potential.

Girls identified as high achievers or those who have a particular talent are stretched and challenged in lessons. Highly qualified Enhanced Learning Assistants work with groups of high achievers to ensure excellent progress is made. All girls are encouraged to become independent learners.

We have extensive links with universities providing opportunities for our girls to experience academic rigour and a flavour of the academic excellence to which they can aspire.
Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form offers a wide variety of subject choices, which take into account the aptitude and ability of each individual. We pride ourselves on being fully comprehensive. We have a long track record of helping girls progress to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities and employ an Oxbridge Mentor who prepares the girls to apply to the top universities. Several staff support in the UCAS application process. Our guarantee is that your daughter will secure the best university place of which she is capable.

Our Sixth Form students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and we have a highly motivated Senior Prefect Team, who are approachable role models, encouraging and supporting our younger girls to excel and lead.

We enable and support our girls to strive for excellence. Those who stay with us for Sixth Form experience the perfect balance between continuity of learning and the broadening of horizons.

A number of enrichment activities are offered to support personal development and spiritual journey. This will ensure that we get the best out of each individual.

"Students in the Sixth Form are engaged and enjoy their learning because teachers plan effectively."

OFSTED, 2017

Working with parents

As the first educators of the girls, we are proud of the supportive partnership we have with our parents.

We welcome communication from home and in turn ensure families are kept up-to-date with CJM life, upcoming events and our girls’ achievements through our active newsletter and social media.

The school planner also facilitates communication. Your daughter will record her homework in her planner as well as information on deadlines and notes from teachers. Parents are encouraged to use the planner to make comments or queries to teachers and are asked to sign this on a weekly basis.
Our Mission Statement

“With God’s grace, we excel and lead”

...is an aspiration to excellence – working to improve ourselves always. We are all made in the image and likeness of Christ and he lives within each of us. Through our service to others we show leadership and this is a key role for all staff and students. Opportunities to show leadership are regularly provided. Our daily work is undertaken with God’s grace and guidance and is shaped from these principles.

At CJM, we place great emphasis on the traditional values of good manners, politeness and respect. Caring for others and contributing positively to the school community is expected of everyone.

CJM is set on a 3 acre site with beautiful gardens and outstanding facilities. We have five main buildings: The Convent Block, Our Lady’s Wing, The Performing Arts Centre, The Sixth Form Block and St Claudine’s House. The school library and homework club rooms also facilitate independent learning for students and are open before and after school as well as throughout break and lunch times.

Our multi-use games area (MUGA), sports halls and state of the art fitness suite provide outstanding amenities for PE and recreation. These enable our girls to excel in their chosen sports and to relax fully at recreation times. Older pupils train to be coaches and Sports Leaders working with younger pupils and primary school pupils.

As a Specialist Language College, great emphasis is placed on learning modern foreign languages (MFL) at CJM. In addition to classrooms, the MFL Faculty also have specialist learning areas to facilitate speaking and listening skills in French, Italian and Spanish.

We have over 100 highly qualified, passionate and experienced staff committed to ensuring the very best for the girls in our care. Our extensive grounds, superb facilities and stimulating learning environment allows us to provide the very best education.

Thank you for taking the time to visit our school I hope it provides you with a flavour of life at CJM and the many opportunities we offer.

Our History

Following the atrocities of the French Revolution, St Claudine Thevenet founded the Religious of Jesus and Mary on 6th October 1818.

St Claudine set out to look after, nurture and care for the many children orphaned by war. Like the staff at CJM today, her aim was to encourage the children in her care to flourish and blossom academically, spiritually and morally.

St Claudine is our patron and it is her values that we strive to emanate in our daily work: Love of Jesus, Love of Mary, Forgiveness, Education, Simplicity, Family Spirit and Service.