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Catholic secondary school education in Brent

Continue your child's Catholic education
at a Brent secondary school

The Convent of Jesus and Mary

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Brent's three Catholic secondary schools strive to create a special partnership between students, parents and their communities.

Led by teachers with a passion for learning, each school supports its pupils to achieve their academic best and to share their faith and values in a Catholic setting as they prepare for life at university, at work and beyond.

Our schools:

- Inspire students to be their best.
- Stress the value of self-discipline and commitment.
- Have staff who are strong role models who share their faith and talents.
- Encourage partnerships between school and family.
- Place emphasis on the importance of participation and inclusion of all students.

Convent of Jesus and Mary

Willesden

With God's grace we excel and lead.

Our ethos

A school steeped in tradition with the highest standards and expectations of its students, The Convent of Jesus and Mary has served the community of Willesden and neighbouring areas for over 125 years. Aspiring to excellence and displaying leadership through service to others are our core values.

The school is vibrant and forward thinking and embraces modern technologies whilst instilling old-fashioned values. Our main Victorian building is set in three acres of beautifully landscaped grounds with state-of-the-art facilities, contrasting the old with the new. We nurture our young women to be confident and articulate. With minimal distractions there is an unrelenting focus on excellence.



"Outstanding behaviour"
Ofsted 2013

Behaviour, pastoral care, support and guidance

As with every inspection since 2000, Ofsted judged our students' exemplary behaviour as 'outstanding' in 2013. The school provides a safe and peaceful environment in which to work and learn. It is a place where students thrive and flourish. Extensive support is offered in order for everyone to do their very best.



Academic standards

At Key Stage 4 the percentage of students achieving five or more A*-C grades at GCSE, including English and maths, is well above the national average and we are in the top 20 per cent of schools nationally for value added progress. As a language college, all girls study a modern foreign language to at least GCSE level but not at the expense of maths and science.

At A-Level and other Higher Level 3 courses, our results put us in the top 15 per cent of sixth form providers for value added progress. A large number of students progress to maths and science-related studies and ninety five per cent go to university; others are supported to secure apprenticeships or employment.

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What does the research say?

Girls are far more likely to thrive, get GCSEs, A-Levels and stay in education if they go to a single-sex school. Our pupils develop confidence and assertiveness and are not passive observers in the classroom but willing participants.

Teaching and learning

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

Provision for gifted and talented pupils

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to stretch and challenge our most able pupils. From Key Stage 3, our top students get the opportunity to develop university level skills. At Key Stages 4 and 5 they are supported by an Oxbridge tutor to help them gain a place at a Russell Group or Oxbridge university.

Extra-curricular activities

The school is open from 8am until 5pm and there is a broad choice of practical, sports and academic activities available. These include homework, science, trampolining and gardening clubs and other activities such as skiing in Italy and French markets at Christmas. We believe such experiences provide our students with essential learning opportunities beyond the classroom.



Newman Catholic College

Willesden



Everyone counts,
everyone
contributes,
everyone
succeeds.

"Teaching is
good... some is
outstanding."

Ofsted 2013



Ethos

Newman Catholic College ensures that care and support for each individual is combined with an insistence upon the highest standards of achievement and progress for boys of all abilities. As a result, we are able to highlight each student's strengths and build on the skills that they need to develop to achieve academically. Our ethos has wide support amongst the community and ensures that the school welcomes young people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Behaviour, pastoral care, support and guidance

Newman Catholic College is a happy and positive environment in which to study. Attendance is above the national average and the school is growing rapidly. Staff are always available to meet parents and the head teacher holds a weekly 'surgery' where parents can drop in to discuss any issues concerning their child. Our staff have a high profile within the local community and ensure that the high standards we set are replicated in the surrounding area.



Academic standards

We place academic achievement at the heart of all we do and celebrate pupil success during every assembly. The school formally assesses all pupils six times during the year, including two internal examination weeks. Parents are kept informed of progress through regular reports and progress meetings. In 2013 Newman Catholic College achieved its highest ever GCSE results and we are confident that we will continue to build on this achievement.

The sixth form has grown immensely in the last two years and offers a coherent programme of higher level qualifications as well as an innovative and popular Work Ready scheme which provides our 16-18 year old students with both the practical experience of a variety of workplaces and mentoring into full or part-time jobs.

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Teaching and learning

Our teachers are experienced, knowledgeable and committed to ensuring that each student achieves his potential. The excellent relationships which exist between staff and students provide a positive and enjoyable environment in which our young people can flourish.

Provision for gifted and talented pupils

Our lessons ensure that gifted and talented students are stimulated and challenged and students are encouraged to participate in mentoring younger pupils. Several events run each year allow gifted and talented students to challenge themselves in public speaking, science and design and technology. As ambassadors for the school, they are encouraged to take part in projects with local primary schools and in residential homes.



Extra-curricular activities

Newman Catholic College offers an extensive range of after-school activities. These include sport, music, drama, film-making, computing and a nightly study club. We believe these opportunities help our students to develop socially and morally as well as academically.



St Gregory's Catholic Science College



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Pro Deo – for God
the best and
the greatest.

“Student
behaviour is
impeccable.”

Ofsted 2013

Our ethos

A happy and successful school that has been serving the Catholic community in Harrow and Brent for nearly 60 years, St Gregory's Catholic Science College provides a full range of academic courses for girls and boys of all abilities. There is an unrelenting focus on raising standards in all aspects of school life so that each student can achieve their full potential.

Recent improvements to the school environment include a new teaching block, restaurant, library and all weather floodlit football pitch.

Behaviour, pastoral care, support and guidance

St Gregory's has been identified by the DfE as one of only 20 Lead Behaviour Schools in England and Wales – an accolade of which we are justifiably proud. The school offers superb pastoral care and support from a dedicated team of form tutors.



Academic standards

We place considerable emphasis on all our students achieving excellent examination results and our teachers work hard to support pupils as they progress through the school. The percentage of students achieving five or more A* to C grades at GCSE, including English and maths, is well above the national average, placing us in the top fifteen per cent of schools nationally.

In the sixth form we offer up to twenty A-Level subjects as well as a number of vocational courses. We continue to achieve outstanding A-Level and BTEC results and for the last three years the school has achieved a value added score that puts us amongst the top ten per cent of schools and colleges nationally. Ninety nine per cent of our students go on to university.



Teaching and learning

Ofsted has acknowledged the high standards of both teaching and learning and were particularly impressed that teachers have high expectations of students and that pupils have very good attitudes to learning and demonstrate impeccable behaviour in lessons. The good subject knowledge of staff, the positive relationships between teachers and students and the variety of classroom activities were also praised after our 2013 inspection.

Provision for gifted and talented pupils

Amongst the many activities for gifted and talented students are weekly 'debate mate' clubs, master classes at Imperial College and the annual Brent Science and Technology Challenge. We identify our Russell Group students in Year 10 and provide a range of master classes and enrichment activities for them. Year 10 and 11 pupils also attend workshops and conferences to support their A-Level studies. The sixth form has a comprehensive programme designed to prepare students for university life. There is an annual trip to Cambridge University for Year 10 and 12 students and a group of Year 11 pupils take part in the Eton Summer School.

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Extra-curricular activities

Students enjoy an extensive extra-curricular programme including a large orchestra, three choirs, samba and jazz bands, Irish Dancing, guitar ensemble, chess, knitting and breakfast clubs. Sporting activities range from trampolining, netball, and basketball, to girls and boys football teams, tennis and rounders.

