

Primary schools

St Margaret Clitherow. Bestwood. NG5 5RS.
www.st-margaretclitherow.nottingham.sch.uk

Blessed Robert Widmerpool. Clifton. NG11 9BH www.brwacademy.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Bulwell. NG6 9FN
www.ourladyopbulwell.com

St Augustine's. Mapperley Park. NG3 4JS www.st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk

Our Lady & St Edward. St Ann's. NG3 2LG www.olseacademy.org.uk

St Mary's. Hyson Green. NG7 6FL www.stmaryshysongreen.com

St Patrick's. Wilford & the Meadows. NG11 7AB
www.st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk

St Teresa's. Aspley. NG8 3EP www.stteresasprimaryschool.co.uk

Good Shepherd. Woodthorpe & Arnold. NG5 4LT
www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

Sacred Heart. Carlton & Gedling. NG4 1EQ www.sacredheart.notts.sch.uk

Holy Cross. Hucknall. NG15 8BZ www.holycrossschoolhucknall.com

St Edmund Campion. West Bridgford. NG2 5NH www.stedmundcampion.com

St Thomas. Ilkeston. DE7 4LF www.stthomasilkeston.srscmat.co.uk

English Martyr's. Long Eaton & Beeston. NG10 4DA
www.englishmartyrslong Eaton.srscmat.co.uk

The Priory. Eastwood. NG16 3GT. www.theprioryeastwood.srscmat.co.uk

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Statement of the Nottingham Deanery Clergy on Catholic Education

Education Sunday, 13th September 2026

In the late 19th century, when the Hierarchy of the Catholic Church was re-established in England and Wales, the Council of Bishops made the decision in 1852 that their priority would be to establish and build schools before churches. From that moment on, Catholic schools have been at the heart of the life of the Church in this country, and they remain so now.

We, the priests and deacons in the Nottingham area, wish to re-affirm our commitment to our primary and secondary schools that serve our children and families; they are a vital part of the life of the Church and the mission given to us by Jesus; 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations'.

Our Catholic schools are extremely successful, provide an excellent education and make an important contribution to society in general. They are the most ethnically diverse schools in the country and welcome children of all faiths and none, whose presence greatly enriches the entire school life.

Our schools are under great pressure due to a lack of funding, calls from some for the abolition of faith schools, withdrawal of funding for transport to faith schools and the competitive market-place that education has become. We call upon all those in power to properly fund faith schools, which cater for a diverse range of pupils and achieve better outcomes than many other schools.



Our Catholic schools are different; they are called to live out a vision to be as good as, if not better, than their neighbouring schools, to form young people in the image and likeness of God and to centre school life on the person of Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life. They provide a level of pastoral care and sense of community not always found in other schools, and so prepare young people well to take their place in society.

We encourage all parents to choose Catholic schools for their children. The partnership between home, parish and school is vital to the mission of the Church and exists to support parents in their duty that flows from baptism; to bring their children up in the practice of the faith. Our Catholic schools are free, welcoming and provide an excellent education.

We also encourage those in the teaching and other professions to consider working and serving in our Catholic schools; the presence of staff who are people of faith enriches the school community immeasurably and is a generous response to God's call to serve in the Church and world. Thank you to those who serve our schools as staff, governors, chaplains, volunteers and in the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and Diocesan Education Service

Chaplains, both lay and clergy, are essential to the life of our schools. We encourage the Multi-Academy Trusts to continue to support a strong lay Chaplaincy provision and presence, so that children, staff and families are supported in the Catholic life and prayer that the schools offer.

The Catholic school is a community filled with the spirit of the Gospel and it is our firm desire to support now, and for generations to come, this essential part of the mission of the Church.

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To learn more about the importance of Catholic Education and our wonderful schools

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/education-service
www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/; Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire
www.srscmat.co.uk/; Derbyshire
www.aquinas-cmat.org/; Leicestershire & Rutland

Catholic schools in the Nottingham Deanery

Secondary schools

The Becket School. West Bridgford. NG2 7QY.
www.becketonline.co.uk

Christ the King. Arnold. NG5 7JZ.
www.christtheking.notts.sch.uk

Trinity. Aspley. NG8 3EZ
www.trinity.nottingham.sch.uk

St John Houghton. Ilkeston. DE7 4HX.
www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.org.uk



"Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost, every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth." Pope Benedict XVI. Address to Catholic Educators, Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., April 17, 2008.

To enquire about admission to any Catholic school, either for the start of the year or during the school year, check on the school website or contact the school directly and they will advise you. Some primary schools take children from age 3.