



# PROSPECTUS





# WELCOME TO ST MATTHIAS

The original St Matthias was a small chapel built in 1877 on Deans Road. It provided services for local people including weddings, christenings and funerals. In 1968 it was demolished to make way for Deansfield School.

In September 2015 the new St Matthias building opened to replace the old and tired Deansfield school building. St Matthias has been described by parents as ‘the school we have been waiting for’. Everyone at the school agrees that it has led to a significant change in the way children learn. Staff and students at St Matthias love working in their modern, light, hi-tech and well resourced building.

The opportunities for young people at St Matthias are excellent. Students are supported by highly skilled staff who make sure they achieve some of the best exam outcomes in the country. Success is not just about exam results and at St Matthias there is an emphasis on developing each child to be confident, aware of themselves, respectful to others and well prepared for further education and the world of work.

Expectations are set high and students at St Matthias know only their best is acceptable. Young people at St Matthias know they must, ‘dress smart, work smart and stay smart to be smart.’

In November 2019 St Matthias was graded by Ofsted as a ‘good school’.





## STUDENTS

**St Matthias students are:**

- smartly dressed;
- motivated to learn;
- happy;
- thoughtful and kind;
- responsible for each other.

All students can expect to receive exceptional care, support and guidance.

## LEARNING

**Learning at St Matthias is:**

- engaging and connected to real life;
- delivered by innovative teachers who work with learners in a variety of settings;
- interactive, collaborative and personalised.

All St Matthias students have their individual needs met and have 24 hour access to learning.





# CURRICULUM

## The curriculum at St Matthias is:

- broad and balanced allowing students to develop a wide range of knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding;
- planned to ensure students are ready for the next stage;
- designed to get the very best from everyone.

There is no particular 'subject specialism' at St Matthias. All subjects are important and students can expect the best in all areas.

# SCHOOL FACILITIES

## The facilities have:

- collaborative spaces with specially designed furniture;
- specialist rooms with the latest equipment and technology;
- self-contained spaces designed for multi-disciplined teaching;
- multi-sports provision.

St Matthias is a welcoming environment that inspires learning.







## TECHNOLOGY

**St Matthias offers the latest technologies including mobile devices. This means:**

- learning can take place anywhere in the building or beyond;
- students are able to access their work wherever they are;
- access to technology for all students leads to greater participation, engagement and progress.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**St Matthias students are able to:**

- experience links with Colleges, Post 16 Centres and Universities;
- organise charity and fundraising events;
- have a say in shaping the future of their school;
- visit new and exciting places and have access to visiting experts.

**St Matthias champions experiential learning.**





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