



# St. OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As a parent I know the importance of choosing the right school for your child's secondary education. In order to help you make this choice, you are warmly invited to our **Open Evening on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.** The evening will consist of a presentation by myself, the Head Boy and Head Girl, and Year 7 students. This will be followed by the opportunity to visit and spend time in each department.

Our aim is simple, we want to be the best school in the country. This means that we can 'hand on heart' say that our students get a better deal than if they attended another school.

For the last four years, the school has been on a rapid journey towards outstanding. GCSE results continue to rise each year and in 2018-2019 (the last year that GCSE exams took place), our Progress 8 score of +0.29 placed us in the top 20% of schools in the country. Despite, the challenges of Covid-19, this year's results continued our upward trend with record numbers of students achieving straight Grades 7, 8 and 9s in every subject. These results are an important step but the best is yet to come, we are confident that our future results will be even more impressive.

In March 2018, we were judged by Ofsted as 'Good' in all categories. This report was overwhelmingly positive and confirmed the staff, governors, students and parents' absolute commitment to reach 'Outstanding' within one year. This was then confirmed in our Diocesan Section 48 Inspection in July 2019 which judged the school as 'Outstanding' in every category. This is a first for the school and a proud moment in the school's 60 year history.

As a Catholic School, St Oscar Romero's is founded on Gospel values. We provide a nurturing environment of love, respect and discipline, where every individual is highly valued and our care and concern for others is central to our mission. We expect our students to work hard, behave well, dress smartly and pursue excellence in all that they do inside and outside of the classroom. Our culture is one of high expectations in all that we do.

We do not have a catchment area, all applications are ranked according to the category your child comes under in our Admissions Policy (see website) and then distance to the school. You do not need to be Catholic to attend St Oscar Romero Catholic School and currently, 50% of our students are from non-Catholic backgrounds.

**Applications for school places must be made to the Local Authority by the deadline of 31st October 2021.** Applications received after this date are treated as late by WSCC and dealt with after the initial places are allocated.

*In order to ensure your child is placed in the correct category please complete and return a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) directly to us. If your child is Baptized (Catholic, C of E etc.) or is member of a church please also include a copy of the certificate or letter from priest or pastor etc., as this places your child in a higher category.*

**Our Morning Tours take place Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>, all at 9am.** Places are limited and must be booked via Eventbrite <https://st-romeros-tours-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you are unable to make any of the above dates, please email Mrs Godfrey [kgodfrey@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:kgodfrey@stromeros.co.uk) and we will see if it is possible to make an appointment for you.

I look forward to you joining us at one of the above events

Yours sincerely

Mr P Byrne  
Headteacher