



## **Further Information about St Joseph's College**

St Joseph's College is an outstanding highly successful, mixed Catholic School in the trusteeship of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. We are an outstanding school, an Academy since 2011 and in 2012 were designated as the only secondary Teaching School in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

In our last two Ofsted inspections we have been judged as outstanding in all areas.

The school has grown considerably in size in recent years and there are currently almost 1,100 students on roll including a sixth form of 400. A full range of AS and A2 courses are offered in our and we draw on schools from across the city to study in our sixth form.

The school's results are consistently outstanding at all levels. In 2016 we achieved a progress 8 score of +0.3 at KS4. Our post 16 results are excellent, with 62% of students achieving A\* - B grades. These results are due to the hard work and commitment of both staff and students.

St Joseph's is a selective school but not a highly selective one. Students must attain a standardised score of 105 in the entrance examination to be eligible for one of the 150 places. From there, our entrance is based on religious commitment with 125 places reserved for Catholics and a maximum of 25 for non-Catholics. All of our students take a full and active role in all aspects of the religious life of the school. All staff, regardless of religious commitment uphold the Catholic ethos of the school.

In the last few years over several million pounds have been invested in our premises. We have a 4 refurbished laboratories and a ceramics room. In addition we are building a new £4 million sixth form block which means that all our students will be on-site for the first time in many years. A new Sports Hall was completed in March 2013. The school owns extensive playing fields beyond our site.

The 150 teaching and support staff are dynamic, creative, utterly dedicated and very supportive of each other. The school enjoys a friendly, well ordered and positive working atmosphere and all staff comment on the cohesive family atmosphere of the school.

North Staffordshire, where St Joseph's is located, is an area that has many attractions and advantages. On the whole, house prices are low and buyers have a choice of urban and rural locations. Communications, both rail and road, are good and Manchester and Birmingham are about an hour's journey by car. The area is rich in industrial heritage and the surrounding countryside contains areas of outstanding beauty which can be easily and quickly accessed.

If you visit St Joseph's I know that you will be struck by the friendliness and courtesy of the students who rally are exceptional young people. Relations between staff and students are very good. Students are respectful but at the same time relaxed and friendly, and parents and Governors are very supportive of the school.

I believe that we have developed a very special community at St Joseph's College to which I am very proud to belong.

Ms Melissa Roberts  
Headteacher