



St Robert of Newminster

Catholic School & Sixth Form College

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

Let Your Light Shine



Bishop Wilkinson
Catholic Education Trust
Through Christ, in Partnership

School Vision & Mission

At St Robert of Newminster we recognise that each individual member of our community is created in God's image with unique talents and abilities. We nurture each person through loving relationships and rich daily experiences centred on the teachings of Christ. We affirm the dignity of each individual and our values underpin everything we do across our school, with and for each student and member of staff to enable them to 'Let their light shine'.

St Robert's Values:

Faith

A prayerful community rooted and **guided** by the teachings of **Jesus**

Respect

A diverse community, created in the image of God, whose members are treated with **respect** and **dignity**

Vocation

A **hard-working** community that helps people recognise their own **unique purpose**

Excellence

A **dedicated** community that strives for excellence in our **learning** and **conduct**

Aspiration

A community built upon high **expectations** of ourselves and others

Integrity

A just community with a firm understanding of what is **right**, that acts with **honesty** and **kindness**



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<p>“Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“Treat people the same way you want them to treat you.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 6:31</i></p>	<p>“Let us seek to live in a way that is always worthy of our Christian vocation”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 5:16</i></p>	<p>“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 John 3:18</i></p>

SMSC Intent

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SMSC at St Robert's is based upon providing all students with the following opportunities:

Spiritual:

The opportunity to explore beliefs, experience and faiths, feelings, and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity and reflect on experiences.

Moral:

The opportunity to learn what is right and wrong and respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues and offer reasoned views.

Social:

The opportunity to use a range of social skills to participate in the local community and beyond; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer, and cooperate; resolve conflict.

Cultural:

The opportunity to explore and appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in cultural opportunities; understand, accept, respect, and celebrate diversity.

SMSC Implementation

Implementation of SMSC will take place across all curriculum areas, through our co-curriculum opportunities, through our pastoral system and through our personal development programme. These will all include activities that encourage pupils to recognise the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural dimension of their learning.

Practical Activities to develop SMSC:

- Daily morning prayer and reflection (focus on the school values)
- Weekly collective worship (assembly)
- Events celebrating the different liturgical seasons
- Religious Education taught to all pupils from Year 7-13
- Careers education and full time Careers Advisor
- Weekly taught PSHE curriculum and RSE curriculum
- Chaplaincy (Social Justice Group, Inclusivity Group and Leadership opportunities)
- Inter House Competition (termly events such as 'Remembrance Creative Arts')
- Retreat opportunities for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4
- Trips & Visits offered through departments
- Aspire Co-Curriculum (supporting the academic endeavours of our students)

- Community Co-Curricular programme (opportunities to work with outside agencies locally and nationally)
- Creative Co-Curriculum (Art, Music and Drama)
- Active Co-Curriculum (Team St Robert's)
- Additional Co-curriculum support
- School Council
- Anne Frank Trust 'Voices of Equality' – St Robert's is a beacon school for this organisation

SMSC Impact

The provision of Spiritual, Moral and Cultural development is monitored by the Senior Management Team, together with Heads of Department and Heads of House. We have not identified performance indicators, but rather colleagues are asked to provide specific examples of student experiences. These experiences are showcased through our termly ethos magazine, our Catholic School Inspection Evaluation Document, our Personal Development Programme, our Co-Curricular activities, and our taught Academic Curriculum.

Case Study:

School News

Christmas Coffee Morning

On Monday 19th December we welcomed members of our local parish community to our first St Robert's coffee morning. Our Year 11 leaders served tea, coffee and cake, played bingo and helped raise over £200 for both CAFOD and the Washington Food Project. The morning was accompanied by music and singing from our very talented school choir and music group. We look forward to welcoming more of the community to our upcoming events this year.



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School News

Remembrance Day: Inter House Competition

We enjoyed a fantastic response to our first Inter-House activity of the academic year. Students were asked to produce a piece of creative art to represent 'Remembrance Day'. Thanks to the History Department and our Form Tutors for their support and encouragement. The response was magnificent and the quality of the work produced was superb.



Remembrance Day Creative Arts

Our first challenge invites students to submit a piece of creative art based on the theme of remembrance. This may be:

- Poetry
- Creative writing
- Poster
- Model
- Collage
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture

Submit your entries to your House / House Captain by Friday 11th November

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St Robert's School Prayer

Dear Lord,

We gather today as a **community** of **faith** and ask the Lord to instil in us an eagerness to learn so we can strive for **excellence**.

May St Robert's example be in our words and actions so that we treat others with dignity and **respect**.

We pray that as we learn, we **aspire** to become better than we were yesterday.

As your **light shines** through us, help us become who you **call** us to be.

Enable us to act with **honesty** and **kindness** welcoming all with **love**.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

