



St Robert of Newminster

Catholic School & Sixth Form College

Vision, Mission & Values

Let Your Light Shine



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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>A prayerful community rooted and guided by the teachings of Jesus</p>	<p>A diverse community, created in the image of God, whose members are treated with respect and dignity</p>	<p>A hard working community that helps people recognise their own unique purpose</p>	<p>A dedicated community that strives for excellence in our learning and our conduct</p>	<p>A community built upon high expectations of ourselves and others</p>	<p>A just community with a firm understanding of what is right that acts with honesty and kindness</p>
<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>

Catholic Life & Mission

At St Robert's we want pupils and staff to feel comfortable to explore their relationship with God, whilst realising that the members of our school community come from different backgrounds, beliefs and faiths. Our school is a place, where all are valued equally and belong. We strive to create an environment where pupils can encounter the love that God has for each of them. With Christ at the centre, our school seeks to exemplify faith in action, working for justice and compassion, manifest in acts of charity and kindness. We work for those in need, and instil an ethos of care, kindness, and respect. As an inclusive family, we seek to help and care for the most vulnerable and marginalised. Our community is built upon values, which are inspired by the Gospel and the Church. Our values are visible in the environment, relationships, interactions, and our day-to-day life.

Chapel & Chaplaincy

Our Chapel and Chaplaincy Team are at the heart of the Catholic life of St Robert's. Staff and pupils with a wide range of skills and talents enhance the faith of our community. Our Chaplain offers opportunities and participation for all our pupils enabling them to grow in their spirituality, be confident in expressing their faith and demonstrate leadership in matters of social justice, environmental stewardship, and meaningful prayer & reflection. The breadth and depth of the Catholic life opportunities offered to our pupils is something we strive for each day to allow all members of the community to let their light shine.

Retreat

We offer an exciting retreat programme to ensure that all our pupils can develop spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally. Our retreat programme offers pupils the opportunity to spend a few days in prayer, work, and reflection. A retreat is a time where our pupils can step back from their daily lives to re-charge and then re-emerge revitalised. We work in conjunction with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team as well as our long-standing connection with the SVP on Holy Island:

- Pupils visit Lindisfarne (Holy Island) toward the end of Year 7
- Year 8 and 9 can visit Emmaus Youth Village in Consett
- Years 9, 10 and 12 can attend the Diocesan Summer Festival at the Youth Village
- Year 11 enjoy a morning of celebration before they receive their 'Record of Achievement' at the Stadium of Light
- Y12 can visit the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett.
- Y13 enjoy a 'Day of Celebration' to mark the end of their journey at the school



Prayer & Worship

Pupils at St Robert's can take part and take a lead on daily prayer and reflection. Our pastoral tutor team meet with our pupils each morning, and with the support of the school chaplain, they take part in prayers that reflect our weekly themes or focus upon the liturgical season. In addition to daily prayer, pupils have a weekly form of collective worship with their Head of House, a member of the school's leadership team or with their fellow pupils taking the lead. Our collective worship follows the diocesan format of gather, listen, prayer and mission.

Faith & Formation

Pupils at St Robert's, with our school values at the fore, are given the opportunity to develop into the people God intended them to be. Helping them to grow in their relationship with Christ in order that they can respond to God's calling which is unique to them. The school's motto *luceat lux vestra* (Let Your Light Shine) encourages all members of the school community to work for the greater glory of God and the common good. This 'work' could include involvement in our Catholic co-curricular programme which further enhances their personal formation and consists of:

- Chaplaincy Group
- CAFOD Group
- SVP Group
- Environment Group
- Form, House, and School Captains
- Whole school charitable focus during Advent & Lent
- Yearly fundraising within House groups
- Spirited Arts
- REcreate (newly formed club ran by the RE department)

Pilgrimage

Pupils at St Robert's can take part in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, Year 7 visit to Holy Island and the annual pilgrimage to Rome for our Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils (please note that these opportunities have not occurred recently due to COVID, however, we will share more details as and when they return)



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

