

# **Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust**



## **St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy**

### **Ethos**

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**OUTSTANDING**  
IN  
ALL FOUR OFSTED CATEGORIES 2013 to present

- **Achievement**
- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Behaviour and Safety**
- **Leadership and Management**

**OUTSTANDING**  
IN  
ALL THREE DIOCESAN CATEGORIES 2007, 2013 and 2018

- **Curriculum RE**
- **Catholic Life of the School**
- **Collective Worship**

**I. Interested in connecting, or re-connecting, with our community?**

- **Student Admissions Enquiries Y7-Y11 (age 11-16)** – contact Mrs. J. Donaldson or Mrs. C. Donkin 0191 5658904 or visit [www.st-anthonys-academy.com](http://www.st-anthonys-academy.com)
- **Student Admissions Enquiries Y12-Y13 (age 16-18)** – see St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form website [www.aaasixthform.com](http://www.aaasixthform.com)
- **Teacher Training** – see St. Anthony's website [www.st-anthonys-academy.com](http://www.st-anthonys-academy.com) Training and Development section.
- **Staff Vacancies** – see academy website [www.st-anthonys-academy.com](http://www.st-anthonys-academy.com) and Schools North-East Jobs Board [www.jobsinschoolsnortheast.com](http://www.jobsinschoolsnortheast.com)
- **Alumni Network** – contact [www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk)



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**'HOPE'**  
**Art Exhibit 2021**

**I. The vision and mission of the Catholic school – summary information.**

The vision of Catholic education.

- *Christ at the centre of every aspect of learning, teaching and school life;*
- *the “common good”;*
- *ecclesial and cultural identity;*
- *and civic and apostolic service.*

The mission of the Catholic education.

- *ensuring a Catholic ethos which is evident and open to all who enter the school;*
- *promoting Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church;*
- *ensuring policies which reflect and embody the teaching of Christ and the Catholic Church;*
- *leadership witness inspired by the image and life of Christ;*
- *to be in communion with the local and universal Church;*
- *to teach religious education which comprehensively and systematically studies the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the lives of the Saints and the relationship between faith and life - all of which is integrated into every aspect*

*of the curriculum and life of the school, and adapted to the age and ability of the student;*

- to express the life of faith in acts of religion and personal and liturgical prayer;*
- to foster conduct and behaviour governed, ordered and guided by the seven cardinal virtues and rooted in Gospel values;*
- to model Gospel values which unite society by promoting a citizenship rooted in a commitment to social justice and the common good;*
- to attend to the spiritual needs of young people as a constant priority;*
- to care for the pastoral and special needs of young people in accordance with Gospel values and the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
- to engender a culture of vocation;*
- and to uphold the dignity of the human person through the maintenance and care of school buildings and, through external and internal symbols and displays, which manifest the centrality of Christ and the Catholic faith.*

## **2.The vision and mission of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust – summary information.**

The Trust vision.

- “As a family of schools inspired by Christ, we aim to enable each individual to fulfil their God given potential. Excellence for everyone through learning, respect and partnership is at the heart of our Trust”.*

The Trust mission.

- “better schools, better communities and better futures in Christ”.*

## **3.The vision and mission of St. Anthony’s Girls’ Catholic Academy – summary information.**

The school vision.

- education which is Christ centred;*
- education which is faith enlightened ie. our Roman Catholic faith underpins our work;*
- education which shows concern for the poor and the education of women and girls;*
- education which builds communities and*
- education which pursues excellence.*

The school mission.

- assist in the church’s mission of making Christ known to all people by providing education which is Christ centred and faith enlightened;*
- assist parents, who are the primary educators of their children, in the education and religious formation of young people;*
- the service of the local Church – the diocese, the parish and the Christian home by building communities;*

- *service to society by pursuing excellence in all aspects of our work.*

We deliver the vision and mission of the Catholic school and community by ensuring:

- *faithfulness and integrity;*
- *dignity and compassion;*
- *humility and gentleness;*
- *truth and justice;*
- *forgiveness and mercy;*
- *purity and holiness;*
- *tolerance and peace;*
- *service and sacrifice.*

Delivering the vision and mission of the Catholic school community involves the whole community, and the wider community, to ensure excellence in our work via

- *a shared mission and vision (mission statement);*
- *faithful stewardship (governance);*
- *personal witness (leadership and management);*
- *communion in the family of the church (partnership and collaboration);*
- *religious literacy (religious education and the whole curriculum);*
- *spiritual life (liturgy and prayer);*
- *encouragement of the potential of every person (a culture of vocation);*
- *the spiritual care of pupils, students and staff (chaplaincy);*
- *the Gospel of life and the dignity of the human person (pastoral care, support and guidance;)*
- *the promotion of justice and peace (charitable outreach);*
- *moral and ethical behaviour (code of conduct);*
- *the learning environment (school buildings and physical signs).*

#### **4.The history of our school – summary information.**

Understanding the ethos of our school requires an understanding of our history. The school was founded by the Sisters of Mercy who had a fundamental commitment to high quality education for girls. The Sisters founded the original one room school in the 1840's. In 1904 the school became known as St. Anthony's. The convent, and the school, were then situated in Green Street in the centre of Sunderland and very near to St. Mary's R.C. Church.

In 1939 the school moved to its current site. During the 1970's St. Anthony's Grammar School became a Direct Grant Comprehensive and later a Voluntary Aided Comprehensive School.



***Students from St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's attend an audience with Pope Francis 2016.***

In 2012 the school became an Academy and in 2014 St. Anthony's became the lead school within Beacon Teaching Alliance. In 2018 trusteeship of the school passed to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust was formed. In 2020 St. Anthony's joined with other schools in the area to form Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, as part of Diocesan re-organisation.

#### **5. Catherine McAuley foundress of the Sisters of Mercy who founded our school.**

Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831. The religious order has always been associated with teaching. She was born in Dublin to James and Elinor McAuley. Her father died in 1783 when she was five and her mother died in 1798. Catherine and her brother James moved in 1803 to live with relatives, the Callaghans. She became the household manager and companion of the Callaghans who were an elderly, childless, wealthy Quaker couple. For twenty years Catherine, a Catholic, gave catechetical instruction to Catholic household servants and Catholic village children. Mrs. Callaghan died in 1819 and when Mr. Callaghan died in 1822, Catherine McAuley became the sole residuary legatee of their estate.



***Catherine McAuley 29<sup>th</sup> September 1778 – 11<sup>th</sup> November 1841***

Catherine inherited a considerable fortune and chose to use it to build a house where she, and other compassionate women, could take in homeless women and children to provide care and education for them. On the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, 24th September 1827, the new institution for destitute women, orphans, and school for the poor were opened and Catherine McAuley, with two companions, undertook its management.



***Catherine McAuley as depicted on the Irish £5 note.***

Catherine never intended to begin a community of religious women. Her initial intention was to assemble a lay corps of Catholic social workers. In the same year the archbishop desired Miss McAuley to choose some name by which the little community might be known, and she chose that of "Sisters of Mercy", as works of mercy were the distinctive features of the sisters. She was desirous that the members should combine the silence and prayer of the Carmelites with the active labour of a Sister of Charity.

Catherine and two other women entered the formation programme of the Presentation Sisters to formally prepare for life as women religious. At the end of their first year the sisters professed vows and returned to the House of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy consider 12<sup>th</sup> December 1831 as their foundation day as a religious community.

A cholera epidemic hit Dublin in 1832, and Catherine agreed to staff a cholera hospital on Townsend Street. The religious "rule" of the Sisters of Mercy was formally confirmed by Pope Gregory XVI on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1841. Catherine lived only ten years as a Sister of Mercy, dying of tuberculosis on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1841 at the House of Mercy in Baggot Street, Dublin.

At the time of her death there were one hundred Sisters of Mercy in ten foundations. Shortly thereafter, small groups of Sisters left Ireland to establish new foundations in the United States, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina and the UK.

In 1843 Sisters of Mercy, from the convent in Cork, arrived in Sunderland to carry out works of mercy in the city. The statue of Our Lady of Mercy which they brought with them still resides in Oaklea, Convent of Mercy. At the behest of Canon Kearney, Parish Priest of St. Mary's, they founded a convent and school in Green Street. In 1904 that school became St. Anthony's. In 1939 the sisters moved the school to its current site. Some of the original glass from the Green Street Convent Chapel was incorporated into the design of the altar and chapel furniture in St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy new chapel when the "new" school was opened 2017. Our school still holds, at its core, the history and ethos of Mercy.

Total worldwide vowed membership within the Sisters of Mercy is about 10,000. The Mercy International Centre at Baggot Street, in Dublin, is the international

"home" of the Sisters of Mercy worldwide. The sisters, as such a large world-wide organization, have representation at the U.N. In 1978, the cause for the beatification of Catherine McAuley was opened by Pope Paul VI. In 1990, upon recognition of her heroic virtues, Pope John Paul II declared her *Venerable*.

### **5. Catholic Life, Collective Worship and Curriculum RE – summary information from our school Diocesan Inspection Report (2018).**

#### *Overview.*

St. Anthony's is currently outstanding in their overall effectiveness, securing the highest judgements in every category: Catholic Life, Collective Worship and Religious Education. Our Catholic ethos and mission to provide exemplary Catholic education underpins everything that we do; Gospel values are central to our work and we are inspired by Christ to serve others. A strong sense of community is evident in the school and leaders at all levels lead by example, supporting all on their faith journeys, helping to create communities which are inclusive and respectful, warm and welcoming. Collective worship is outstanding in the academy as we provide many and varied opportunities for prayer, reflection and worship. These include quality liturgical experiences, assemblies, Masses and retreats. Students are involved in a range of ministries and are enthusiastic participants, responding willingly, reverently and with confidence. Our Catholic ethos is further enhanced through our strong links with our former trustees (the Sisters of Mercy), local parishes and partnerships. The quality of Religious Education is outstanding, providing challenging and imaginative programmes to maximise learning opportunities. Staff strive for excellence and students enjoy their learning, motivated to achieve well and develop spiritually by putting their faith into action in their daily lives.

#### *St Anthony's Diocesan Inspection Report: June 2018.*

The mission of this Mercy school permeates all aspects of school life. The focus on concern for the poor and the education of women and girls is paramount. The foundations laid by the Sisters of Mercy are lived out in this inspiring community. Collective Worship is outstanding. The response of pupils, staff and governors is profound and deeply rooted in faith. A wide range of worshipping opportunities are prepared and delivered including liturgies, assemblies and Masses.

The Catholic Life of the school is outstanding. The strong sense of belonging, so passionately proclaimed by every member of this community, is overwhelming. It is in the quality of relationships that a deep sense of spirituality is evident. Tolerance and respect for all ensures that almost all pupils thrive and are confident in their spiritual, emotional and intellectual growth.

Religious Education is outstanding. The newly in post subject leader has led substantial improvements throughout the department with a significant impact on outcomes. Pupils enjoy Religious Education and make very good progress in a subject they enjoy.



## **6. Partnership.**

*We aim to achieve the holistic development of the young person in our outward facing community which welcomes people of all faiths and none. We have established links with many organizations who we work with to deliver excellence in all aspects of provision.*

### **a) City-wide partnership:**

#### **i) Monkswearmouth Catholic Partnership:**

2 secondary schools:

- St. Aidan's
- St. Anthony's

9 primary schools:

- St. Mary's - Meadowside
- St. Joseph's - Millfield
- St. Leonard's - Silksworth
- St. Patrick's - Ryhope
- St. Cuthbert's - Grindon
- St. Anne's - Pennywell
- St. Benet's - Fulwell
- English Martyrs - Red House
- St. John Bosco - Town End Farm

ii) City of Sunderland Secondary Headteachers' and other local authority meetings, forums etc.

### **b) Regional partnership:**

i) Carmel ITT (Initial Teacher Training) Partnership, Teach First ECF (Early Career Framework) Partnership, Tees Valley Teaching School Hub Partnership and Schools North-East, One Vision Project.

We are a lead school in the Carmel Teacher Training Partnership for Initial Teacher Training and have trained well over 100 student teachers during the last three years. We are also partners with Teach First for the delivery of the Early Career Framework (for those in their first and second year of training) as part of a Trust - wide initiative.

St. Anthony's was awarded Teaching School status in September 2014. This involved the academy in leading Beacon Teaching School Alliance and providing:

- Initial Teacher Training
- Continuing Professional Development
- School to School Support
- Research and Development

In 2021 existing Teaching School arrangements were re-configured to form regional "hubs". St. Anthony's, and the Teaching Schools within Bishop Chadwick Catholic

Education Trust, are now working as of 01.09.2021 with the Tees Valley Teaching School Hub which is based at St. John Vianney School, Hartlepool. The academy is involved in the One Vision Project (working with another academy in the region) and a Transition Project working across two trusts.

ii) Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

All diocesan schools will soon be part of four large Trusts.

- Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust (north of the diocese)
- Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust (south of the diocese)
- Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (east of the diocese)
- Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust (west of the diocese)

Our trust, Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, currently consists of twelve primary schools and five secondary schools with diocesan plans for over thirty schools to eventually join the trust.

The 17 schools in the Trust (as of September 2021).

Secondary schools (5).

- St. Aidan's Catholic Academy, Sunderland – Mr. G. Sanderson, Headteacher.
- St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy, Sunderland – Mrs. M. Shepherd, Headteacher (and Trust lead for Ethos and Teacher Early Career Framework).
- St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn – Mr. P. Mitchell, Headteacher.
- St. Wilfrid's R.C. College, South Shields – Mrs. F. Craik Headteacher and Acting Executive Headteacher of St. Wilfrid's and St. Bede's.
- St. Bede's Catholic School and Byron Sixth Form College – Mrs. F. Craik Acting Headteacher and Acting Executive Headteacher of St. Wilfrid's and St. Bede's.

Primary schools (12).

- St. Godric's Catholic Primary School, Thornley – Mrs. J. Hill, Executive Headteacher.
- Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, Peterlee – Mrs. M. Graham, Acting Executive Headteacher.
- St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow – Mrs. A. Tumelty, Acting Head of School (Mrs. M. Graham, Acting Executive Headteacher).
- St Mary's Catholic Primary, Wingate – Mrs. J. Hill, Executive Headteacher.
- St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Jarrow – Mr. P. Craig Headteacher.
- St. Leonard's Catholic Primary School Silksworth – Mrs. S. Robertson Headteacher
- St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Ryhope – Mr. G. Kelly Headteacher
- St. Aloysius Catholic Junior School Hebburn – Ms. K. Fenwick Federation Acting Headteacher
- St. Aloysius Catholic Infant School Hebburn – Ms. K. Fenwick Federation Acting Headteacher
- St. Bede's Catholic Primary School South Shields – Mrs. C. Devine Acting Headteacher
- St. Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School South Shields – Ms. M. Butt Headteacher

- St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Seaham – Ms. Nicola Noble Headteacher

ii) Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle:

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle web site: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

Education Service Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle; [www.edursdhn.org.uk](http://www.edursdhn.org.uk)

Diocesan Director: Mrs. Deborah Fox.

iii) Diocesan Youth Village/Diocesan YMT (Youth Ministry Team).

[www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org)

iv) Schools North-East.

[info@schoolsnortheast.com](mailto:info@schoolsnortheast.com)

A forum consisting of schools of all types across the North-East of England. The Headteacher is a Board member of Schools North-East. The school is a Partner School and the Trust is a Partner MAT. Staff at all levels are involved in training events and initiatives across the region and beyond as part of this well- established network which has engaged with over 1,000 N.E. schools, across all sectors and phases, during last academic year.

v) Local, national and international universities.

The school has connections with universities across the country and in particular very strong links with our five local universities and links with the UK universities:

- University of Sunderland;
- Durham University;
- University of Newcastle;
- University of Northumbria and
- University of Teesside.

Girls annually travel to over thirty universities to study over thirty different subjects. Girls have occasionally undertaken academic and sporting scholarships to the USA eg. Bryn Mawr to study languages. A small number of particularly able students will also annually apply to Oxbridge and very prestigious courses in a whole host of other universities which require the highest grades.

#### **c) National partnership linked to ethos:**

- CATSC (Catholic Association of Teachers, Schools and Colleges) : [www.catsc.org.uk](http://www.catsc.org.uk)
- CESEW (Catholic Education Service England and Wales): [www.cesew.org.uk](http://www.cesew.org.uk)
- Links via the Diocesan YMT (Youth Ministry Team) to CYMFED (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation): [www.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.cymfed.org.uk)

#### **d) International partnership:**

- Sweden (2003 - present) University of Linnaeus ITT - training for Swedish ITT students, lecturing in Vaxjo and Kalmar, staff training for staff from schools in southern Sweden etc.
- Swaziland (2007 - present) Manzini Youth Care - Child centred practice, literacy, PHSE, charitable fundraising and project delivery for the Salesians in Swaziland (Southern African Province).

- India (2010 - present) British Council funded project KVKV School Rajkot and Panshil School Rajkot - education, annual staff and student exchanges and cultural links.
- China (2011 - present) – languages, Mandarin Club, , Daquin Language School Exchange and No.69 Middle School Harbin link.
- France and Spain - the school also has established links, and has undertaken exchange visits, with schools for many years.



***Blessing upon St. Anthony's Academy (14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 )***

This blessing was written by a pupil to commemorate the opening of our new facilities by our past student, the Right Honourable Lady Justice Kathryn Thirlwall D.B.E.

Bless this school,  
and those who built it,  
for the education  
of our young people.

Bless our students, staff,  
parents, governors,  
parishioners and all who promote  
education in our community.

May this school always be  
a home of mercy and goodwill,  
so that together we can build  
your kingdom of mercy,  
justice and peace.  
Amen.

