

**What care, guidance and support is available at St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy to ensure the overall wellbeing of my child?**

The emotional health and well being of all of our pupils is very important to us. We have a well established pastoral team who know our children well. We have robust policies in place to ensure that all pupils feel safe and understand what is expected of them in terms of their behaviour within the academy. We are an inclusive, caring community and we believe that all children should be valued equally. We strive to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to develop an environment where all children can flourish and feel included. On entry to the academy each child will be placed into a Tutor Group. They will usually remain in this tutor group from Years 7-11. The Form Tutor is an important part of the pastoral team. Daily contact with the Form Tutor along with regular progress reviews by subject teachers; ensure careful monitoring of each student's achievements. The PHSE curriculum includes issues of disability, difference and valuing diversity. Topics covered in assemblies address issues of disability and may include talks from visiting speakers e.g. the Police Force. The library resources are regularly reviewed, to ensure that they include books that reflect a range of special educational needs issues and come from a disability equality perspective. Priority is given to the ordering of books with positive images and a positive portrayal of a wide range of people. Great importance is placed upon the awareness of individual needs and social development. Every student is issued with a personal planner. This is used to communicate between home and school. We ask our parents/carers to provide us with all essential information and an emergency contact number. If you provide us with an email address and mobile number you can also receive messages when key information has to be given out. We can also keep you up to date with reminders about important events.