



Thomas Becket Catholic School – Prospectus

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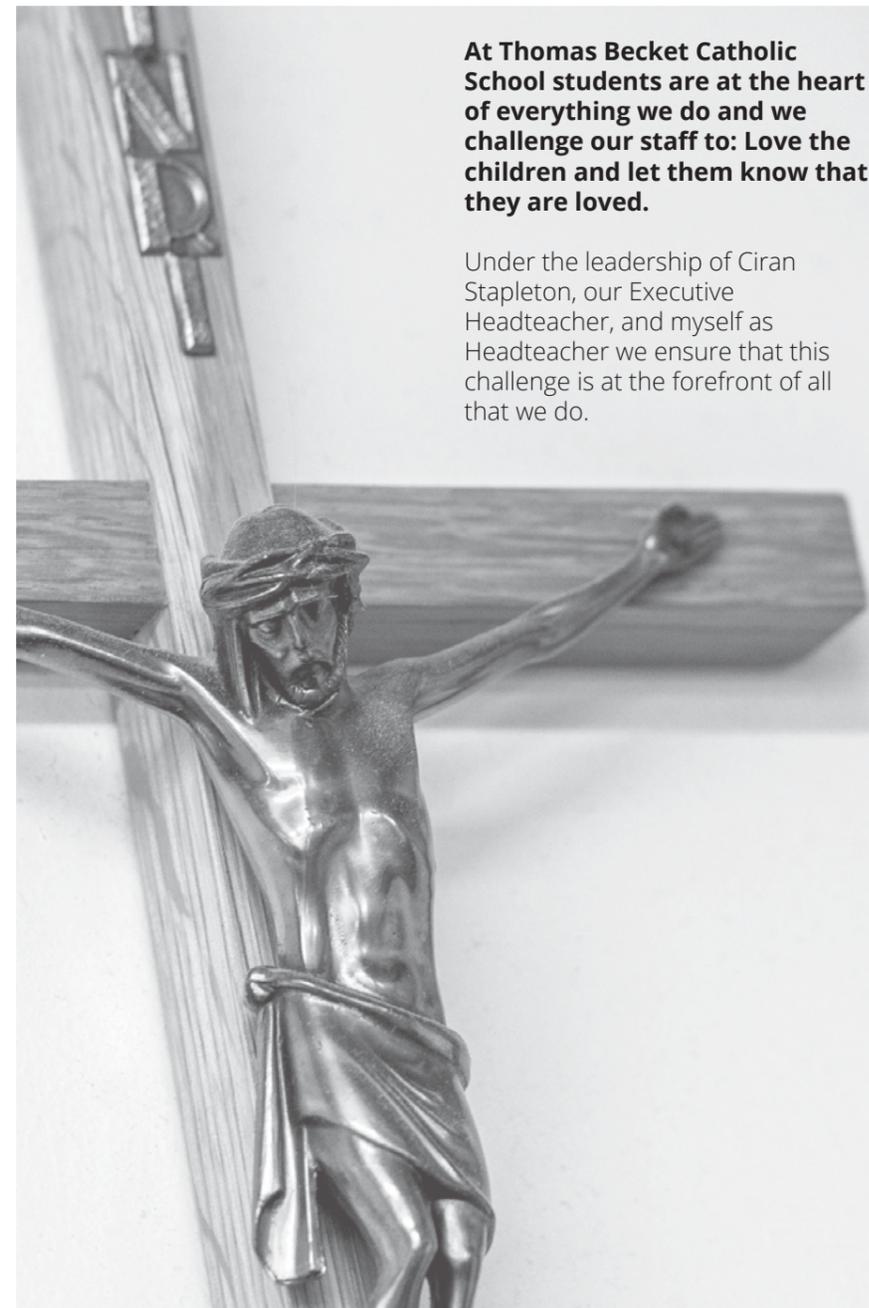
Thomas Becket Catholic School is a good Catholic school. An energetic and committed headteacher and senior leaders are effectively re-establishing a strong Catholic ethos where 'Christ's Love is our Foundation'.

Diocese of Northampton, Inspection of Denominational Character and Religious Education, July 2019

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Welcome to Thomas Becket Catholic School, a Catholic, listening and learning community.



At Thomas Becket Catholic School students are at the heart of everything we do and we challenge our staff to: Love the children and let them know that they are loved.

Under the leadership of Ciran Stapleton, our Executive Headteacher, and myself as Headteacher we ensure that this challenge is at the forefront of all that we do.

Whether it is striving for caring relationships with the students, planning exciting lessons that enthuse and inspire or providing feedback to support learning, we set the highest possible standards to allow students to fully realise their gifts and talents.

At Thomas Becket we are keen to listen to feedback from staff, students and parents to build a truly extraordinary school. We believe that by working collaboratively we can help all learners in our community to be happy and successful, as we push them to become outstanding young people and to achieve the best possible future for themselves and their loved ones.

This is an exciting time to be joining our wonderful school community. Over the last few years we have been on a journey of rapid improvement, we are incredibly proud to be rated 'GOOD' by the Diocese of Northampton and have introduced a range of exciting new opportunities for our students. We very much look forward to what the future holds and would be delighted to welcome you.

Mark McLaughlin
Headteacher

“Senior leaders have a clear vision for the school to be inclusive and successful...[they] have established a positive ethos founded on the values of faith, justice, compassion, truth and respect.”

Ofsted, March 2019

Vision & Mission

Christ's Love is our Foundation

Our School Vision is to create:

A Catholic Community.

Christ's presence comes through us - we have to love these students but more importantly pupils should know we love them. It follows that, therefore, we are creating:

A Learning Community.

Learning is at the heart of what we do. We want our school to be a place where outstanding learning takes place. The students learn, the parents learn and the staff learn. As professionals we are responsible for setting the culture and the climate, this learning culture is down to us. We want to be the best school we can possibly be which means - the best in the country.

A Listening Community.

St Thomas was the man who listened to his conscience - we listen to the students, the parents, each other. If we listen hard enough to them we will know how to move forward.

Our Core Values are:



Learning with Us

Studying at Thomas Becket Catholic School provides an enthusing and inspiring education that helps students to develop the skills they need to become independent learners.

Our mission is to create curious, resilient, determined lifelong learners who don't view the world as it is but as it might be. We aim to develop learners who are prepared for life in a world characterised by change, who can thrive as part of a school community which extends beyond the school gate.

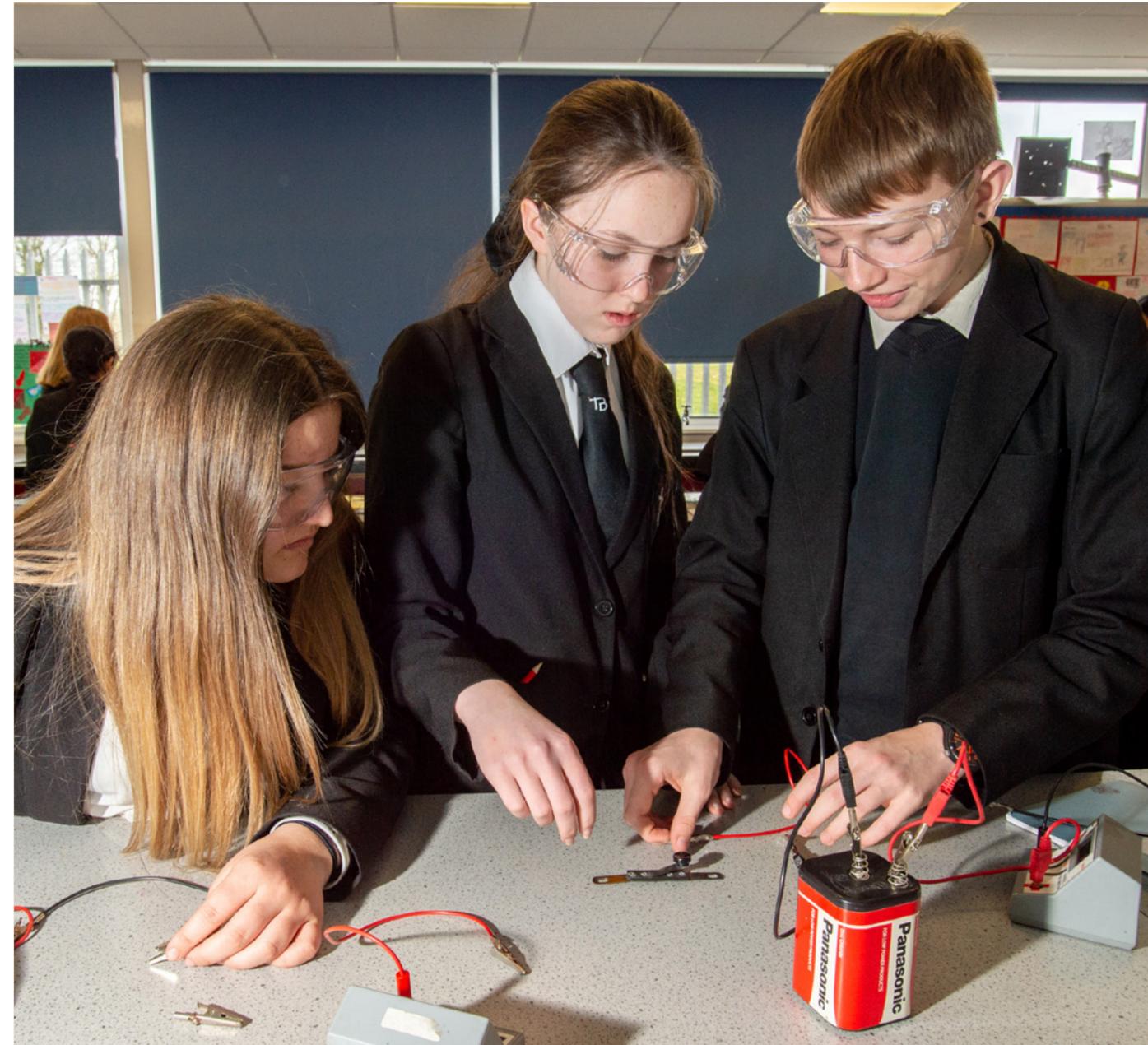
As a proud Catholic School, daily worship is a key feature of life here and students also benefit from opportunities to explore their faith in many ways. It is this ethos that guides us and contributes significantly to the academic and personal development of our students.

At Thomas Becket, the way we teach is just as important as what we teach. We work hard to provide a variety of teaching approaches to maintain interest and motivation, making learning enjoyable and successful for all our students.

For all courses, we try to make learning active, practical and relevant, teaching students in whole classes, small groups or individually to suit the particular tasks they are working on.

As well as encouraging independent learning we also make sure our students learn well as part of a team. We encourage students to take part in a range of extra-curricular activities including competitive sports that help them to develop their ability to succeed in a team environment.

We work hard to create a friendly and welcoming school atmosphere. We want students to develop a determination to achieve to the best of their ability. You can rest assured that each and every one of our students are given the time and support to reach their full potential.



“The practice of prayer and worship...has created a real community where teaching and learning can flourish and individuals realise their potential.”

Diocese of Northampton, Inspection of
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Nurturing Potential

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Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development are supported through the school's values. Charity events and links with the local community are beginning to add to pupils' experiences and learning.



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You'll experience a happy atmosphere at Thomas Becket in which the dignity and worth of each pupil and member of staff is recognised, developed and safeguarded.

Our school is recognised for its atmosphere of welcome where all feel at home in a sense of safety and belonging.

Inclusion

Thomas Becket Catholic School is an inclusive school that endeavours to achieve maximum inclusion of all our learners, regardless of their learning needs.

Senior leaders, middle and pastoral leaders and subject teachers are all responsible for providing differentiated learning opportunities for all learners within the school. Learners identified as having a disability or a special educational need, either upon entry or during their time at Thomas Becket, will receive additional learning support and will have a 'Pupil Passport' put in place to support their individual needs and requirements.

Outstanding Opportunities

Thomas Becket has a strong tradition of extra-curricular activities designed to ensure every child has the chance to develop lifelong skills applicable outside the classroom. Every child participates in at least one extra-curricular activity over the year. Sport, art and the performing arts are just some of the opportunities on offer and the school has a reputation of excellence for its theatre productions.

Students have access to a wide range of activities from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, theatre trips to London, guitar clubs and choirs, right through to modern dance competitions.



Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

We believe that providing high quality careers education and guidance is an integral part of every student's education.

At our school, we seek to ensure that the provision is appropriate to the age, stage, ability and educational needs of every individual and is underpinned by equality of opportunity.

Through our provision, we aim to:

- Raise student achievement
- Support inclusion and promote equality of opportunity
- Encourage participation in lifelong learning, including further and higher education
- Develop enterprise and employability skills
- Encourage students to contribute positively to their communities

Our Sixth Form



The Sixth Form at Thomas Becket Catholic School offers fantastic opportunities for our students to build their skills for the future, enabling them to gain qualifications and experiences that will support them to access university, further education and careers of their choice.

We offer a range of academic and practical courses, which lead to A Level or BTEC qualifications. There is also a comprehensive tutorial programme that offers guidance for students in study skills, vocational and careers advice, financial management and higher education.

In addition, we offer a PSHE programme which includes individual and group information, advice and guidance, support with Personal Statements, interview practice and visits to universities and workplaces. Every year our students attend the annual UCAS convention providing the chance to gain first hand professional advice from university course tutors. Students can also access Sixth Form "surgeries" where the Director of Study provides 1:1 support and individual action planning.

Our students are actively encouraged to participate and contribute to all aspects of school life. All of our Sixth Form students opt for enrichment activities, such as Sports Leader Awards which further enhance their all-round education and equips them for their future pathways.

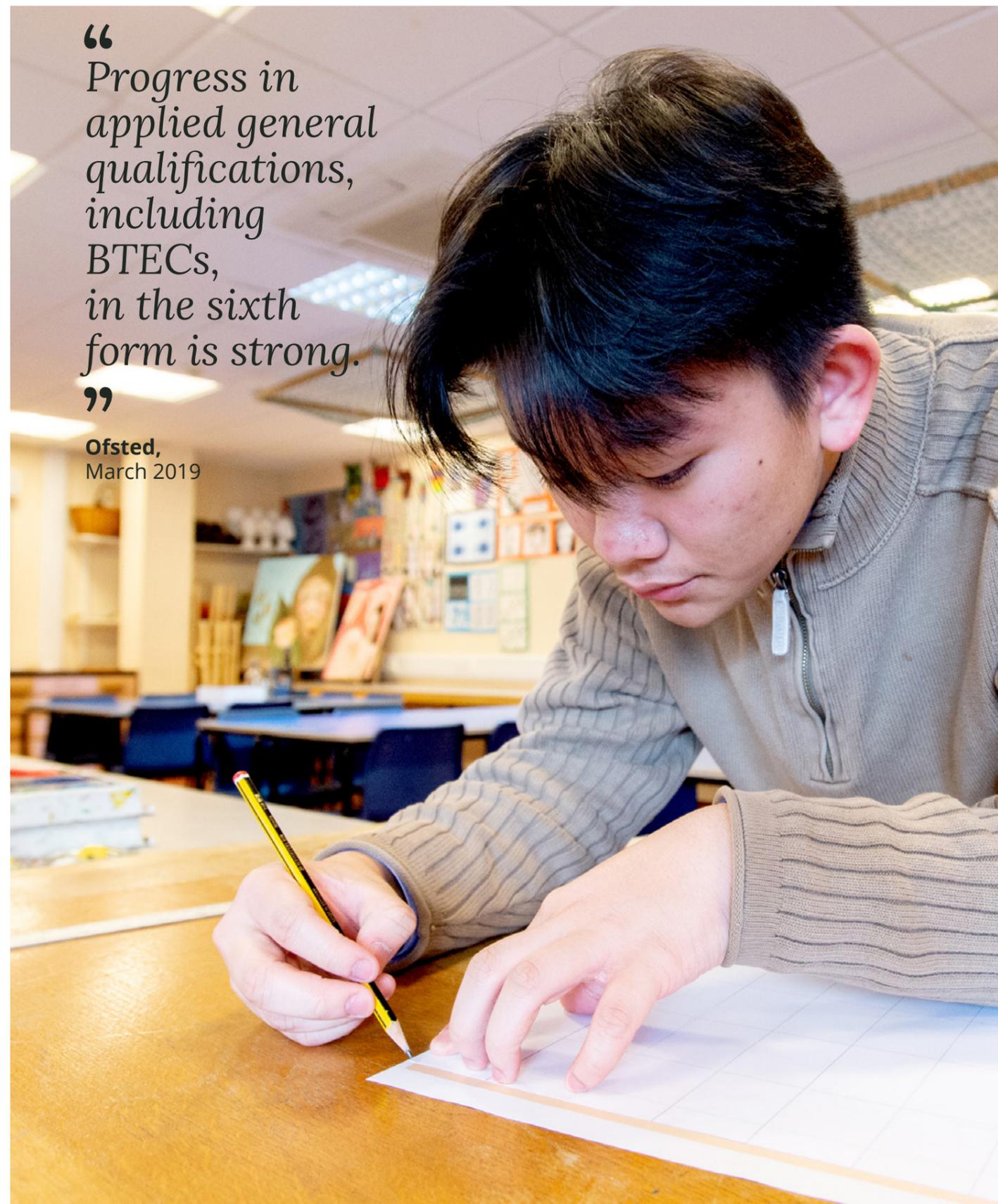
There are many other leadership opportunities open to our Sixth form students, including becoming student ambassadors, supporting whole school events and taking part in community work. Many of our student leaders also work alongside teachers in order to mentor Key Stage 3 and 4 students, acting as 'role models' in our school and wider community.

“*Students are well supported in their move to the next stages of education, training or employment. In 2018, all students who applied to higher education institutions gained places at their first choice of university.*”

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“*Progress in applied general qualifications, including BTECs, in the sixth form is strong.*”

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If you would like to find out more about our school community please contact us:

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We look forward to welcoming you!

