



Profile of St John Bosco Arts College

St John Bosco Arts College was opened in September 1983, following the reorganisation of the Catholic Schools in Liverpool. It is a Roman Catholic Comprehensive, with 900 students from 11-18 years. There are 165 students in the Sixth Form. The Salesian Sisters are the Trustees of the College. In September 2004 the school was designated as an Arts College with specific emphasis on the Visual and Performing Arts. We also became a National Teaching School in March 2013.

In November 2016 the school has received a 'Good' grading from Ofsted:

'Pupils show positive attitudes to learning in their lessons and relationships between pupils and their teachers are purposeful. Pupils' behaviour in lessons is good because teachers have clear routines in place to support pupils' learning. Pupils take pride in their work and follow the school's writing policy. They are keen to do well and are proud of the work they complete in their books. Teachers have secure subject knowledge for the age groups they teach and most have high expectations.'

'Homework is a key strength in the school. Pupils value the homework that they are set because it is relevant and extends their learning effectively. Pupils particularly value homework that is personalised to their individual needs.'

'Pupils collaborate well. They are keen to engage in mature discussions about the topics being studied and are provided with plentiful opportunities to develop their communication skills. In the main, teachers support pupils to develop a deep understanding of the key terminology required to make good progress in the subject being studied.'

'Teachers routinely promote diversity and challenge stereotypes. They model the school's values and promote a respectful learning environment.'

'Pupils' books show that over time most pupils make good progress in relation to their starting points.'

A new building with state of the art facilities opened in September 2014. There is also a 3G pitch which opened in September 2016.

The college has two Deputy Headteachers, one Teaching School Director, one Business Manager and four Assistant Headteachers who, with the Headteacher, form the Leadership Team. All staff, teaching and support, form an integral part of the college community and have a major role in the education of the students.

A strong pastoral system exists, with Form Tutors and Pupil Progress Co-ordinators. The College's aim is to work towards the total development of each student, educating them to act as responsible Christian members of the community and this is an essential element of the Salesian ethos of the college. This Salesian ethos, based on the teaching of St John Bosco, is a very strong feature of the college.

Over the years the reputation as a caring and achieving college has grown.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this ethos.

Our school is committed to safeguarding children and has safer recruitment procedures in keeping with DFE statutory guidance. All posts are subject to all the required DFE pre-employment checks being completed including an Enhanced DBS Certificate [including a Children's Barred List Check]. Our recruitment pack contains key safeguarding policies including our code of conduct for staff and volunteers which everyone must adhere to.