

St Anne's Catholic School for Girls 11-18

Prospectus





Stained glass window depicting St Anne with Mary in St Anne's Catholic School Performing Arts Centre.

Welcome

St Anne's is an outstanding state comprehensive school with a strong moral purpose – to work together to strive to be the best we can be.

When your daughter arrives with us, she is 11 years old with an enthusiasm for learning and a palpable willingness to achieve her best. We strive at St Anne's to capture this purpose and nurture, support and challenge your daughter to achieve even more than she thought possible.

The combination of our Catholic ethos, girls' school status at Key Stages 3 and 4 and our mixed Sixth Form College make us hard to beat as the best place to educate the region's girls from 11 to 18. The achievements of our girls are outstanding and we are convinced that if you decide this is the right place for your daughter, she will blossom and enjoy both the challenges and the security that this environment will give her.

In March 2016 Ofsted Inspectors recognised that St Anne's is '... a warm and caring community where pupils flourish' and that 'Pupils are happy at St Anne's'.

Many visitors remark on the positive, happy atmosphere and the warmth of the welcome at St Anne's. When you visit us we hope you will see why pupils and staff look forward to coming to school every day.

This prospectus together with our website and recent Ofsted report, will give you a glimpse of the distinctive experience St Anne's offers.

If you would like to know more please arrange to visit us in action, you will be most welcome.

Lyn Bourne Executive Headteacher

James Rouse Head of School



Strong Foundations

Catholic School

First and foremost we are a Catholic school with a strong Christian ethos based on the gospel values of: Love; Hope; Faith; Justice; Acceptance and Reconciliation.

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

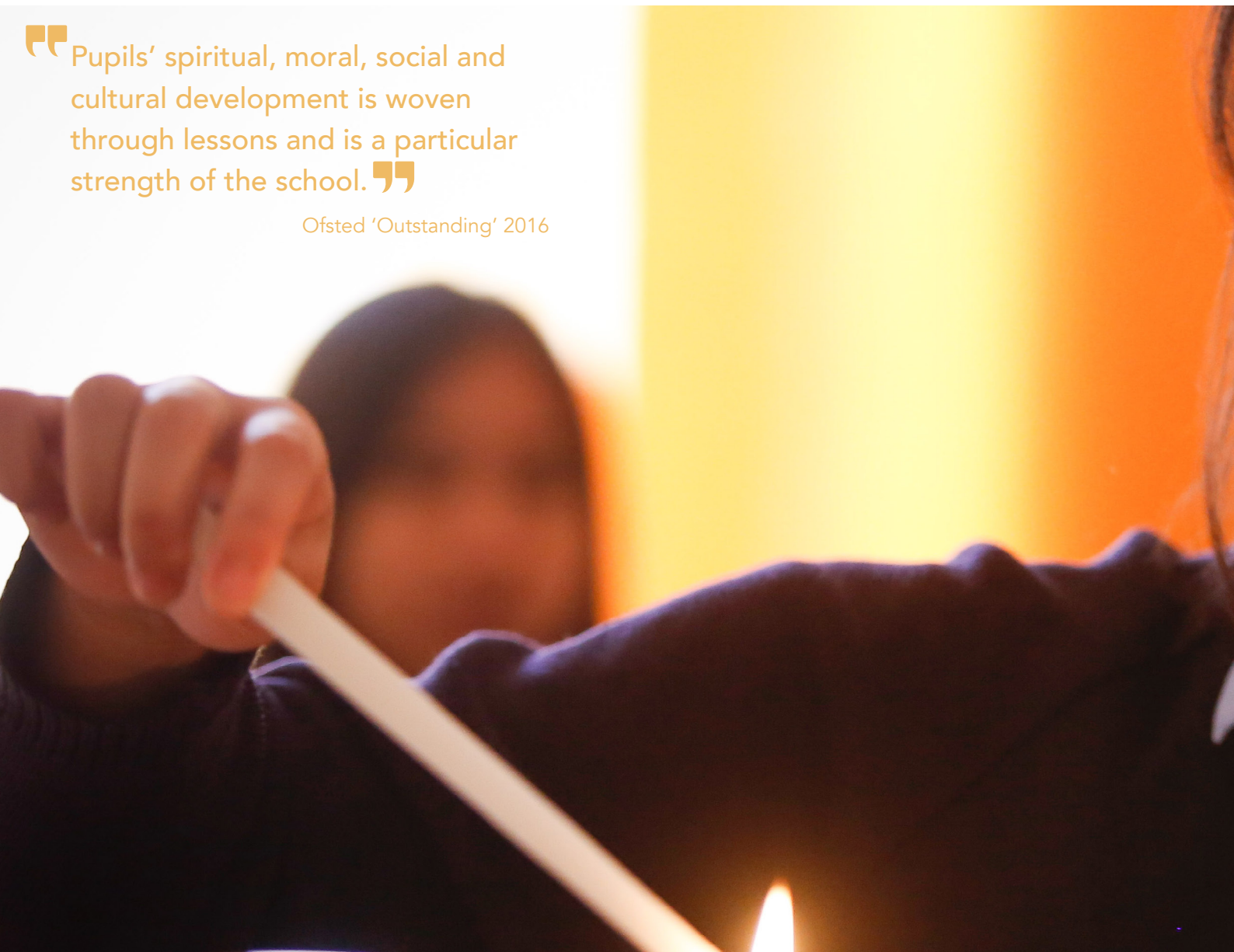
St Anne's is in the Diocese of Portsmouth working in partnership with our local Parishes and partner Catholic primary schools to provide continuing Catholic education for girls until they are 18.

Christian Ethos

Our Christian ethos underpins everything we do and is embedded in all aspects of school life to enable us to educate the whole person, head, heart and hands. This strong foundation provides us with our moral purpose - to work together to strive to be the best that we can be in our inclusive, richly diverse community where we are united by our shared values and not divided by our differences.

“Pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is woven through lessons and is a particular strength of the school.”

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La Sainte Union

St Anne's was founded by the Sisters belonging to the La Sainte Union order and has been in existence for over 100 years. The Sisters arrived in Southampton early in 1881 and opened an exclusive school for girls in Archer's Lodge. However, it was not until 1904 that a teacher-training college and a school was opened on the corner of Rockstone Place and Carlton Crescent and named St Anne's Secondary Day School.

On St Anne's Golden Jubilee in 1954 the then Bishop of Portsmouth, Archbishop John Henry King said: "The school has grown and grown, but it is still young. The glory behind it is nothing compared with the glory that is to come."

We believe those words, spoken over 50 years ago, still hold true today, and we are committed to, and excited about, ensuring St Anne's remains a world-class school for the coming century.

The sisters of La Sainte Union remain involved with the school today as our Trustees and St Anne's is one of a family of four LSU schools for girls in the United Kingdom. Our three partner schools are:

La Sainte Union Catholic School in Highgate,
London
Grays Convent High School in Grays, Essex
St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in
Bexleyheath, Kent



Girls with Dreams become...

“**St Anne’s gave me the best start in life and allowed me to express my personality and views in a positive and safe environment. The experiences I had at St Anne’s will live with me forever.**”

Alumna

“**Successes are celebrated whilst further challenges are always encouraged, girls are truly nurtured and inspired to be the best that they can possibly be.**”

Parent

St Anne’s provides a distinctive experience for the region’s girls.

Our girls are the successful women of the future in the making. We work together at St Anne’s to nurture and inspire our girls with dreams, to become young women with vision.

All of the research shows that being in an all girls’ setting provides girls a certain level of comfort that helps them to develop greater self-confidence and broader interests, especially as they approach adolescence.

Girls’ schools create opportunities for appropriate educational risk taking, where girls are more likely to push themselves out of their comfort zone to achieve the highest standards and levels of progress.



A St Annian from 11 to 18

St Anne's is a state funded 11 to 18 comprehensive academy. Girls come to St Anne's from a wide geographical area and a wide variety of backgrounds. This makes for a rich and diverse community with boundless opportunities to learn from each other and work collaboratively together, from when you leave primary school to when you are ready for university or the first steps in your new career.

A St Annian for Life

All St Anne's girls are invited to become active members of our Alumni Association. Past pupils visit St Anne's regularly to inspire students by sharing their life journey since attending St Anne's. These presentations help students to see new possibilities and encourage them to shape their own futures.

“The school is a warm and caring community where pupils flourish.”

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“No one, teachers or pupils, ever thought that we couldn't succeed at anything because we were female, or conversely that we were better than boys.”

Alumna

...Young Women with Vision



Rich Partnerships

Partner Primary schools

Girls join St Anne's from over 50 primary schools in a wide geographical area covering the New Forest, Southampton, Romsey, Eastleigh, Winchester, Fareham, The Isle of Wight and beyond.

Our Primary Liaison Team work with pupils on collaborative projects in many of our partner schools either at St Anne's or in their own classrooms, and families are welcomed into St Anne's for the Open Events in the Summer and Autumn Terms to see the school in action.

Parents and Friends Association

When your child joins St Anne's we enter into a partnership, therefore everyone in our school community is a member of the PFA and all are welcome to take part. Your contribution could be to join the 500 club, donate a raffle prize, join the committee or give some time to help at an event. The PFA raises money to ensure our girls have an enriched experience. Projects supported by the PFA include the creation of the Performing Arts Centre and the purchase of a school mini bus.

Southampton University

St Anne's has a strong relationship with Southampton University which provides our girls with a unique connection to a world class Russell Group University. Pupils at Key Stages 3 and 4 take part in the Junior University and our innovative SURE programme enables staff and students across the school, but particularly in the Sixth Form, to have the opportunity to experience university life at first hand.

Southampton City Schools, Portsmouth Diocese Schools and LSU Schools

St Anne's staff play an active part in networks of schools and colleges where we share good practice and make valuable links to improve provision for students and staff.

Wider Community

St Anne's students make a valuable contribution to our local community through activities such as our Christmas Party for Pensioners, Christmas boxes for the Médaille Community and musical performances to local groups. Students are also encouraged to reflect on the needs of people nationally and across the world during assemblies, in tutor time and within the curriculum.



“ There is no doubt that attending St Anne's set me up for the life I live today, empowering me to work and succeed in a majority male dominant industry whilst being a good Samaritan and giving back to the local community through several volunteering positions. ”

Alumna



Learning for Life

Curriculum

St Anne's offers a rich and varied curriculum to meet the needs of each individual. We work in partnership with our linked primary schools and universities to ensure we build on the foundations laid and prepare our students well for their next steps in life.

Key Stage 3

All pupils follow a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development woven throughout all courses. Every pupil is able to pursue excellence through a learning journey that best suits her needs, aspirations and abilities and develops a life-long love of learning.

Key Stage 4

In Years 10 and 11 pupils build on this experience and continue with the core subjects of English Language, English Literature, Maths, RE and Science together with additional option subjects chosen from an extensive list of Humanities, Arts, Languages, PE, Computing, Design and Technical subjects. All pupils study a PSHE curriculum through dedicated time in tutor groups and have PE lessons for general fitness throughout Years 10 and 11.

Sixth Form

St Anne's Sixth Form College offers something different for the students of the Southampton area. It is a college where boys and girls can study AS levels, A levels and Technical courses in a small and friendly community and supportive environment. Students from across the city and beyond join St Anne's girls as the eldest students in our 11 – 18 school acting as role models and taking the lead in a range of activities across the school. Sixth Formers take part in regular enrichment activities and the opportunity to volunteer and lead charity work is particularly valued.



“ Teaching, learning and assessment across the school is of very high quality; much is outstanding, including in the sixth form. ”

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“ Leaders and teachers have imparted the pupils with a very strong work ethic, a love of learning and a desire to excel. ”

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“ At St Anne’s I have tried to incorporate as much of the school ethos as possible, and the community and encouragement of the school has given me opportunities I never imagined on the first day in Year 7. ”

Year 11 Student



“ Pupils are happy at St Anne’s Catholic School. ”

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Extended Curriculum

St Anne's has a wide range of activities that our students can get involved in outside of lesson time. Whether you're musical, sporty, artistic, or simply need a bit of support with your homework, there's something for everyone. We expect all students to get involved with at least one extra-curricular activity a week.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There are clubs led by senior students, teachers and support staff ranging from choirs to debating and netball. We have a strong Duke of Edinburgh Award programme for Years 10 and 12 and we encourage students to become involved in our major Dance and Drama productions each year.

Student Leadership

At St Anne's girls are given a wide range of opportunities to develop their leadership skills, from Form Captains, to Chaplaincy Reps and Head Girls.

Friday Futures

All students are invited to attend our regular Friday Futures events where past pupils and members of the business community speak to students about their experiences and invite questions. The sessions are always vibrant with many girls inspired to find out more.

Work Experience

In Year 11 all students have the opportunity to experience the world of work in a wide variety of contexts including Law, Teaching, Medicine, Tourism and Retail.



Charity Work

Over the course of each year we support a wide range of charities: international, national and local. We believe it is very important that our young people learn about which causes inspire them to act. Leadership opportunities are available when students reach our Sixth Form and members of our CAFOD Young Leaders' Programme feel that they make a difference. Most of all we teach the whole school community that it is alright to have fun while contributing any or all of our time, talents and treasures.

Sixth Form Enrichment Programme

Students in the Sixth Form have time on their timetable per week dedicated to enrichment activities, giving them the opportunity to undertake voluntary work either within the St Anne's community or elsewhere in the city. We feel it is important to give students time within their busy A level timetable to gain experience that is invaluable for their CV and university applications, but also to give them time for personal development to gain skills, increase confidence and improve their well-being.

Living Life to the Full

What do they say

“

I have never enjoyed working in a school as much as this one, we are a proud team at every level.”

Staff Survey, Ofsted
'Outstanding' 2016

“

... a warm and caring community where pupils flourish.”

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Pupils value the respect they are shown and the many opportunities to get involved in the life of the school.”

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The staff are dedicated, caring and sensitive and provide good role models. The children are happy and secure. What more could I ask?”

Parent

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This has been the best year. I've had so many opportunities to show who I am and what I can do.”

Student



about St Anne's?



“ I would highly recommend St Anne's Sixth Form as it's a perfect bridge between GCSEs and university study. ”
Alumna

“ St Anne's is like a second family to me; I've met life-long friends and always feel so supported. ”
Student

“ Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school. ”

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“ Outcomes are outstanding. ”
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“ Staying at St Anne's was the best decision we made. She has thrived on the challenges and opportunities this year. The small classes, individual attention and outstanding teaching have made her Sixth Form experience exceptional. She feels she belongs to a very special place. ”

Parent



Applying for Admission to St Anne's

St Anne's Admissions Policies for entry into Year 7 and the Sixth Form are available on the school website. St Anne's is a harmonious, diverse community united by our shared values. All parents are welcome to apply and be considered for a place for their daughter in Year 7 and their son or daughter in Year 12.

Admission to Year 7

St Anne's is a Catholic school committed to teaching the Christian faith and to providing an excellent education for all the girls in our care, founded on the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. By seeking a place for their daughter at St Anne's, parents commit to supporting the Catholic ethos of the school and confirm they wish their daughter to have a Christian education celebrating Gospel values.

Admission to Year 12

We are thrilled that a high percentage of our sixth formers are girls who have been with us from Year 7, however, we warmly welcome applications from girls and boys attending other schools and colleges in Year 11 to join our mixed Sixth Form College.

“ Leaders do not just ensure that all pupils make rapid progress academically, they develop pupils' love of learning and make sure they are well cared for. ”

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“ Thank you for seeing the potential in me that I was unable to see when you appointed me as Head Girl – an opportunity which has helped me to grow into the person who is ready to conquer the world! ”

Head Girl

Be part of the St Anne's Success Story

“the school's provision for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils is exceptional and personal welfare and development is outstanding. ”

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How to reach us

School Travel

Our pupils and staff travel from all points of the compass to be part of the St Anne's community. We have developed a sustainable travel plan in partnership with local public transport companies to ensure our students can travel to school safely, economically and at convenient times for the start and end of the school day without spending an excessive amount of time travelling.

We are grateful to First Bus, South West Trains and Bluestar for providing the opportunity for St Anne's students to access reduced cost travel and for improving the service available to our students. All students from 11 to 19 can purchase special Scholar's Bus and Train Passes through the school. Full details of the services available, including the new service to and from Central Station directly to the school gates can be found on the school website.

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St Anne's was founded in 1904 for the Christian education of girls and remains under the trusteeship of La Sainte Union des Sacrés Cœurs.

The school's purpose in 1904 remains the same today. St Anne's is a Catholic school firmly committed to teaching the Christian faith and to providing an excellent education for all the girls in our care. Our aim is to communicate Christ to our pupils and to form them as mature young women who will value their Christian responsibilities in life.



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