

The Barlow RC High School & Specialist Science College

"If you believe you can achieve!"

SERVE

PRAY

ACHIEVE

RESPECT





WELCOME TO THE BARLOW RC HIGH SCHOOL; A WELL ORDERED, RESPECTFUL, CARING ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHRIST IS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

We are a Network of Excellence in Computer Science teaching.



We are a Science College and promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) through our curriculum and have a STEM club for students.

Welcome to The Barlow RC High School

“On behalf of The Barlow RC High School Community I would like to extend you a very warm welcome.

The Barlow RC High School provides an excellent Catholic education for young people. We are a school which embraces Christian values, fosters academic excellence, demands high standards and ensures the highest quality of teaching and learning.”

Our vision is to create a school community based on Catholic principles and our Core Values Service, Prayer, Achievement, Respect where everyone works together to ensure a safe, supportive and productive learning environment.

We are a well-ordered, respectful, caring school environment where Christ is at the heart of our community. We strive for academic excellence and support all students so that they gain confidence, achieve their full potential and are ready to take the next step in their educational journey and

ultimately make an effective contribution to society as skillful, happy and respectful young people.

We recognise that we are all unique and have different God-given gifts, talents and abilities and we work together to bring out the best in everyone. Everyone should know that we are followers of God by what we do, not just by what we say.

Our most recent Section 48 Inspection in 2016 states “The Barlow is a good Catholic high school with many outstanding features. Students at the school value the care and support that they receive and are proud of their community.”

This prospectus will give you a flavour of school life but we invite you to visit us to discover what outstanding opportunities we can offer your child. Please contact the school to book a tour. I look forward to meeting you.

**Mrs C McCarron
Headteacher**



We are a school that is constantly striving for academic excellence.

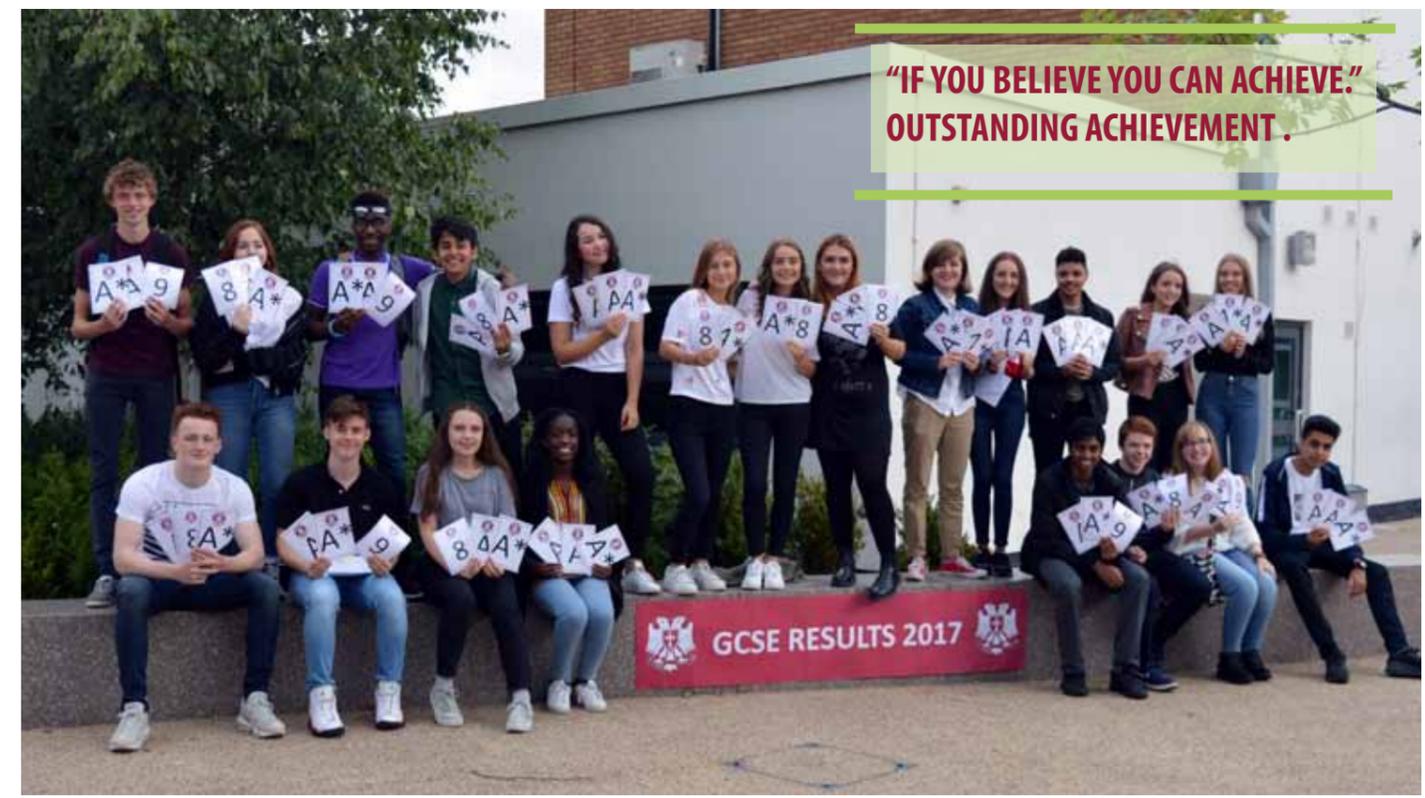


Student Leadership opportunities, working as part of The Barlow Team.

**“Our daughter has been very happy at The Barlow, enjoying a caring, loving, Catholic Community. She has had great opportunities to grow and develop her God given talents. Thank you to everyone who has supported her.”
Mr & Mrs Hainsworth (Parents of a Year 11 Student)**



Outstanding and dedicated staff, totally committed to delivering the highest quality of teaching and learning, to ensure each child enjoys their education and achieves their full potential.



"IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE." OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

Achievement

"At The Barlow our aim is to develop the whole child; academically, morally, socially, spiritually and physically."

We foster a positive attitude to learning and provide a broad balanced curriculum which provides our students with a range of opportunities to discover and develop their talents and abilities. Our outstanding and dedicated staff are totally committed to working to ensure the highest quality of teaching and learning to ensure each child enjoys their education and achieves their full potential. Our students are inspired and challenged to achieve and surpass their academic targets in an encouraging and supportive environment. We want all our students to strive to be the very best that they can be.

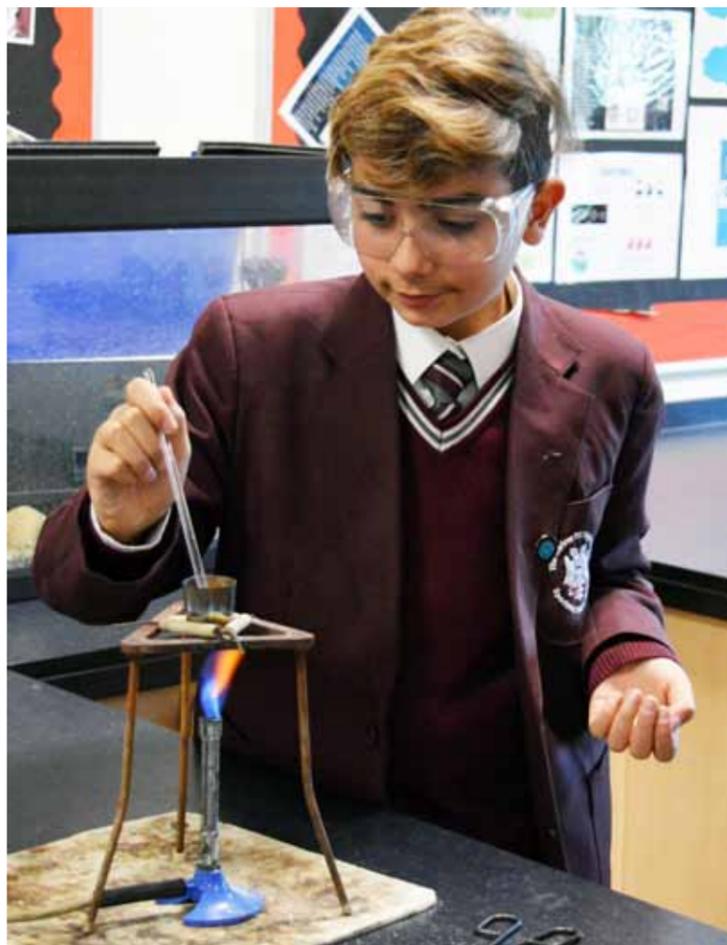
Lessons are differentiated, challenging, engaging and designed to support students to make good progress and achieve their maximum potential. Teachers work with students each lesson to embed and extend good reading, writing, communication and numeracy skills. Our curriculum is designed to inspire students to learn and to prepare students for public examinations and for life in modern Britain. Teachers promote both Christian values of service, prayer, achievement and respect as well as

British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect. The school also offers a wide range of after school enrichment opportunities to students.

Assessment of students' progress is reported to parents three times per academic year and parents are invited to attend annual parents evenings where they can discuss their child's achievements with subject specialist teachers. Teachers set challenging homework weekly in line with the schools policy that consolidates learning and deepens understanding.



UK Maths Challenge.



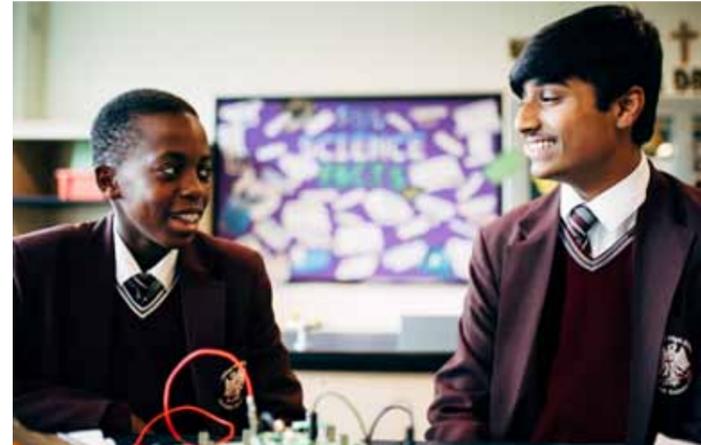
Arts Exhibition 2018.

"Under the inspirational leadership of the Headteacher who is well supported by the leadership team this school has made strong progress."

Section 48 Inspection 2016



Our aim is to have every student reach their full potential in Mathematics, and enjoy it's applications along the way.



Engineering, STEM in the curriculum.

Respect

“We have created an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation; providing the foundation for a happy and successful school life.”

Our calm friendly and focused learning atmosphere is often remarked upon by visitors. Our students maintain a high level of respect for everyone around them including staff, other students, our local community, themselves and God. We see our students flourish and move on as confident, respectful young people, certain that we have worked with them to develop the virtues and values of the Catholic Church.

The Barlow RC High School is first and foremost a Catholic school, aiming to provide a first class Catholic education for all our students. We believe that a successful Catholic education develops students academically, socially, spiritually and morally, giving them the skills to be successful in life. We firmly believe in building strong relationships between the school and the families to ensure the success of our students. We are committed to keeping you regularly informed about your child's progress throughout their time at The Barlow High School. We work closely with our associate primary schools, parents and

students to ensure that the transition from primary to secondary is a smooth and exciting one.

As well as our Open Evening for prospective parents, we host a number of opportunities for you to visit the school and speak face to face with our teaching staff. Ensuring you know how your son or daughter is progressing in school is particularly important and helps you to support their learning. The Headteacher encourages parents to come to school to discuss any issues or concerns that they may have during the half termly Headteacher's Surgeries. There is also an opportunity for parents to join our very informative Parents Hub meetings which also occur on a termly basis.

WE SEE OUR STUDENTS FLOURISH AND MOVE ON AS CONFIDENT, RESPECTFUL YOUNG PEOPLE, CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE WORKED WITH THEM TO DEVELOP THE VIRTUES AND VALUES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.



English results - consistently, significantly above national average. Best combined English results in Manchester 2017.

“As a student, I have learned many things about myself . Throughout my time the devoted teachers have provided me with an excellent education and many different skills including confidence, handling my responsibilities and developing my social skills. I am constantly being pushed by my teachers to reach and exceed my targets, and I believe that this dedication on their part will be a reason I will succeed in my GCSEs.”

Orla Corrigan, Deputy Head Girl



Christian values which permeate through all aspects of school life.



Enrichment Opportunities.



Prayer

“Our students are actively encouraged to take part in a full programme of collective worship including special masses, prayer groups and liturgies.”

Weekly assemblies are instrumental in helping to develop the aims, attitudes and values of our school. Our Chaplaincy is a central part of school life and contributes to the development of the school as a Christian community by offering spiritual guidance to students and staff.

Through the Chaplaincy, we provide help, support, encouragement and care to help ensure that The Barlow is a happy, spiritual place in which to learn and grow in faith. As a Catholic school we recognise the equal value of each individual student and we aim to provide the best possible opportunities for your child.

“The Barlow RC High School is a vibrant community which places Christ at the heart of its mission and witness was found to be outstanding.”
Section 48 Inspection 2016.

The Chaplaincy provides a unique opportunity to promote the teachings of Christ in a relevant and meaningful way, encouraging the involvement and participation of staff and students in charity work and liturgical life of the school work. All our students attend Family Group (Tutor Group) time at the beginning of the school day where they learn to become responsible, independent, Christian, human beings.

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“Governance is excellent and the governing body provides rigorous monitoring of the school through subject links.” “The respectful relationships across school as well as the good behaviour and care for one another are testimony to the centrality of the school’s mission statement.”

Section 48 Inspection 2016



Excellent provision for Physical Education, with modern sporting facilities, and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.



Service

“The Barlow is a happy and safe school in which students learn and grow in faith. We incorporate service projects into the curriculum; teaching students the value of helping others as an expression of faith and good citizenship.”

We are proud of our excellent pastoral care, strong relationships and the caring nature of our students who actively support and serve each other. Our students are encouraged to put their faith into action through charity and community work, which is reflected through their enthusiastic fundraising and involvement in voluntary projects.

The school has effective safe-guarding and child protection procedures in place judged by an Ofsted inspection team as being “exemplary”. The school is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our children. We believe that students have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment. Our staff are vigilant and are trained to spot signs that suggest a student may be in distress and are confident in following the procedures to avert and alleviate problems.

The school encourages and nurtures partnerships with parents and others at both academic and pastoral levels, ensuring that students’ needs are

met. The good levels of care, guidance and support are based firmly on the school’s basic principle that everyone is a unique creation of God. Systems to collate and act upon pastoral information ensure swift and effective intervention and support whenever identified. From the transition programmes and activities that help students settle into school life to the support structures and initiatives that ensure high academic performance and development, students at The Barlow benefit from outstanding pastoral care, support and careers guidance.

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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR EXCELLENT PASTORAL CARE, STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND THE CARING NATURE OF OUR STUDENTS WHO ACTIVELY SUPPORT AND SERVE EACH OTHER.

“Pupils are able to put their faith into action through a range of charitable works and demonstrate compassion and justice through raising funds and awareness for local, national and global charities.”

Section 48 Inspection 2016



To Mrs McCarron (Headteacher):

“When I reflect on the time I spent at The Barlow, I come to the realisation that this school is not just somewhere you come to learn, but also a place that you are shaped by your teachers and peers to become a well rounded individual. The schools ethos and values since year 7 have been embedded in my heart, and I remember that at the start of Year 7, I didn’t understand why they were so important but now I know that the ethos and values are the key to success in the world we live in. It is safe to say that I am ready to step out into this big wide world and make a difference and that is all thanks to you and the teachers at this school.”

Sharon Uche, Year 11 Student

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