



ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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An Introduction from our Headteacher, Solomon Berhane:

We are St Catherine's College. We are a Church of England Academy that has children at the heart of everything we do.

We are different, and what sets us apart is that we are the only Church of England secondary school in East Sussex. Parents and carers choose St Catherine's College for their children because we insist upon high standards and firm boundaries, all underpinned by our Christian vision and values. As a consequence, our smart, well-behaved students are happy and proud of their school.

We are preparing our students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers: locally, nationally and globally. To achieve their God-given potential, learners in our care are inspired to be **ambitious, hard-working, resilient** and **responsible**. As children

grow older, it is our responsibility as a College to teach them to become independent learners and to become responsible citizens in an ever-changing world. Young people have a range of needs and it is essential that we contribute to all aspects of their development. We need to give them the skills they will require to adapt and be able to rise to the challenges that life will bring. Life skills, such as communication, collaborative working and self-motivation, are central in enabling young people to leave education and function as confident, aspirational and resilient individuals.

We are St Catherine's College. We passionately believe that it is important that young people, no matter what their background, should feel empowered to become active participants in shaping the community and society in which

they live. As well as academic excellence, at St Catherine's College we also focus on the values, attitudes and behaviours which enable individuals to learn to live together in a supportive, accepting and compassionate manner.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Catherine's College so that we can work together to enable your child to excel and flourish in secondary school and beyond.

"Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full"

(John 10, v10b)

*“Be who God meant you
to be and you will set
the world on fire”*

St Catherine of Siena



*"People who are crazy enough
to think they can change the
world are the ones who do"*

Steve Jobs





The Gambia



River Cuckmere Geography Trip



China



Bushcraft

WE ARE ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. WE ARE AMBITIOUS.

We are preparing students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers, not just with an equality of opportunity and potential, but in solidarity as global citizens.

St Catherine's College is a safe and happy Christian community where all students, regardless of their background, can flourish. We work tirelessly to provide the very best education, enabling all our students to excel, ensuring that everyone is stretched to achieve their full potential.

Life at St Catherine's College is full of exciting opportunities to help children discover and develop their talents. Residential trips include visits to The Gambia, Berlin, Paris, Spain and Morocco. Day trips include a range of visits to local and regional places of interest and worship, theatres and adventure. In school, there is a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities including homework clubs and an extensive variety of sports activities.

We also offer the internationally renowned Duke of Edinburgh Award and are proud of our successful Combined Cadet Force (CCF), which is run in partnership with Eastbourne College.



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"Staff are very positive about the culture of high ambition and success"

Ofsted



WE ARE ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. WE ARE HARD-WORKING.

Providing all of our students with the highest quality learning opportunities is at the heart of what we do at St Catherine's College. The teachers at our school are focused on making sure that every student is supported to achieve their God-given potential. We understand that it is important for our teachers to inspire all of our children to make the best possible progress in each and every lesson.

"Teachers have high expectations and help students to achieve well" - External Inspector

"Staff work very well together to help pupils fulfil their potential" - Ofsted

Success is the result of combining this teacher expertise with hard-working children. Ofsted commented that, "During visits to lessons, teachers showed strong subject knowledge and students completed tasks willingly." They also commented, "Pupils appreciate the help they are given by their teachers, so they can achieve well in the subjects they study".

As a consequence, our children flourish academically and go on to be highly successful at post-16 and beyond, where they are able to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers.

"Teachers at our school are amazing" - student

"Teaching the children at St Catherine's College is a real privilege. My professional development is fully supported so that I can help every child to be successful" - teacher

WE ARE ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. WE ARE RESILIENT.



Just as we teach our young people to be ambitious, hard-working and responsible, we also work hard to develop a culture of never giving up and never giving in.

Part of learning to be resilient is learning that mistakes are a purposeful tool for learning and a positive experience to work through. We want our students to embrace mistakes and setbacks as an inevitable path to success. We believe that children will persist and learn never to give up if we support them to face challenges in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. We endeavour to instil a confident 'can-do' attitude in our students, who are willing to encourage and support everyone around them to be the best that they can be.



As Winston Churchill said, "continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking potential." As a Christian community we believe that part of learning to be resilient is recognising that there will be times when things get tough.

We are committed to promoting positive mental health and well-being at St Catherine's College and, therefore, through strategies such as PSHE, nurture and well-being schemes, we are totally committed to helping our children to develop the capacity to work through difficult times.

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

2 Chronicles 15:7

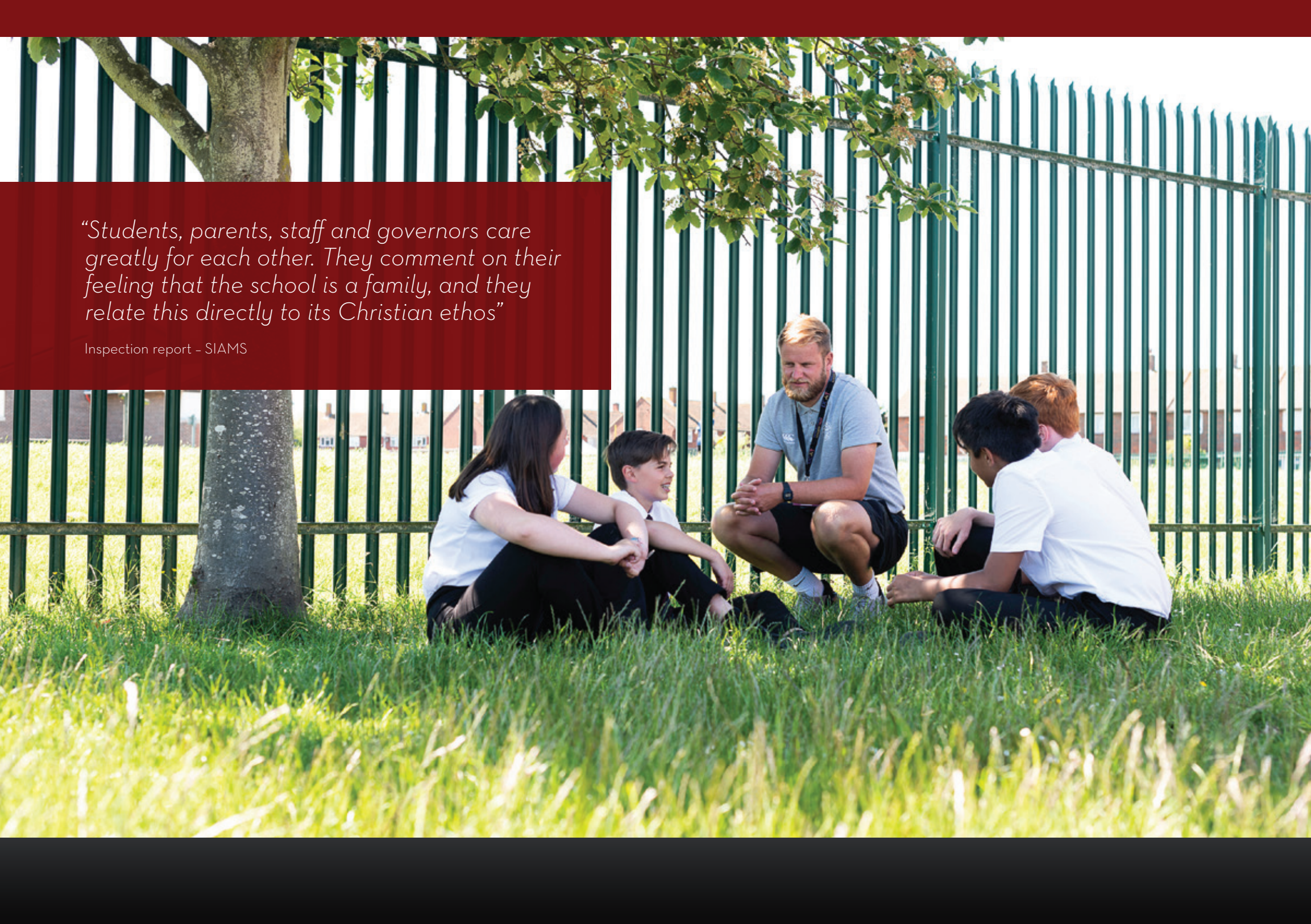


*"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the Lord
your God will be with you."*

Joshua 1:9

“Students, parents, staff and governors care greatly for each other. They comment on their feeling that the school is a family, and they relate this directly to its Christian ethos”

Inspection report – SIAMS





WE ARE ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

Care for Children at St Catherine's College

At St Catherine's College we have happy, safe and confident learners. We place God's children at the heart of everything we do and that is why we put great emphasis on our personalised pastoral care. We always take the time to listen to our students, to find out what is going well and how we can improve things further. As a church school, we have a responsibility to make compassion, kindness, tolerance and respect, integral to everything that we do. Ofsted commented, "Pupils are happy and optimistic".

We teach our children to be responsible citizens; to take care of each other, the community in which we live and our wider global community. We have the highest expectations of behaviour and conduct, both in and out of lessons, and we reward students when they meet and exceed these. Ofsted stated that we "set very high standards for pupils' behaviour. Pupils respect these expectations. As a result, behaviour is good in this school and classrooms are calm and purposeful."

Care and Community are recognised strengths at St Catherine's College

"A pupil spoke for many when they said, 'I like everything about this school'" Ofsted

"Students were polite and friendly. Relationships between staff and students and between students themselves are strong" - Ofsted

"Students are tolerant and show respect for cultural values which are different from their own" School Review Report by an Educational Consultant



TRANSITION

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 at St Catherine's College is an important step and we work hard to make sure that it runs smoothly.

Transition begins when places are allocated to Year 6 students. We acknowledge that this has the potential to be an anxious time for children and for parents and carers and, with this in mind, we provide an extensive transition programme. We have a dedicated team of transition staff who work to ensure that students who are joining us are ready for a successful and enjoyable Year 7. At any stage of the process, if you have a concern, staff are always willing to answer your questions.

Our transition programme starts with visits to all students in their primary school setting, which introduces a friendly face and gives them the opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns they might have. We ensure that we meet all Year 6 teachers who can tell us about your child, so we already know them before they join us. For those students who have additional needs, our SENCO makes separate visits to ensure our provision starts from day one and a Familiarisation Day is organised during the summer term.

Our Welcome Evening in the summer term provides an opportunity for everyone to meet their tutor, their Head of Year and other students in their tutor

group. The Assistant Head of Year, who is a non-teaching member of staff and an expert in pastoral care, is also at this event. This is closely followed by our Taster Days, when students engage in fun activities and make new friends, whilst getting to know the layout of the College. From then, in Year 7, there are a number of exciting opportunities for students to get fully involved in the life of St Catherine's College.

"There is a collective excitement about the future" - Ofsted

"Pupils are happy and optimistic" Ofsted



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*"During my daughter's
time with you, she has
flourished into the unique
person she is"*

Parent

