

An education for life



Our story

A school with a church foundation has existed on this site for 89 years. In 1932, All Saints Senior Church School was founded for the 'nurture of the hearts and minds of the children' of Wigan. In 1971, All Saints School, alongside St Mark's Boys' School and St Matthew's Girls' School, closed to allow the formation of a new high school.

For the last 50 years, The Deanery Church of England High School has honoured that rich legacy and has been a beacon of distinctive Christian education for generations. Our school sits in the heart of Wigan and serves young people and families from every parish of our town.

As a Church of England school, we aim to provide an education for life, enabling all of our school community to flourish and live life to the full.



Jesus said,

'I HAVE COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE – LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS'.

John 10:10





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I am very proud to be able to present The Deanery Church of England High School to you in this prospectus. I hope it will give you a flavour of what we are about.

The Deanery is a large and inclusive Church school with over 1,400 pupils aged 11-18 on roll, approximately 200 of whom are in our Sixth Form. We have a culture of academic excellence and the highest expectations, set firmly within a guiding framework of Christian values.

Educating children is a great responsibility and a privilege. We believe that every young person has gifts and talents waiting to be discovered and, should you choose The Deanery, I can assure you that your child will be given every opportunity to succeed and enjoy learning. In return, we ask that all pupils follow the simple mantra of 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Make a Difference'.

Education is, of course, about far more than examinations, important though they are! Inspired by the words of Jesus in John 10:10, our mission is to provide an education for life, enabling all of our school community to flourish and live life to the full.

Mr M Wood Headteacher







Excellence

A tradition of academic excellence

We aim to provide a rich curriculum so that every child can experience success – and enjoy life at The Deanery in the process. Results are consistently excellent across a wide range of subjects at GCSE, BTEC and A Level. Progress is overseen by a skilled team of teachers and support staff, and parents are kept closely informed and involved throughout the year. We have high expectations of all our pupils and are determined that each one will have the opportunity to be the best they can be during their time with us. We believe that co-curricular activities are also a critical part of what it means to become a rounded and successful individual and, as such, we offer a broad range of opportunities to supplement and enhance the experiences which pupils gain in the classroom.

A culture of high expectations

Pupils spend three years in Key Stage 3 and two years in Key Stage 4. This means that pupils choose their option subjects in Year 9 and begin GCSEs in Year 10. Alongside our broad curriculum there is a strong focus on literacy throughout the school and across all subjects. Literacy skills underpin all learning and it is vital that young people become highly literate if they are to succeed.





"An outstanding environment where pupils naturally live out the school mantra 'work hard, be kind, make a difference'."

SIAMS inspection 2022





"Pupils experience a rich variety of interesting and inspiring opportunities beyond the academic curriculum."

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Character

We believe that the development of character is an essential part of a rounded education

Belonging to our community at The Deanery is a deeply formative experience and has a significant impact on pupils' personal development. Our Christian values underpin all we do here. Pupils are encouraged to learn self-discipline, independence, respect for others and how to cope with the ups and downs of life. A structured programme of opportunities across all year groups helps develop character and sound values.

We believe that whatever talent, aptitude or interest a pupil may have, they should be encouraged to pursue and to develop that. We offer a wide range of opportunities for pupils outside of the classroom as well as within. These include:

Sport

We have a very successful sporting tradition at The Deanery, including success at national level. Different activities ensure that there is a varied choice on offer for our pupils.

After School Clubs

These include a range of choices in different curriculum areas – both at lunchtime and after school.

Performing Arts

Pupil talents are showcased in our annual productions which consistently meet very high standards. There are also many other occasions where our pupils can demonstrate their talents in this area, such as choirs, orchestras and bands.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Pupils are offered the chance to progress through Bronze to Silver and ultimately Gold, in this prestigious award scheme.

Trips

Pupils are given opportunities to travel both far and near, both inside and outside of school hours. Destinations range from Iceland and USA, to Italy and London. Our annual Year 7 residential trip takes place early in the autumn term and is invaluable in establishing relationships and increasing confidence.

"Pupils develop a strong set of moral and spiritual values."

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Community

As a Church of England High School we have a deep sense of Christian community

We build strong relationships not only in the way we live out our lives together but also in our worshipping life. Pupils and staff begin each day with an act of collective worship, and services are held throughout the year to celebrate Christian festivals. The spiritual dimension of our life together also finds expression through the formal curriculum alongside social action and charitable fundraising. Pupils are encouraged to develop a faith that will support and sustain them through their lives.

We expect our pupils to be good citizens and to make a tangible difference in the world

It is of great importance to us that our young people understand their responsibilities to each other and to the different communities in which we live. The principle of serving one another is central to how we live and work together at The Deanery. We are immensely proud not only of the care and compassion shown by pupils to each other, but also of the extraordinary range of fund-raising events organised by pupils throughout the year. The school has relationships with a number of local and international charities which bring significant benefits to the school community as well as to the charities themselves.

"A wonderful, inclusive, nurturing community is created in which every individual is deeply valued and cherished. Everybody is enabled to flourish richly and live life to the full"

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A natural progression

As an 11 - 18 school we offer the chance of progression through all three Key Stages, all on one site. This gives students the opportunity to work in a familiar environment with staff who know them well. We also give a warm welcome to pupils who join us from other schools. Please request a copy of our Sixth Form prospectus for further details.

"Students in the sixth form take a full part in the wider life of the school. They are well prepared for modern life. They support younger pupils well."

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Work Hard Be Kind Make a Difference



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