

# Christ The Word Catholic School

Ysgol Gatholig Crist Y Gair

**School Prospectus**

**Prosbectws Ysgol**



We lay the foundations of *Kindness, Forgiveness, Respect and Integrity.*

We walk together to build and share these values.

We do this as Christ lights our path allowing us to follow Him on our journey through Faith. This is our shared mission, allowing all to go forth and live His Word.

Christ the Word Catholic School

Walk by Faith, not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Our Mission Statement





**Our school ethos is based on the Gospel teaching about Faith, Hope and Love.**



## Welcome

**Christ the Word Catholic School offers excellent learning opportunities for learners from the primary and secondary age groups.**

Our school is an inclusive community, based in a brand-new building in Rhyl. Our priority is to support learners on their learning journey from the age of 3 to 16. We work with families to equip our young people with the skills to become kind and active citizens.

Our experienced staff team provides high quality learning experiences in a happy and caring environment. We are committed to realising the potential of every child in terms of their academic achievements and their personal and social development.

On the school site we provide excellent full day care for pre-school children, together with a breakfast club, after school club and holiday club.

I am pleased to welcome you to Christ the Word Catholic School.



**Bernadette Thomas**  
Interim Headteacher



## Our Faith

**Our values are kindness, forgiveness, respect and integrity.**

As a faith school our school ethos is based on the Gospel teaching about Faith, Hope and Love. We respect the values of others and we welcome children of all faiths into our school.

Our priority is to care for our learners and our staff, helping them to thrive. We celebrate the diversity of views that belong to our community whilst maintaining a strong Catholic ethos and vision.

**Our ethos is to value individuals and their beliefs.**

We support learners' personal development so they become confident and resilient citizens who are ready to make a positive contribution to their communities.

As a voluntary aided Catholic School, we are committed to our Christian faith. We celebrate faith respectfully with daily prayers in the Chapel or classroom. We support individuals to learn and develop as part of our vibrant faith community.

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# Admissions

High quality care, support and guidance underpin Christ the Word's School ethos. Expert teachers and support staff encourage learners, giving them the opportunity to reach their full potential, both academically and personally. The superb new building and excellent facilities for learning create a vibrant and supportive environment.

Parents and carers who apply for a place for their child are aware that this is a faith school where learning is based on Catholic principles and values. We expect all students to support the school's faith ethos and to fully support all the religious and other activities at the school.

## There are places for 920 learners at Christ The Word Catholic School:

- **60 learners in each year group from 3 to 11 years old (Reception to Year 6)**
- **100 in each year group from 11 to 16 years old (Year 7 to Year 11)**

The best way to find out about Christ the Word Catholic School is by visiting yourself. We would love to meet you and show you what makes our school so special.

You can apply to the school by visiting the admissions section on our website.



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kindness, forgiveness,



## Charities

Learning to care about other people is an important part of growing up. Caring about others helps learners to develop the skills they need to be good citizens of tomorrow.

We encourage learners to take up the opportunity to support charitable activities, helping them to show empathy for others and to develop their organisational and leadership skills.

## Communities

We want our school to be at the heart of our local community. We believe working in partnership with families and the community will ensure we increase the life chances of our young learners as they develop into happy, healthy citizens.







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## Care and Wellbeing

**Caring for learners of all ages is our priority at Christ the Word Catholic School.**

Our aim is to support the wellbeing of all learners, helping them to make positive choices and accept responsibility for their actions. Christ the Word Catholic School maintains a structured and supportive community in which effective learning takes place. We show respect for each other and our environment.

We firmly believe in promoting equal opportunities for all learners and staff. The Equality Plan outlines the school's priorities in this respect. The school's pastoral team helps to build friendships and helps learners to be kind to others. Relationships are built on respect for others.

Lower School (3 to 11) learners are in the care of their class teacher and teaching assistants, supported by Heads of Learning and Assistant Headteachers. They are responsible for wellbeing, academic progress and personal development.

Upper School (11 to 16) learners' first point of contact is their Tutor, supported by the Heads of Learning, Assistant Headteachers and Pastoral Support Team. Learners support and care for one another. The school team works closely with outside agencies who can further support our families.

So however great or small a problem is, our learners have a variety of teachers they can approach and problems can be dealt with at the appropriate level. Whatever an individual is doing academically or in Extra Learning activities, their progress is being monitored effectively.



# Uniform

By wearing the uniform, learners show their pride in being a member of Christ the Word Catholic School. The uniform should be worn smartly throughout each school day, during journeys to and from school and for other formal school events.

We look for the support of parents and carers in ensuring that learners keep to our uniform expectations. The uniform policy applies to all ages, from Nursery to Year 11.







## Building a Vibrant Learning Environment

Strategic investment in the future of our children has provided the families of Rhyl and the surrounding parishes with an exciting opportunity. Christ the Word Catholic School benefits from superb facilities, with learning and wellbeing at the heart of this wonderful modern building.

The school building has been carefully designed to allow the staff and learners in Lower School (3 – 11) and Upper School (11 – 16) to operate both independently of one another with their own access, classrooms and outdoor spaces. Also working collaboratively to ensure transition across all phases is smooth and children and families feel supported and happy.

We allocate spaces thoughtfully during the school day to enable learners to make best use of the excellent specialist facilities, including the Chapel, Drama Studio, Dining Room and Sports Hall.

### Facilities include;

- **Chapel**
- **Main hall**
- **Small hall**
- **Drama studio**
- **Sports hall and all-weather pitches**
- **Music Suite**
- **Design and technology workshops**
- **Science laboratories**
- **Beehives and nature garden**





**Together we will  
provide the care and  
support your child  
needs to love learning.**



## Learner Voice

We are committed to provide every learner with a great education. Learners play an important role in helping us to do this by providing helpful and honest feedback. We listen to our learners and work with them to continually improve.

There are many roles to suit different interests, including subject and year group representatives, School Council members and representatives on the Governing Body.

All learners have an opportunity to become a Leading Learner in an area or subject that engages, enthuses and interests them, for example they could become a Leading Learner in Drama, Maths or Foundation Phase.





## Clubs and Activities

**Extra Learning @CTWCS activities are simply any learning opportunity outside of your lesson times, such as:**

- **Football**
- **Netball**
- **Drama**
- **Music**
- **Board Gaming**
- **Reading**
- **Choir**
- **Karaoke**
- **Craft... and many more**

Taking part in activities you are passionate about is fun. They can help you concentrate, develop positive attitudes toward school and lead to higher aspirations.

The more you achieve success through activities you are passionate about, the more your self-confidence will improve.

Extra Learning @ CTWCS activities will help you make new friends and also have fun with your old friends.





# Testimonials

**“All at Christ the Word Catholic School are passionately committed to the school and its success. Our young people deserve the very best in education. As Governors, we will work hard in guiding the work of the School in ensuring everyone has the opportunity to succeed and achieve their individual ambitions.”**

Louise McCabe-Allen, Chair of Governing Body

**“I love walking to the same school as my little brother. I’m really looking forward to cooking and doing some science experiments.”**

Year 7 learner

**“I love doing robotics classes, learning how to program them to do what I want!”**

Year 9 learner

**“I am delighted that the partnership of Welsh Government, Denbighshire County Council and the Catholic Church will deliver a brand new school to serve the families of Rhyl and the surrounding parishes. This school will transform the educational provision and the lives of pupils served by the school.”**

Karen Evans, Head of education and Children’s Service





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