



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



**Blessed Robert Sutton**  
Catholic Voluntary Academy





*"Staff meet the needs of all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and /or disabilities, exceptionally well," Ofsted 2023.*







*"Pupils feel safe here. They know who to talk to if they have a concern. Poor behaviour and bullying are never tolerated," Ofsted 2023.*



## Welcome to Blessed Robert

We understand that the decision about where to entrust the care of your child is extremely important and we thank you for considering Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy. As a school community we pride ourselves on the fact that our students are happy and enjoy the experience of learning with us in all kinds of ways.



By choosing Blessed Robert Sutton for the next step in your son or daughter's education you are selecting a place of learning which holds the young person at the centre of all that we do. We realise that achievement comes in many different forms and we are committed to ensuring that your child has every opportunity to flourish, grow in confidence and make the most of their individual gifts and talents. The collaboration and relationships between students, parents and school is key to our success as a learning community. Communication is central to these relationships, which is why my colleagues and I will always be available to discuss the education and personal development of your child.

Blessed Robert Sutton is a flourishing school with great examination results, high quality teaching and learning, an inspiring curriculum and a varied programme of extra-curricular opportunities as part of our Sutton Experience.

We know that your son or daughter's education is precious and as teachers we are privileged to play a part in helping shape so many exciting futures.

**Laura O'Leary**  
Headteacher







*"Pupils are extremely proud to be part of this highly ambitious school. The 'Sutton Way', which focuses on academic excellence, spiritual development and social excellence, permeates throughout," Ofsted 2023.*

## Our School

Blessed Robert Sutton has always been a diverse community. We are proud to provide excellent opportunities to all learners, irrespective of background or ability.

At the heart of everything we do is a strong moral purpose to ensure all young people have access to the highest quality education and enrichment experiences.

We are relentlessly ambitious for our students in their future aspirations and we want their success to go beyond academic achievement. Our school aims to ensure that our young people leave as confident, healthy, secure and independent individuals who have a love of learning and are ready to make a personal contribution to society.

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The people in our school community include those who are Catholic, other Christian denominations and people of faith or no faith at all. Our mission is to ensure students receive an education in which they achieve academic excellence, spiritual development and social awareness through Christ.

As a Catholic school we strive to ensure that all of our young people are cared for, given every opportunity to develop through academic study, and to grow personally and spiritually.

Our role as a Catholic school is to help nurture both academic excellence and to help shape young people who can make a significant contribution to the community they serve. Key to this is a clear recognition that all students have individual gifts and talents and, with support, every young person can flourish. Our distinct Catholic Values help ensure that every child is cared for as an individual and this in turn will help them to succeed academically.







## Our Trust Family

We are immensely proud of our academies and, although we all work in different contexts, we share the common goal to give every child an excellent Catholic education.

As a single Trust, we are able to share expertise across our academies so that children in both Primary and Secondary education can access a high quality of expertise and a carefully planned learning experience, enabling everyone to thrive, regardless of their starting points.

Our Trust was formed in September 2018 to preserve, maintain and develop Catholic education in the areas served by our academies, and is one of three Multi Academy Trusts within the Diocese of Nottingham.

We are committed to providing the highest quality of education for every child and young person in our care. For us it is a wonderful opportunity, indeed a privilege, working with a team of over 1,200 staff and in excess of 200 volunteers to shape the future of Catholic education for



more than 8,000 children and young people across the Trust. Inspired by the life, message and example of Jesus Christ and in the words of our patron, St Ralph Sherwin, doing this “today rather than tomorrow” is our aim, providing extensive continuing professional development for our staff to grow and develop so that, as role models to the children they teach, we encourage a culture of lifelong learning.

As a family of Catholic academies we see every child created in the likeness of God with a mission to make the world a better place. In order to achieve this, we know we must not only offer every child the very best education possible, but more than this, that we must instil in every one of our pupils a deep sense of love and service to others. As parents you can be assured that we will care for your children as if they were our own and that we will shape and challenge them to go out and transform the world.



**Kevin Gritton**  
CEO



# Personal Development

Personal Development at Blessed Robert Sutton is everything we do in school in order to ensure students leave with the capacity to maximise their life chances.

Throughout our Personal Development plan, we link closely to the British values of “Democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance.” “Justice and trust” are closely linked to “democracy and the rule of law”. “Individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance” are again closely linked, reflecting the school’s values of “compassion and forgiveness”.

Students are given frequent opportunities to reflect upon both the British Values and our distinct Catholic Values in collective worship, tutor time, lessons and enrichment/cultural opportunities.

Throughout a student’s time at school, we provide them with opportunities to reflect upon who they are as a person, what their aspirations are, what they want to do and change and ensure they have all the skills to become the person they want to be. This is highlighted around the school in collective worship, form time, enrichment opportunities and trips.



# A Caring School

We believe that Robert Sutton is a very special place to be. Our reputation for knowing and caring for each student as an individual is what attracts many families to our school.

We are a small school with a family feel. We know our students as individuals and understand their strengths and areas for development.

We have a dedicated pastoral team working each day to support all students, which includes Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Pastoral Support Workers, an Assistant Head responsible for Pastoral Care and a dedicated Safeguarding Officer.

We are fully committed to looking at additional innovative ways to care and support all our students. As part of this we were one of the first schools in the country to have Pastoral and Therapy Dogs. Buddy and Hugo work alongside our SENCO, supporting our students and bringing a positive sense of

well-being to the entire school community.

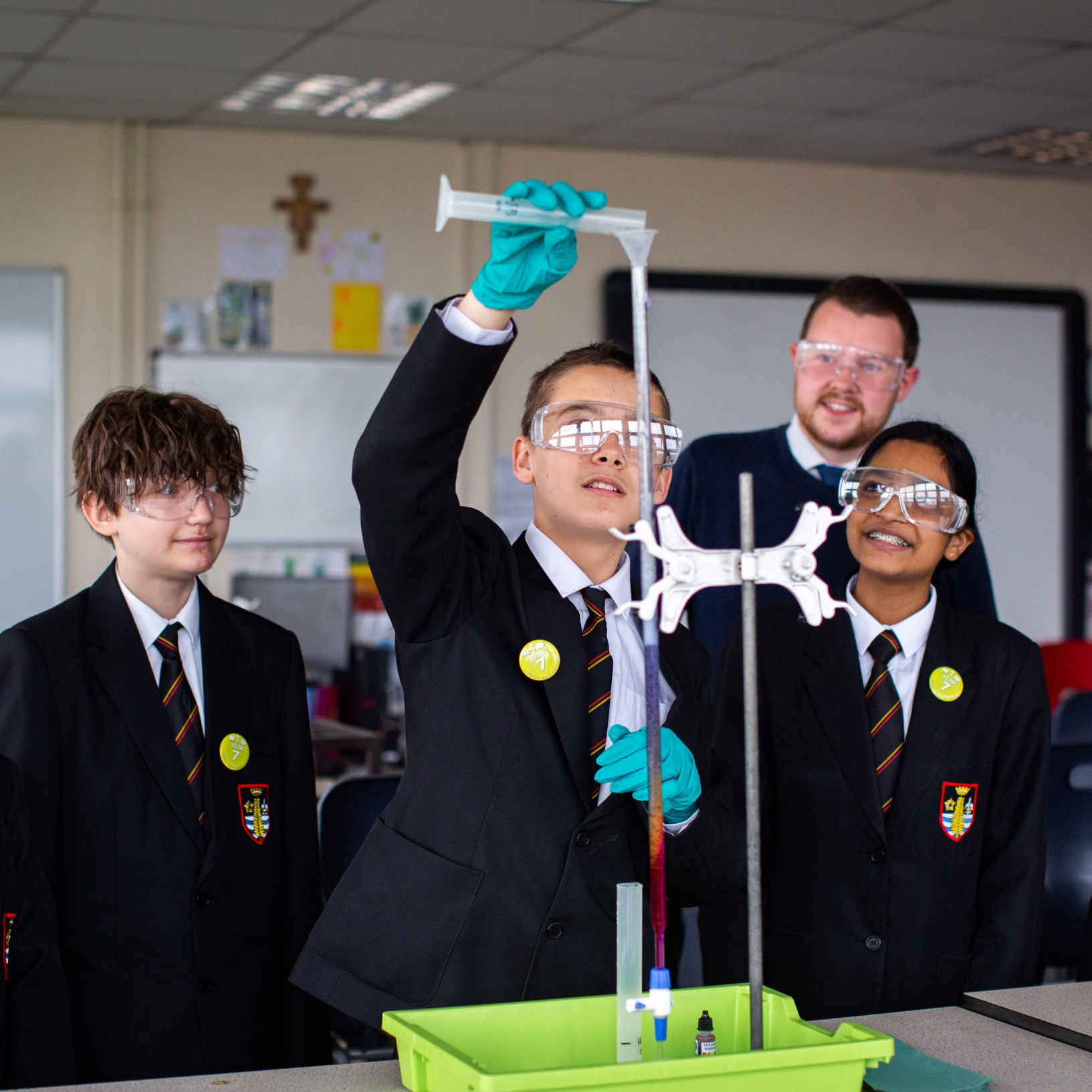
We also pride ourselves on the strong relationships that all staff have with students. Our behaviour system based on collective responsibility and mutual respect is underpinned by our belief in forgiveness and a clean slate. Rewarding effort, manners and progress are essential and our rewards system includes letters home, merit certificates, reward trips, as well as breakfast with the Headteacher for students in each year group.

We believe that tutor time is ‘the sixth lesson of the day’ and a great deal of time goes into developing a programme that enriches all students. Form Tutors know all students as individuals whilst activities like ‘Motivational Monday’ and ‘Wellbeing Wednesday’, as well as regular acts of Collective Worship, mean that our students both enjoy and develop during form time every day.



*“Leaders provide a highly effective personal, social, and health education programme. Pupils understand the importance of healthy relationships and good physical and mental health,” Ofsted 2023.*





*"Pupils are highly focused in lessons and are keen to participate. They learn well because teaching is very effective. Teachers are highly knowledgeable. Pupils enjoy their lessons and are successful in many subjects," Ofsted 2023.*



## A Challenging Curriculum

Whilst the national directive on curriculum continues to dictate much of what a child should study to Key Stage 4, at Blessed Robert Sutton we strongly believe in the education of the whole child.

We have a broad and balanced curriculum that supports all learners to successfully move onto progression routes that include Sixth Form and Apprenticeships.

Students study a wide range of courses in keeping with the National Curriculum offering them the opportunity to achieve in a wide spectrum of subjects.

We value all subject areas in the development of children and encourage pupils to create a curriculum that will enable them to pursue their own interests alongside the core subjects.

Religious Education is part of the core curriculum for

all. At Key Stage 3 students begin to select their own pathways of study.

We are dedicated to the physical needs of young people and all of our students participate in Physical Education as part of their core curriculum from Year 7 to Year 11 inclusive.

Our values driven curriculum is enhanced further with an RE and PSHCE curriculum that embraces the development of the whole child, raising their awareness of all aspects of Spirituality, Social Justice and Moral Conduct. This supports students to become well-rounded citizens ready to tackle the challenges of the modern world.

Each child can expect to be taught by a subject expert, who will be continually challenging all learners to achieve their very best. Our staff are all passionate about their subjects and seek to inspire learners with an enthusiasm for each and every subject they are studying.



# From Year 6 to Year 7

This is a significant moment for all families. At Robert Sutton we have young people from over 30 different primary schools join us each year and are committed to going the extra mile to ensure that when they join the school they are happy, safe and supported to achieve and succeed.

As part of this we have developed a transition timeline for families. This starts during Year 5 with numerous visits to school to take part in enrichment days.

## Communication

As a school community we realise that clear and effective communication with parents is essential.

There are various ways to ensure this, from using the school phone number 01283 749450, email address [office@robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:office@robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk) or contacting Form Tutors, Pastoral Support Workers or Heads of Year.

In addition, the Headteacher sends out a regular

From June, in Year 6 the programme includes visits to all primary schools by our Head of Year 7. July sees both the Year 6 Induction Evening and Induction Day - and as part of these, parents are provided with a comprehensive Year 6 Transition Booklet containing all key information in one place.

Before October half-term, parents will have benefited from a 'Welcoming Evening' with form tutors and the school's leadership team. In addition, students will have experienced the Team Building days to build friendships and a sense of community within the year group.

newsletter to all parents and the school Twitter @BRS and Facebook account provide information each day about school life.

We also have a school website [www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk) and make effective use of both text messages and our school app, which you can download and keep up to date on school life, your child's attendance and academic progress.



*"Pupils behave very well in lessons and around school. They exhibit the school's values of kindness, love and respect consistently. Pupils feel safe here," Ofsted 2023.*





*"The curriculum is very broad and ambitious. The vast majority of pupils now study the suite of subjects that make up the English baccalaureate in key stage 4," Ofsted 2023.*



## Progress For All

Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers who deliver rigorous lessons aimed at ensuring every student excels.

Our data systems track the progress of students and keep parents updated regularly through Class Charts. Every subject in the school is supported to provide excellent teaching and learning opportunities through having their own designated specialist teaching spaces.

All classrooms are equipped with data projectors or interactive whiteboards. We want to see every student

succeed. Our support and guidance ensures that everyone makes excellent progress.

We fully support our students who have special educational needs and disabilities. We are determined to provide stimulating educational experiences to stretch academically our students who have a real desire for extra challenge.

We believe in the limitless potential of our students and all of our students deserve an education which enables them to be as successful as possible.

## Remote Learning

We have developed the use of an extensive range of software to facilitate high quality home learning.

We have worked hard to explore the potential for home learning software to be blended with face to face teaching in an innovative and engaging way. All students have

access to the full range of Office 365 software to move seamlessly between learning in and out of the classroom. Digital learning platform Class Charts, books, assessment feedback and online tutorials over MS Teams are used to enhance students' learning experience and ensure that they make sustained academic progress.





# THE SUTTON EXPERIENCE

Ask anyone to list the most important things in life and they will undoubtedly say family.

At Robert Sutton we see ourselves as an extension of family and ensure that children are known and treated with warmth and kindness. As a parent or carer, you want your child to thrive, so we offer a broad and balanced curriculum designed to challenge and support students' personal growth and academic success.

With a team of excellent, specialist staff, a rigorous approach to high quality learning takes place in all classrooms. We personalise learning at a pace that is right for each child, with increasing independence as they progress through school. We aim to give students a unique and memorable experience which fosters personal growth and ambition, as well as the development of skills and dispositions necessary for young people to thrive as adults. At the core of this experience lies inspirational teaching and learning and nurturing high quality relationships.

We are proud to be able to offer a varied curriculum to encourage excellence in both academic and vocational

subjects. All students learn two languages from Year 7 - French and Spanish. We also believe strongly in excellence in the performing arts, music and sports and are rapidly developing and equipping these subjects so that students can enjoy the best possible experience and opportunities.

Staff are committed to high quality teaching and learning that fosters inspiration, celebration and collaboration. Staff plan and deliver lessons that provoke students' intellectual curiosity, challenge them academically and give them opportunities to work independently and with others. In return, students are enthusiastic about learning and keen to expand their knowledge and skills by working hard.

At Robert Sutton we pride ourselves on making sure our pupils get the very best deal. We regularly receive feedback from parents. We are delighted to see that our systems, that are designed to inculcate excellent habits, are having an effect on pupils both inside and outside of school. Parents talk of children working harder than ever before, with ambitions to be things that they would never have dreamed of before.



*"Pupils welcome opportunities to extend their experiences beyond the academic curriculum. The vast majority participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities the school provides," Ofsted 2023.*







*"The headteacher has brought about phenomenal change across the whole school since her appointment. She and her senior team provide exceptional leadership. They lead by example, with sensitive and calm authority. They know what is best for their pupils." Ofsted 2023.*



## Performance and Achievements

Students at Blessed Robert Sutton have the opportunity to excel academically as well as fulfilling their potential in sport, performing arts and the arts.

A strong emphasis on achievement, balanced with opportunities to participate in our competitive sport teams and outstanding shows, inspires students to aim high.

## Exam Results

This year marks the third consecutive year of outstanding GCSE at Blessed Robert Sutton. Year-on-year our exam results are consistently strong and placed amongst the top performing schools in Burton and East Staffordshire.

## Able and Talented

High performing students are given every opportunity to achieve the very top results.

Through increased challenge and access to higher learning opportunities. These include collaborations with local academics, debating, after school clubs and unique enrichment activities including a visit to France and Iceland.





## Finally

The best way to experience Robert Sutton school is to see it for yourself. We are always happy to welcome visitors. Further information can be found on our website [www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information. Our email is [office@robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:office@robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk)



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