



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.





"Staff welcome pupils warmly into school each morning. Relationships between adults and pupils are positive and respectful," Ofsted.



Welcome to Blessed Robert Sutton

Welcome to Blessed Robert Sutton, where we believe every child is capable of achieving great things. As the Headteacher, I am proud to lead a school that is committed to providing a nurturing, inclusive, and stimulating environment for all of our students.

Our dedicated team of educators works tirelessly to ensure that each child receives a well-rounded education, fostering both academic excellence and personal growth.

As an Outstanding school (as graded by Ofsted 2023) 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.

At Blessed Robert Sutton, we emphasise the importance of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, equipping our students with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world. We are also deeply committed to our community, encouraging strong partnerships between parents, students, and staff to create a supportive network that empowers every child.

Together, we can help our students reach their full potential and prepare them for the bright futures they deserve. Thank you for taking the time to view our prospectus, and I look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Warm regards,



Samuel Gray
Headteacher





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

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.

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.

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

Our trust exists to serve all 25 Catholic schools within our family, ensuring that every child benefits from an outstanding Catholic education. Our mission statement, 'growing in faith, serving in love, transforming our world, together in Christ' permeates all that we do and this can be witnessed each and every day in our schools.



As a family of Catholic schools, we see every child as being created in the likeness of God with a mission to make the world a better place. We are committed to offering every child the very best education possible, but also, we know that an outstanding Catholic education is about instilling in every one of our pupils a deep sense of love and service to others. As parents and carers, 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.

Our Catholic mission is to serve all families in our communities; of course, we have a deep familial connection with our Catholic families but we also welcome, with warm



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Catholic Multi Academy Trust

hearts and open arms, children from different faiths and children of no faith. We believe in the gift and dignity of every life and it would be an honour to serve all children in our communities. At the heart of Catholic education is a deep Christ-like love for each and every person, child or adult, who learns or works in our schools. This is the foundation of all that we do.

In contrast to some other education trusts, we do not 'brand' our schools. We believe in the leadership of our Headteachers and empower them to create outstanding Catholic schools that best meet the needs of their communities. As a result, our schools are deeply rooted in their communities to ensure that you, as parents and carers, feel a deep connection to your child's school.

Our virtues are, 'trust, togetherness and kindness.' I hope that you will see and experience this when you visit Blessed Robert Sutton.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Walton'.

Lisa Walton
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Noon'.

Sarah Noon
Chair of the Board of
Directors

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 Blessed 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.

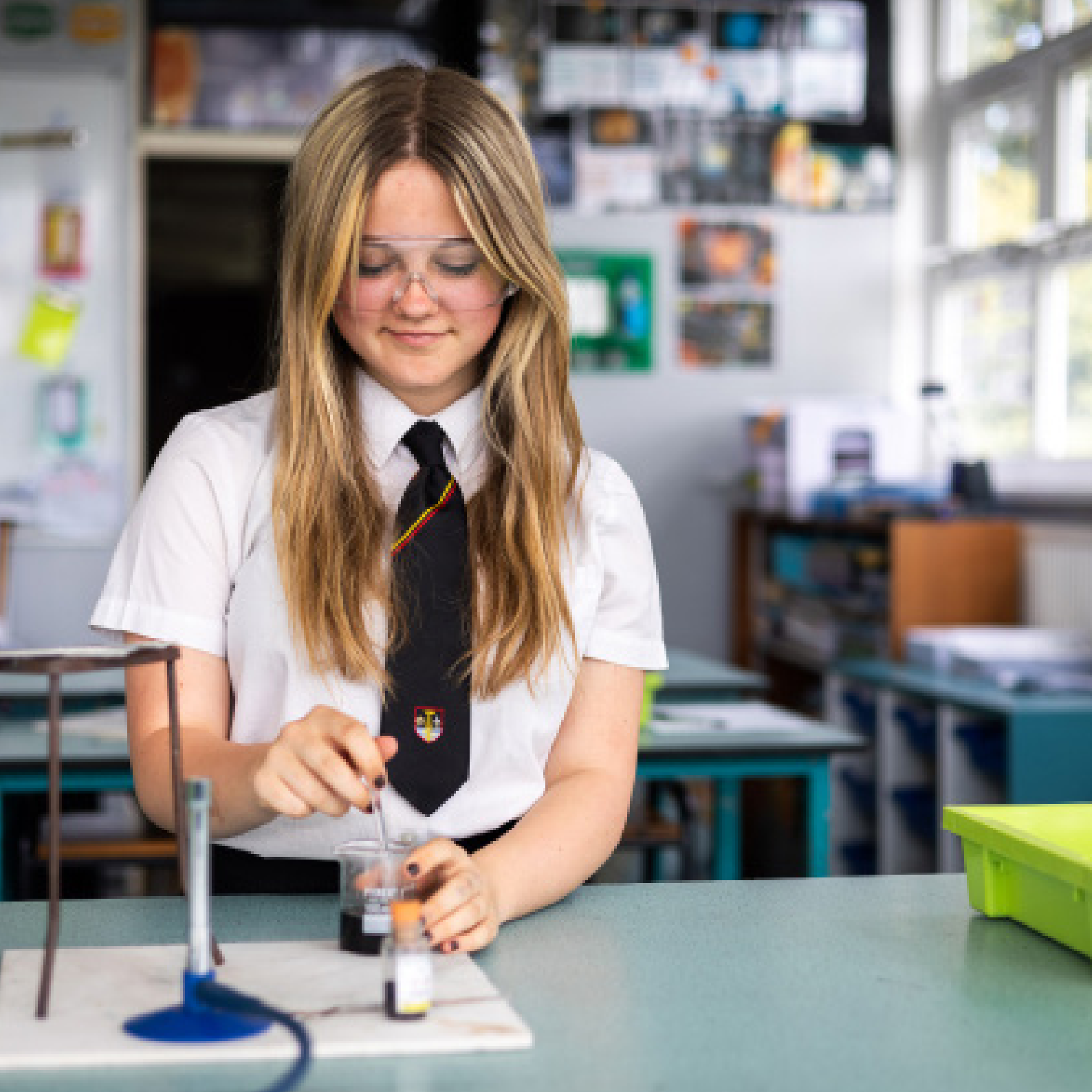
We have a dedicated pastoral team working each day to support all students, which includes Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Pastoral Support Workers, an Assistant Head responsible for Pastoral Care and a dedicated Safeguarding Officer.

We are fully committed to looking at additional innovative ways to care and support all our students.

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 and reward trips.

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.





"Pupils have highly positive attitudes to their learning. They fully concentrate in lessons and low-level disruptive behaviour is rare," Ofsted.

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 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 Blessed 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.

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.

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@brs.srscmat.co.uk or contacting Form Tutors, Pastoral Support Workers or Heads of Year.

In addition, the Headteacher sends out a regular

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

We also have a school website www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk and make effective use of both emails and our school app, which you can download and keep up to date on school life, your child's attendance and academic progress.







"Pupils are highly focused in lessons and are keen to participate. They learn well because teaching is very effective," Ofsted.

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. Every subject teacher 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.

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. 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.



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. 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.



"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.





"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.



Our Values



Welcome to our BRS values, where our foundation is built upon love, hope, respect, kindness, and resilience. These values are not just words on paper; they are the essence of our community, guiding every interaction, every endeavor, and every achievement.

Love: At BRS love permeates every aspect of our learning environment. We foster a culture where compassion, empathy, and understanding flourish, creating a supportive atmosphere where every individual feels valued and cherished.

Hope: With hope we inspire our students to dream big and reach for the stars. We believe in the boundless potential of every student and nurture their aspirations, empowering them to envision a future filled with possibility and promise.

Respect: Respect forms the bedrock of our community, where differences are celebrated and individual voices are heard. We cultivate a culture of inclusivity, where mutual respect and understanding nurture meaningful connections and lifelong relationships.

Kindness: Kindness is the language of our school, shaping our interactions and promoting an environment of warmth and acceptance. We believe that small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Resilience: Resilience is the steel in our backbone, empowering our students to face challenges with courage and determination. We teach them to persevere in the face of adversity, to bounce back from setbacks, and to emerge stronger and more resilient than before.





Finally

The best way to experience our 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. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information. Our email is office@brs.srscmat.co.uk

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