

A photograph of four young girls running across a green lawn. The girl on the far left is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, a striped tie, and a grey skirt. The other three girls are wearing pink and white striped short-sleeved shirts and matching skirts. They are all smiling and running towards the camera. In the background, there are large green trees and a large, multi-story building with a pointed roof.

Admissions – 2022/23

Open Events Presentation (v 1.10)

Agenda

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2. Teaching & learning
3. Co-curricular
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Our school

Section 1



A successful, innovative and caring school

OFSTED Outstanding (Juniors): 2018
OFSTED Good (Infants): 2019

We provide an outstanding education in an inclusive community, guided by the values, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic faith

We instil in our pupils:

- Self-belief
- Resilience
- A 'can-do' attitude
- Confidence to learn from mistakes
- A responsibility to live out Christ's values
- Recognition that they will go on to achieve much more





Our offering

- Nursery
 - 15 or 30-hours provision (30 pupils)
- Infants
 - Two-form (60 pupils) entry
 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Juniors
 - Two-form (60 pupils) entry
 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Wrap-around care
 - Breakfast and After School Club*
 - After-school activities
 - Holiday / Half-term clubs*

Teaching & learning

Section 2



Curriculum

- We promote pupil independence and a lifelong love for learning
- Our curriculum is innovative and promotes:
 - High expectations in all subjects
 - Pupil voice
 - Citizenship / community
 - Cross-curricular links
 - Strong pupil engagement through topics like 'Our heritage' & 'Enterprise'
 - Opportunities for learning beyond the classroom (e.g. ballet, opera, careers week)
 - Life skills so pupils are confident to cope with an ever-changing world





Quality Mark for English and Maths

Our Quality Mark Award in English and mathematics was confirmed in June 2021 in recognition of our improving provision, practice and performance.

“Children make excellent progress in reading and mathematics. Standards across the school are supported and driven by strong moral purpose from leaders at all levels.”

“Governors and senior leaders are ambitious for their children and are keen to build upon the school’s successes.”



Music

St Joseph's pupils have the opportunity to learn the following instruments and groups

- Cello
- Choir
- Drums
- Flute
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Recorder
- Steel pans
- Ukulele
- Violin

See our newly refurbished music room –
Grand Opening in October 2021 with guest
musicians!





P.E.

We offer:

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Cross country
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Netball
- Swimming



We have been a **Platinum Sports Mark** school since 2018 and recently came 1st in our borough in for the SportsHall Athletics championship

Our P.E. lead, Mrs Mangan, is a recognised leader in her field, delivering CPD to other schools

Destinations for St Joseph's pupils

- Alleyn's School
- **Bishop Thomas Grant School**
- **Cedars School**
- **Coloma Convent Girls' School**
- Dulwich College
- Dunraven
- James Allen's Girls' School (JAGS)
- **The John Fisher School**
- Kingsdale Foundation School
- **La Retraite Catholic School for Girls**
- The Royal Ballet School
- **St Mary's Catholic High School**
- **St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls**
- Streatham & Clapham High School GDST
- Sydenham High School GDST
- Trinity School
- Wallington County Grammar (Boys & Girls)
- Wilsons Grammar School
- Whitgift School



In Bold: Catholic secondary schools

Co-curricular

Section 3



Co-curricular

- Lunchtime clubs
 - Chess
 - Choir
 - Debating
 - Design Technology/Maker's Space
 - Football (Palace for Life Foundation)*
 - Gardening
 - Inter-house competition
 - Maths Challenge
 - Newspaper
 - Science
 - Speed Stacking
- Residentials
 - PGL (Yr 6)
 - Sayers Croft (Yr 5)
 - London Narrow Boat (Yr 4)





Wrap-around care

- After-School Clubs
 - Athletics
 - Cricket (Surrey Cricket)*
 - Football (Palace for Life Foundation)*
 - Irish Dance*
 - Guitar*
 - Gymnastics*
 - Irish whip
 - Netball
 - Portuguese (Camos IP)*
 - Skipping
- St Joseph's BASC*
 - Breakfast and After School care
 - Homework club
 - Holiday programmes (HAF)

*External providers

Mental health and wellbeing

- Children encouraged to talk and share their worries with staff they trust
- Learning mentors
- School counsellor
- National Mental health Awareness Week
- Books that explore feelings: Lucy's Blue Day, The Dot, The Book of Hopes and The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse
- Staff wellbeing supported through healthy eating, EAP, Tai-Chi, Yoga, cycle-to-work tax-free buying scheme and discounted online shopping scheme



Facilities & resources

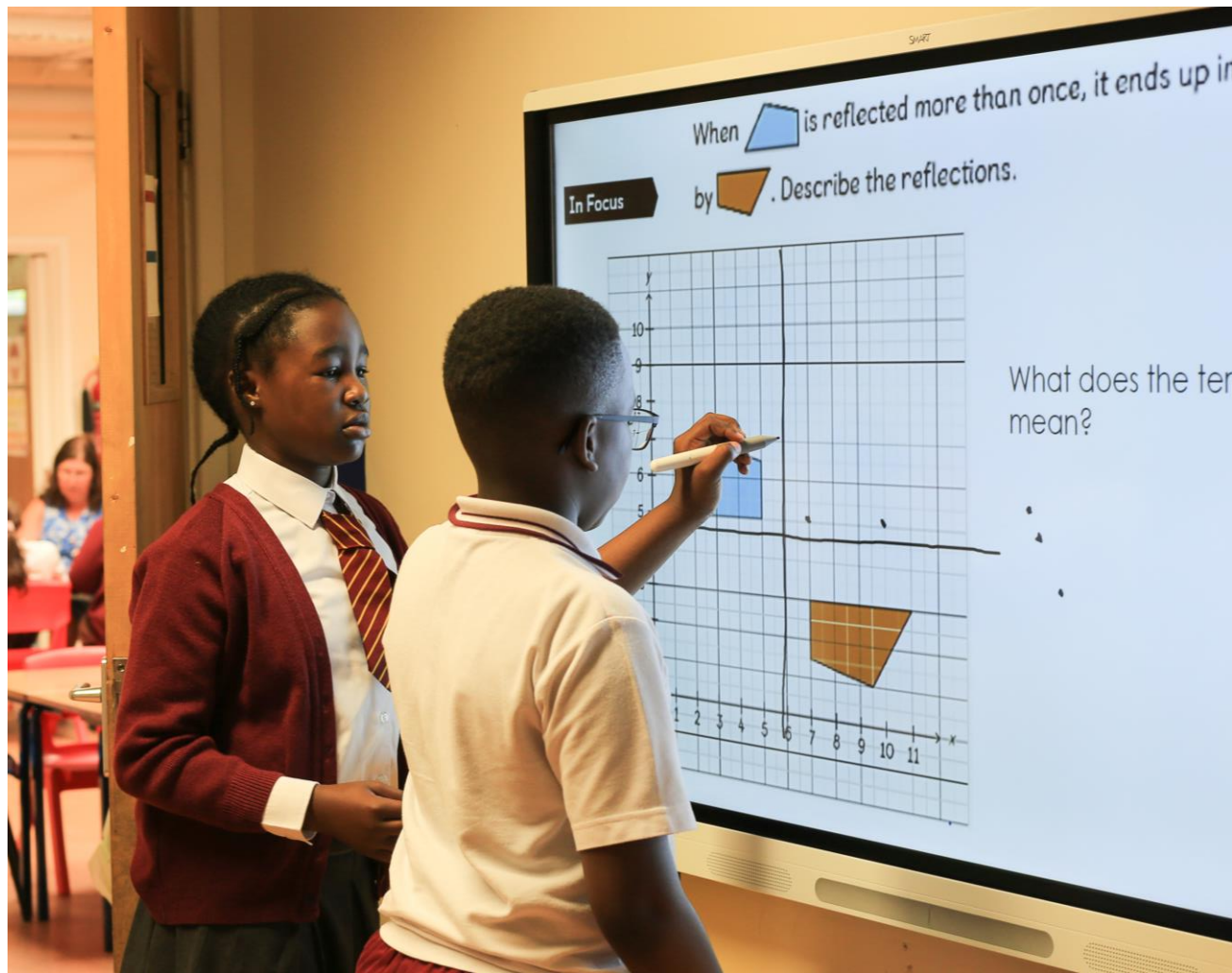
Section 4



Our grounds

- The largest outdoor space of any primary school (state or independent) in our area
 - Full-size sports field used for athletics, cricket, rugby/football, hockey with a long-jump area
 - Our own Forest School with original trees from the Great North Wood
 - Outdoor reading & learning spaces
 - Infant adventure playground
 - Junior adventure playground
- 'The Kew Gardens of Norwood'
 - Fruit and vegetables in Nursery
 - Orchard garden in Infants
 - Vegetable garden in Juniors
 - Wild meadow and bulb gardens
 - Annual tree planting programme





Our digital transformation strategy

- Started in 2019
 - Edtech Demonstrator school
 - Online learning platform in place via Google classroom
- COVID accelerated our implementation
 - Full network and device upgrade during August 2020
 - Over 200 computers, laptops, iPads, smart boards, tablets, document readers, visualisers and cameras
- Latest software to support learning
 - Full G-suite for Education
 - Adobe Creative Cloud
 - Atom Learning for 11+ prep
 - Purple Mash

Our new library

- A haven for reading
 - Over 1,000 new titles drawn from the 'classics of literature' but also reflecting our diverse heritage
 - Partnership with Dulwich Books including 'guest' author events
 - Complete refurbishment of lighting, seating, ICT, indoor and outdoor surfaces completed May 2021
 - Outdoor reading & learning space
- A space for all our community
 - Encouraging a love for reading
 - Baby groups (from 14 Sep)
 - Adult CPD and guest speakers
 - Community groups



Response to COVID

Section 5



How we transformed teaching & learning

- Remote learning
 - Google Classroom from April 2020
 - Live ZOOM lessons
 - >100 devices for FSM families
 - Free 4G SIM cards
 - Discounted devices for purchase
- Catch-up support
 - NELI speech & language
 - Teacher-led interventions
 - Academic mentors
 - Atom Learning
 - National Tutoring Programme
 - School counsellor





How we supported our community

- COVID-safety on site
 - Comprehensive risk assessments
 - One-way systems and deep-cleaning
 - PPE, bubbles, and LFD testing
 - Test and trace support
 - Staff vaccinated
- Family support
 - **Open throughout for children of Critical Workers**
 - Food bank
 - Free uniforms
 - >£50k of supermarket vouchers
 - Easter activity programme
 - Summer programme
 - Activity & food boxes
 - ICT support for devices
 - After-hours/out-of-school support

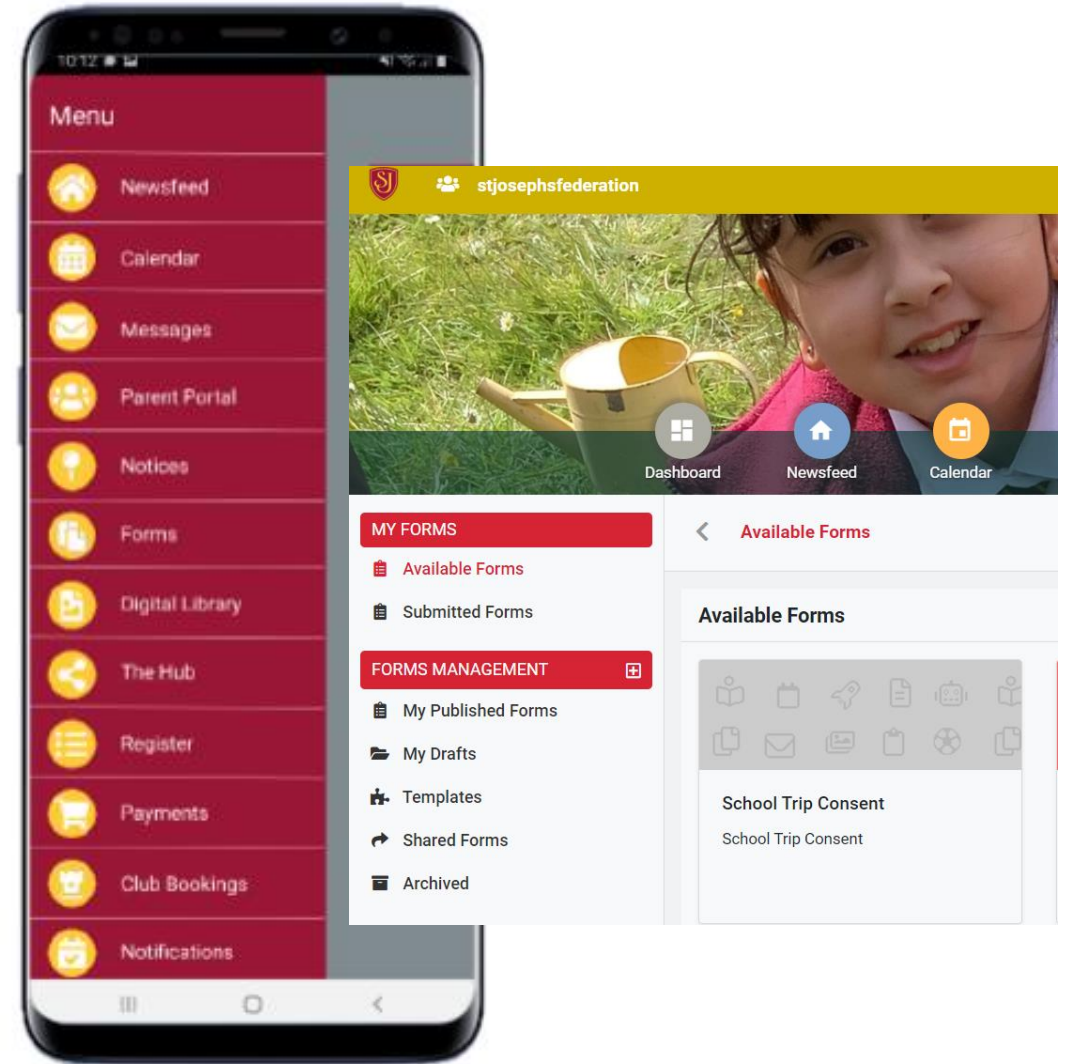
Parental support & engagement

Section 6



The St Joseph's portal

- All your school information on one login
 - News / events / calendar
 - Notices & messaging
 - Consent and data entry forms
 - Absence reporting
 - Accident reporting
 - Attendance record
 - Meals including pre-order
 - Payment for clubs and trips
 - Parent / teacher video conferencing
 - Access to key policies & documents
- Accessible on any web browser as well as an app for android and iphone
 - Training & support provided to staff and parents





Parental support

- Full-time SENCO
- Free school jacket for every FSM-eligible child
- 'Early Help' support for families
- Access to Educational Welfare Officer
- Online webinars / training
- Loan devices and free data SIM cards
- Free / discounted offers for clubs, sports and activities from our partner organisations
- Active PTA
- Discounted rates on lettings for birthday parties and events

Community & sustainability

Section 7



Our strong links expand opportunities

Secondary schools

- Trinity School
- **Bishop Thomas Grant School**
- **The Cedars School**
- **The Laurels School**

Sports clubs and associations

- Harlequin Rugby
- Palace for Life Foundation
- Surrey Cricket

Languages

- Camoes I.P. (Portuguese lessons & clubs)





Community

- Annual tree planting programme
- Christmas cards and short stories for care home residents during COVID
- Guest speakers to inspire achievement
 - Sports: Olympians / Team GB
 - Business: Private equity / Finance
 - Science: Virologists & Engineers
 - Entrepreneurs & business owners
- Regular parent surveys for feedback
- Petition for traffic-calming measures on Crown Dale, together with neighbouring schools

Sustainability

- 100% renewable sources for electricity, including our own solar panels
- “Reduce, re-use, and recycle”
- Going paperless / online forms
- Wood over plastic equipment
- Local suppliers vs Amazon
- School street on Woodend
- Cycle-to-work scheme for staff
- Wild grass / meadow areas
- Ponds for frogs, newts and insects
- Eco-cleaning chemicals and supplies
- Eco-counsellors & pupil voice



The future

Section 8



150 years of faithful service

- Founded in 1872
 - School rebuilt in the 1950's and 1970's
 - Juniors and Infants federated in 2011
- **A year of celebrations to bring everyone (including alumni) together**
 - Official Launch – September 2021
 - Fireworks Night – November 2021
 - Christmas Fair – December 2021
 - Planting of 150th oak – January 2021
 - Mass with Archbishop – April 2022
 - Summer Fair – June 2022





The next 150 years

- A diverse and inclusive community
 - Over 100 languages and nationalities
 - We succeed because of our differences, not despite of them
- Maintaining our strong Christian ethos
 - Moral purpose in everything we do
- A relentless drive for excellence
 - We believe in every child

Together we can!

Admissions – it's easy and all online!

- Online booking for virtual events, open mornings and open Saturdays on: <https://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/admissions/>
- **For Reception only**, complete the Common Application Form (CAF) in your borough: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- **For Nursery and Reception**, complete our online supplementary information form with key information
- **Email** supporting documents to: admissions@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk
- We will do the rest - accept as soon as you are offered a place
- **See you in September 2022!**

