



# St Katherine's School



**PEOPLE • COMMUNITY • EXCELLENCE**



# A warm welcome to St Katherine's School

We are a dynamic, aspirational school with high standards of behaviour built on the collaborative relationships fostered between staff and pupils.

We are a thriving, diverse school community founded on core values of excellence, aspiration, acceptance, resilience and respect. We value effort and perseverance, encouraging children to fulfil their potential regardless of their starting point. Our committed staff nurture young people

through our strong pastoral care and our learners achieve highly, finding their way to varied higher education and employment opportunities. We believe in treating young people as individuals and nurture their skills in the academic, creative, physical, emotional and practical domains.

## Our Vision

Nurturing young people to achieve highly, develop confidence and character; with a healthy mind, body and spirit.

## Our Ethos

Learning together, succeeding together, inspiring excellence.

## Our Values

- Aspiration and excellence
- Equality and acceptance
- Friendship and respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Honesty
- Determination

# Why St Katherine's?

**Our ambition is for every student to be happy and to thrive at St Katherine's, ultimately achieving their full potential.**

Every student is valued for who they are and what they can become. We celebrate achievement in many forms and value pupils' positive contributions to school life. With smaller than average class sizes and targeted support from teachers who are passionate about learning, we keep a close eye on attainment and progress, and nurture effort, perseverance and self-improvement.

In a semi-rural location, with excellent public transport links and just minutes by car from the Clifton Suspension Bridge, St Katherine's School offers a calm learning environment free from the bustle and distraction of the city.

**“St Katherine's brings my passions to life. Teachers always try their best to help and I love the beautiful environment and positive atmosphere around the school.”**

Year 7 student



# Starting at St Katherine's

**We know that the step up from primary to secondary school can be a time of anxiety for most pupils, so we make every effort to ensure that starting at St Katherine's is a smooth, happy experience.**

New students join us for a two day induction in July when they enjoy taster lessons, form friendships and get to know the school environment before the summer break. Parents and carers join us on one of the evenings to meet tutors and find out more about the year ahead.

To support our young people as they settle into St Katherine's, Year 7 are led by a Transition Manager. All students are assigned to one of our four houses and Year 7s join their house during the summer term.

## **Pastoral Care**

Each child has a Tutor who looks after their progress and wellbeing throughout their time at St Katherine's. Tutors are the first point of contact for parents and will facilitate meetings with other staff members when necessary. The school's tutorial programme and house structure helps students develop study skills, social responsibility, self-confidence and respect for others. Student House Captains and tutor groups regularly lead school briefings, assemblies and student voice, showcasing the achievements and contributions of their house.

Parents and carers receive clear, frequent feedback on their child's learning and we send regular updates on progress. We believe our relationship with home is an important partnership that supports the success and happiness of our pupils.



# Curriculum

**We aim to provide a dynamic, inspiring curriculum that will enable pupils to maximise their future choices and opportunities. We believe in engaging pupils through high quality, creative teaching that fully utilises specialist resources.**

At KS3 pupils follow the full National Curriculum: English, maths, science, design, art & technology, modern foreign languages, humanities (geography, history, philosophy & belief), physical education, music, drama, society and culture, and citizenship.

At KS4 we provide the flexibility for pupils to follow their own direction, and to facilitate further study Post-16. All pupils study a core of GCSE subjects: English, maths, science, society and culture and physical education.

Pupils can choose to study GCSEs in: geography, history, French, Spanish, drama, art, music, resistant materials, philosophy and beliefs, computing, statistics, food preparation and nutrition and film studies. All pupils study either double award science or triple award science.

Vocational courses are offered in performing arts, sports, business and hospitality.









# Extracurricular

**Our belief is that secondary education is not only academic but a time to develop life skills and knowledge outside of the classroom.**

There are many clubs to join, run by our enthusiastic teachers, including a wide range of sports (trampolining, fencing, rugby, netball and many more), humanities, community and charitable projects. Our performing arts faculty stage spectacular annual whole school productions as good as many professional shows.

Many pupils take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at bronze, silver and gold level to develop their skills and interests.

Fieldwork days and residential trips for Years 9 to 12 offer pupils the chance to enrich their classroom learning with 'on the ground' study of urban, rural and coastal environments.

The school is active in our community and is supported by the St Katherine's Music Parent Supporters (SKAMPS) organisation. We offer both European and International exchanges.

The Library Resource Centre provides a broad range of literature for young people, offering a wide choice of activities and author visits.



# Post 16

**Many of our students decide to stay on in our Sixth Form which provides academic and vocational courses to suit a wide range of talent.**

The Sixth Form inspires students by promoting a love of learning and independent inquiry. It aims to equip students with the necessary skills to continue onto further/higher education, training or employment. We provide a range of A Levels and vocational courses, Apprenticeships in hospitality and catering, along with a GCSE resit opportunities in core subjects.

Our tailored careers, information, advice and guidance is designed to ensure that our students pursue pathways that lead to success beyond the Sixth Form.

Sixth Form students access their learning on Chromebooks or other electronic devices and use Google classroom to enrich their understanding and collaborate on projects.

Student Leadership Team roles such as head student, mentors and marketing offer students valuable leadership and management experience giving them a competitive edge when they leave. Plus enrichment activities including Oxford Summer School, Access to Bristol, Heading Higher Passport and Pathways to Law and mentoring by undergraduates help students develop skills and qualities beyond the curriculum





“St Katherine’s is like **one big family**. It’s **supportive and comfortable** and the teachers do **anything** they can **to help**”

Sixth form student



“The professional kitchens are **amazing to learn** in - it’s just like working in a real restaurant.”

Year 10 Student

# Catering Facility

**St Katherine's School is proud to provide a unique training experience for those studying hospitality and catering qualifications.**

Our award winning facility boasts professional kitchens and a restaurant. 'The Leaf at Ham Green' is open to the public every Thursday evening during term time. This gives our pupils the chance to gain valuable practical experience under the watchful eye of their tutors.

## **BTEC Hospitality - Level 2 and 3**

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 can choose to study a BTEC in Hospitality at Level 2. Pupils in years 12 and 13 can choose to study a BTEC in Hospitality at Level 3.



**We hope we have given you  
an introduction to life at  
St Katherine's.**

Why not take the time to visit us and find out for yourself the great things we can offer your child? We look forward to welcoming you soon.







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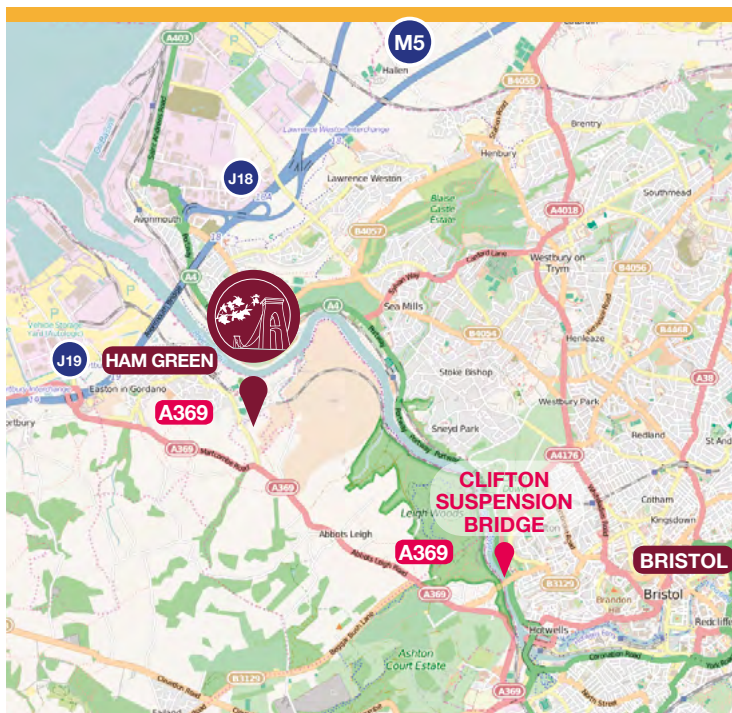
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Only 2.9 miles from the Clifton Suspension Bridge to St Katherine's School, or 7 minutes by car.\*

### Directions from the Clifton Suspension Bridge:

Travelling west, take the B3129 Bridge Road, turn right onto the A369 Abbots Leigh Road, straight on at the traffic lights on the A369 Pill Road. After 2.5 miles turn right at the sign for Ham Green, Pill Road. St Katherine's School is on your right.

### Directions from the M5 Junction 19:

Take the A369 Martcombe Road towards Pill, turn left at the sign for Ham Green into Pill Road, St Katherine's School is on your right.

\*Source: [www.theaa.com/routeplanner](http://www.theaa.com/routeplanner)

