



# 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 encourage 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 students' 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.

We were delighted to join Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) in January 2019 and this partnership is continuing to have a very positive impact on our school.

In a semi-rural location, with a bespoke school bus service, 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

**Moving from primary to secondary is an exciting opportunity for growth and personal development. We understand that change can evoke mixed emotions and strive to ensure that every child feels supported, understood and optimistic as they embark on their transition into St Katherine's.**

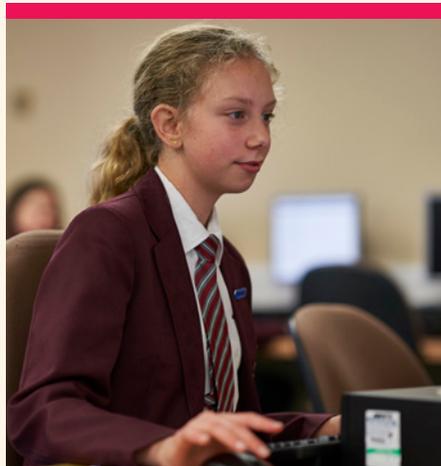
New students join us for a two day induction in term 6 when they enjoy taster lessons, form friendships and get to know the school environment before the summer break. Parents and carers join us on one of the evenings to meet tutors and find out more about the year ahead. To support our young people as they settle into St Katherine's, Year 7 are led by a Transition Manager. All students belong to one of our four houses; Pankhurst, Stephenson, Turing and Yousafzai. Our houses are named after truly inspirational individuals who inspire us every day.

## **Pastoral Care**

Each child has a tutor who looks after their progress and wellbeing throughout their time at St Katherine's. Siblings are members of the same house, overseen by a Head of

House, ensuring continuity of care for each family. Tutors are the first point of contact for parents and carers 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 Leaders and Tutor Group Representatives regularly lead assemblies and tutor time, 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 understand that our relationship with home is an important partnership which supports the success and happiness of our students.



# Curriculum

**We are proud to be a fully inclusive comprehensive school and value every young person within our community. We aim to use our local context and diversity to shape an inspiring curriculum that will enable students to maximise their future choices and opportunities.**

We believe in engaging students through high quality, creative teaching that fully utilises specialist resources. We are passionate that all of our students will leave us as highly literate young people and so prioritise reading in all that we do.

At Key Stage 3 students follow the full National Curriculum: English, maths, science, design, art and technology, modern foreign languages, humanities (geography, history, philosophy and belief), physical education, music, drama, society and culture, and citizenship.

At Key Stage 4 we provide the flexibility for students to follow their own direction, and to facilitate further study Post-16. All students study a core of GCSE subjects: English, maths, science, society and culture and physical education.

Students can choose to study four additional subjects in Key Stage Four. These can take the form of GCSEs or vocational courses. Students are currently able to study GCSEs in: geography, history, French, Spanish, drama, art, music, philosophy and belief, computing, health and social care, sport, food preparation and nutrition, psychology and photography. All students study either double award science or triple award science.

Vocational courses are offered in performing arts, sport, business and engineering.







# Co-curricular

**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, hockey, rugby, netball and many more), humanities, community and charitable projects. Our performing arts faculty stages spectacular annual wholeschool productions as good as many professional shows.

The Trailblazers scheme is open to all Year 7 students. Students opting to be a Trailblazer will receive for the year: a free instrument, 30 half-hour group lessons with an expert teacher at a heavily discounted price and membership of a dedicated weekly ensemble just for them.

Many students 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 students the chance to enrich their classroom learning with 'on the ground' study of urban, rural and coastal environments.

We recognise student engagement in co-curricular activities annually through the St Katherine's Youth Awards, SKYwards.

The school is active in our community and is supported by the St Katherine's Music Parent Supporters (SKAMPS) organisation.

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 choose to stay on in our Sixth Form, which is a small, community-focused environment.**

We offer a wide range of course options which cater for all students and future pathways, from traditional academic routes to more work-based, vocational options, all taught to an exceptional standard by our experienced Sixth Form teachers.

Our 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.

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 offer students valuable leadership and management experience. We work with a wide range of partners to provide enrichment beyond the classroom including Sutton Trust Summer Schools, Access to Bristol, Heading Higher Passport, Realising Opportunities and Pathways to Law and Health Sciences. These valuable experiences help students set themselves apart from other applicants when pursuing employment, apprenticeship or higher education opportunities





“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

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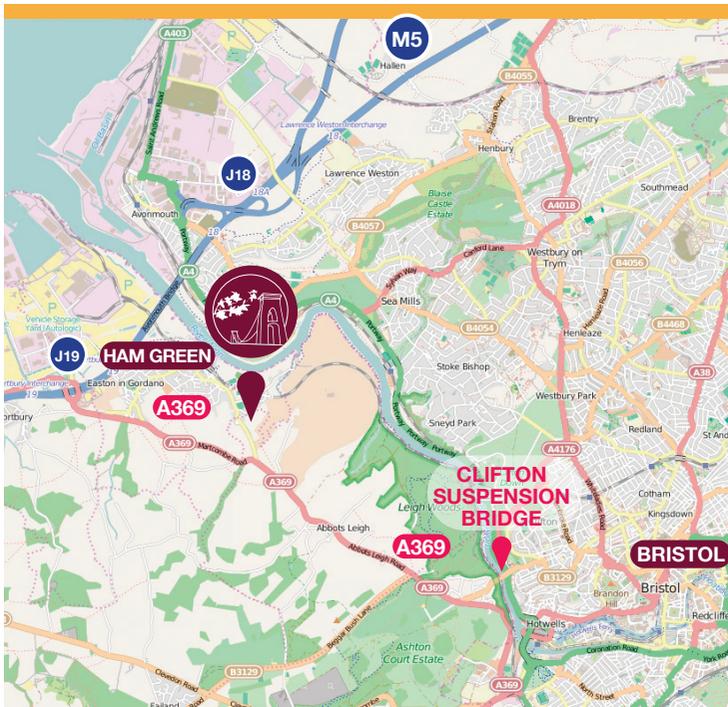
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Only 2.9 miles from the Clifton Suspension Bridge to St Katherine's School, or 7 minutes by car.\*

### 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)

