

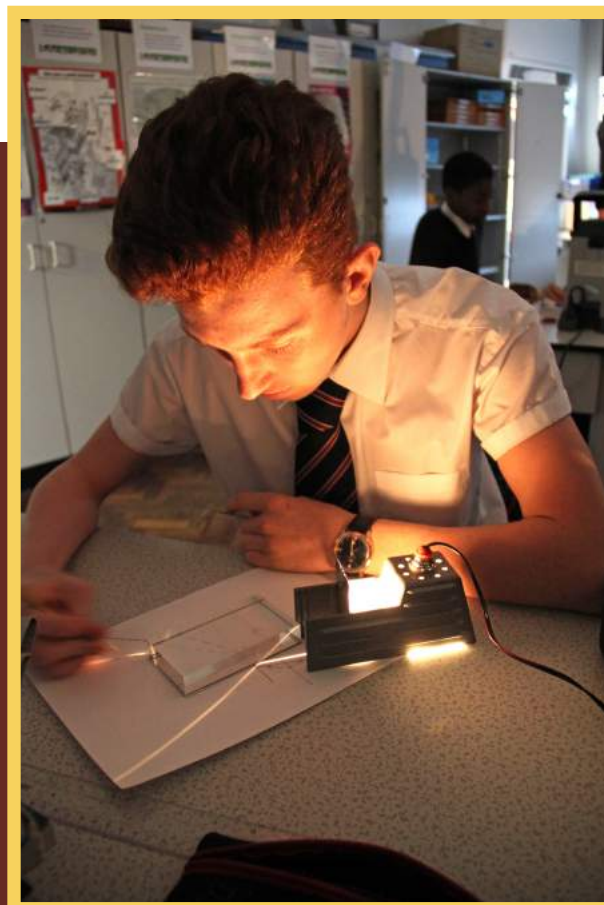


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A Catholic Science Academy

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The Champion School aims to be an outstanding Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided School. Established in 1962, it is a strong and united community in which everyone contributes to the school's religious and educational objectives. In 2011, the school became an academy.



The school has developed its own distinctive Catholic ethos and traditions, building on those first endowed upon it by the Jesuits. It seeks to draw on the long-established Jesuit educational ideals of a Catholic community in which endeavour and opportunity lead students to the highest levels of achievement. We are a popular and oversubscribed 11-18 secondary school located within the London Borough of Havering.

The most recent Diocesan and Ofsted inspections described it as an 'outstanding Catholic school' and a 'good school with many outstanding features'. We are proud of our successes and have ambitious plans to develop and improve the school further.

“Success and personal endeavour are encouraged, rewarded and celebrated. There is a strong ethos of not only wanting to do well but about being proud of doing so.”

The school admits only boys in the main school (11-16) but has admitted a number of girls to the sixth form each year for some time, and this number has grown in recent years. Since 1996 the governors have been able to expand the number of boys admitted each year from 124 to 150, and as a consequence the school is now approximately 1050 strong.



Motivated students

The majority of students join us with levels of attainment above the national average and by the end of Year 11 standards are very high. Very few students have English as an additional language and the percentage of students with learning difficulties is well below average.

Campion students have very positive attitudes towards learning and we support them fully during their time with us. Staff know students exceptionally well, giving strong pastoral care and instilling in them the confidence to succeed. We work in partnership with parents and carers to help our students develop into caring Christians and adults of the future.

“The inclusive and safe environment that staff have created at the school means that pupils and their parents or carers are extremely happy with the quality of education that the school provides. Pupils enjoy school, they enjoy learning and feel that they are encouraged to treat others equally”, Ofsted



Our Aims

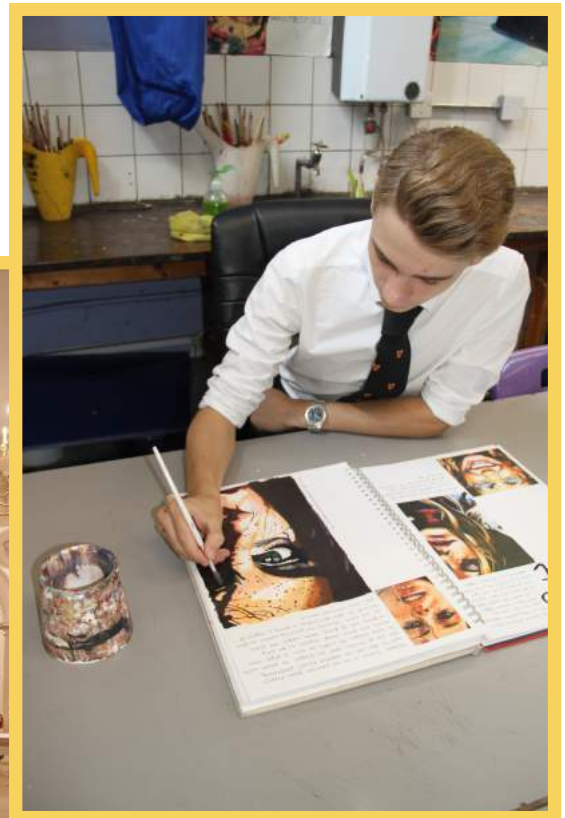
The Campion School has three main aims:

- ◆ To lead young people to faith in Christ and to mature understanding of the Catholic faith.
- ◆ To develop in its pupils inquiring minds through the study of a broad range of subjects and through the encouragement of self-discipline and hard work in the pursuit of excellence.
- ◆ To encourage young people to fully develop themselves intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually through academic study and through participation in extra-curricular activities.

"My sons have been offered wonderful opportunities from singing to the Pope to playing rugby in Australia and New Zealand."

Parent

"Teachers really listen to us and show understanding."
Student



Founded in faith

The Campion School was established by the Society of Jesus in 1962 and it bears the name of one of the most famous English Jesuits who was martyred for the Faith in 1581, Edmund Campion, S.J.

In 1965 the school was handed on to the Diocese of Brentwood. Since then it has been run by a lay headteacher and staff, and there is currently a Franciscan Priest (part-time) on the teaching staff. His work is complemented and supported by a number of parish priests acting as chaplains.

This is a Christian community that worships God daily and practises the faith through its communal work. Religious assemblies are held each week and prayers are offered daily. Mass is celebrated for the whole school at key points in the liturgical and academic calendar, with year and tutor group masses celebrated throughout the year by the local priests.

The school undertakes considerable community service and charitable work with the Jesuit and Kenya Missions, which have been regularly visited and supported by Campion sixth formers; with Crisis at Christmas and other charities such as CAFOD and the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society; and with many local schools, hospitals and charities. In the last year students and staff raised over £100,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust.



Inspiring learning

We have a long-standing tradition of providing a rich and varied curriculum to stimulate and interest students. Each individual is given the appropriate support to achieve their full potential. For example, students who are particularly gifted or talented may be offered courses operated by the London Borough of Havering and during lessons they are often given extension work to stretch and challenge.

In 2017, our Year 11 students achieved excellent GCSE results, with 86 per cent achieving grade 4 and above in English and mathematics. The numbers achieving two good grades in science and at least one good grade in a modern foreign language are also very high by local and national comparisons.



The majority of boys enter the sixth form (approximately 110 out of 150 per year) and the remainder enter local colleges for specialist and vocational courses, take up modern apprenticeships or follow other training placements.

Sixth form

The sixth form is an integral part of the school and is a thriving learning environment with exceptional specialist facilities.

As well as studying AS, A-level and BTEC courses, students participate in many extra-curricular activities, especially sport, music, community service, public speaking and charitable work. Many take up positions of leadership, such as prefects and school officials, as coaches and mentors of younger pupils, or in leading liturgy and charitable work. These opportunities contribute to their development into well-rounded young adults.

At the end of Year 13 the majority of students go to university. In 2017, 118 students took up university places, whilst others gained employment or places on apprenticeship schemes.



Broadening horizons

We recognise the importance of extra-curricular activities and offer a wide range of religious, sporting and musical opportunities. All Year 7 and 8 students participate in a retreat to reflect on their role and ambitions in our Catholic community and throughout their school life, students have many opportunities to travel abroad, including trips to Italy, France and as far afield as Kenya, Canada and Australia.

Music is a strength of school life. Our choirs, orchestra, jazz band and wind band perform regularly and to a very high standard. Individual instrumental lessons are available, and in recent years our musicians and singers have performed in Westminster Cathedral and in Rome, Paris, Aachen and at the Menim Gate, Ypres.

The Campion School has established a national reputation for sporting excellence. We have impressive sporting facilities including sixteen acres of grass fields and hard play area, an all-weather, floodlit surface, a gymnasium, an indoor swimming pool, a multi-purpose indoor sports hall and a community fitness gym. The school has a number of representative team sports: rugby, soccer, cross-country, basketball, athletics and cricket. Other sports to which boys have access include swimming, golf and badminton.

We are very proud of our many sporting achievements. Most notably in Rugby, our 1st XV squad won the National Cup at Twickenham in 2001 and lost a close final in 2002. Many year groups reach county finals and the 1st XV finished 18th in the national league this year.

Hub of the community

Students, parents, staff and governors share the belief that our school is very special. Teamwork is central to our success. Our team of dedicated staff offer excellent care and guidance, often getting to know students extremely well and giving them the support needed to help achieve their best. Governors are both supportive and challenging of the school, always with the focus on achieving excellent outcomes for students and our Parents' Association is actively involved in school life. We are a true hub of the community with local competitive sports clubs and organisations using our excellent facilities.

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