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Headteacher's Welcome

AT ST CLARE'S SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to St Clare's, a leading independent co-educational day school for boys and girls aged 2 1/2 to 18 years, carrying a very strong academic profile.

Our core values are - Achievement - Challenge - Excellence.

Located in the historic village of Newton, we are close to the coast on the outskirts of Porthcawl, South Wales.
We have a rich tradition of providing an exceptional education for nearly 85 years to pupils all the way through to our Sixth Form.



Helen Hier, Headteacher



Be You. Brilliantly!

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Nestled in 11 acres of magnificent grounds, away from the hustle and bustle of city life, is St Clare's Senior School & Sixth Form, a leading independent school with a strong academic profile.

We welcome new pupils into the vibrant and energetic community of the Senior School.

We create a personalised learning experience, and we underpin this with a broad global perspective.

Our academic results at both GCSE and A-Level are excellent and consistently well above the national average thanks to our specialised teaching delivered by experienced subject specialists and examiners.

St Clare's is in the top 5% of schools in the UK for [ALPS](#) (A-Level Performance System) since 2018.

Explore with our 3D Virtual Tour





Academic Excellence

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GCSE

St Clare's high quality teaching and learning programme ensures that the vast majority of children achieve above national expectations and make better than expected progress.

Grade 9-7	A**/A	35.7%	
Grade 9-4	A**/C	93.4%	vs 68.2% nationally

A-LEVEL

St Clare's is in the top 5% of schools in the UK for **ALPS** (A-Level Performance System) since 2018.

Grade A*/A	39.4%	
Grade A*/B	68.0%	vs 27.2% nationally

100% pass rate across all subjects. Students secured places at the most competitive universities and acquired prestigious apprenticeships such as Deloitte's Bright Start Degree apprenticeship.

Objective

La Clase

Mi Instituto

martes, el veintiseis de abril

Answering questions about school in Spanish

Task

① ¿Cómo se llama tu instituto?
What is your school called?

② ¿A qué hora empiezan las clases?
What time do classes start?

③ ¿A qué hora terminan las clases?
What time do classes finish?

④ ¿A qué hora es la hora de comer?
What time is lunch?

⑤ ¿Llevas uniforme?
Do you wear uniform?

⑥ ¿Te gusta tu instituto?
Do you like your school?

Spanish and French

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All pupils from Year 7 are taught both Spanish and French.

Spanish and French are both taught to A-Level.

All our Modern Foreign Language teachers are experienced subject specialists, many of whom are also examiners and moderators. Mme Parsons is a native French speaker.

Modern languages have always been an important part of the curriculum, but never more so than at present, when links with our European neighbours involve tourism, trade, agriculture and industry. Pupils are encouraged to develop understanding of the spoken and written forms of the language in a range of contexts.



What our Parents Say

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"The school exceeds its reputation. We knew it was good but for us, it is even better in real life."

"Enrolling our son at St Clare's has proved to be the best decision we have made for his education. The interaction with and responsiveness from staff has been great so far. He is thriving and we are very happy."

Voice of the Parent Testimonials 2023



Our Focus on Wellbeing

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At St Clare's we believe that true success is not solely measured academically. In order for your child to achieve their full academic potential, we provide the pastoral framework for them to flourish.

Our close relationships with parents and families mean that parents can pick up the phone at any point and speak to a member of the pastoral team. Creating an environment that nurtures pupil mental health and wellbeing is a key priority for us at St Clare's School. To help us do this, we have invested in The Wellbeing Hub, developed by child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing experts, Teen Tips. We are so pleased to be able to provide this enhanced level of pastoral support.

Another additional part of our wellbeing provision is AS Tracking (Affective Social Tracking); an adolescent mental health tool that can enable schools to identify pupils' hidden risks a little bit earlier so our pastoral care becomes proactive instead of reactive, making it an invaluable extra piece to the jigsaw that is pastoral care at St Clare's.

Meet our Deputy Head, Pastoral & Well-being, Mrs Smart [here](#)



Exciting & Varied Curriculum

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The overriding aim at St Clare's is for pupils to achieve their full potential within our caring and supportive environment.

At KS3 (from Years 7 to 9) St Clare's pupils have an exciting and varied curriculum where they are taught the three core subjects, English Literature, English Language and Maths together with three sciences, Biology, Chemistry and Physics (all taught separately) and two foreign languages, Spanish and French. They also have lessons in Humanities, Arts, Performing Arts, PE and Computer Science as well as bespoke careers and PSE lessons.

Towards the end of KS3, pupils make their choices for **GCSE**. Our pupils study the three core subjects: English Literature, English Language and Maths and at least one science. In addition, a humanities subject and a modern foreign language are also strongly recommended to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. There is a wide choice available for you to personalise your curriculum to suit each pupil's strengths, aspirations and interests, including Business and Triple Maths from September 2023.

Meet our Assistant Head (Curriculum and Planning) Leon Yemm





Science

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All pupils from Year 7 are taught Biology, Chemistry and Physics

At Key Stage 3 pupils are taught all three as completely separate subjects in our four modern, light and airy Science laboratories.

All our Science teachers are experienced subject specialists, many of whom are examiners and moderators.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics are also taught to A-Level.

Many of our Sixth Form students study all three sciences at A-Level and go on to read competitive subjects such as Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy at some of the top universities in UK including many in the Russell Group.



Sport

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Emphasising personal growth and positive values.

Sport is a very important and well-regarded aspect of school life at St Clare's. We promote a healthy lifestyle, values of commitment, resilience, discipline, teamwork, leadership, respect, perseverance, and dedication.

From our well-loved Sports Day through to fixtures and competitive opportunities with other schools, we enjoy a sporting culture that is embraced by pupils of all ages, resulting in young people who are keen to pursue an active lifestyle when they leave us.

At St Clare's, each sport is supported by a Games specialist to ensure the very best coaching for our pupils. We are passionate about listening to our student voice and have created opportunities for girls and boys to play any sport they choose through our extensive extra-curricular programme. Mr Corsi's clubs and Mrs Bowen's clubs are open to both boys and girls.

We are very proud of the large number of pupils who perform at a regional or national level across a variety of sports. Providing support to maximise the potential of these pupils is a rewarding experience and is looked at both on the field along with providing an holistic approach to their athletic development.



Character Development

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A St Clare's education is about much more than just academics.

Equally important is equipping young people with the confidence and resourcefulness that prepares them to grow, thrive and find their success in a fast-changing world. That's why education extends beyond the classroom in our school. Our staff work hard to incorporate trips, excursions and other programmes (**Duke of Edinburgh Award** for example) to build critical life skills and broaden the educational experience of all our pupils.

Through 'pupil voice' and as voted by our student council, the Enrichment Programme is devised into six tailor-made sessions, exploring skills that sometimes are not explicitly addressed on the timetable. From team-building challenges to debating with other schools across the globe, we hope to enhance pupil employability through the additional skills acquired.



ACHIEVEMENT

Art & Design

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Pupils from Year 7 upwards enjoy lessons in our recently refurbished Art block where they are taught by Head of Art, Mrs Williams and her team.

At Key Stage 4, pupils may choose to study Art and Graphics at GCSE.

At Key Stage 5, pupils may choose Fine Art, Textiles and Graphics at A-Level.



Take a 3D virtual tour of our Art Department



Harnessing EdTech

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During the pandemic and beyond.

We were delighted to have introduced CENTURY, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered learning platform, during the pandemic. Using the latest in AI, neuroscience and learning science, CENTURY personalises learning for each of our pupils – tailoring its library of teacher-created learning materials to their individual strengths, improvement areas and behaviours. CENTURY also saves our teachers hours of administrative work every week, freeing them up to focus on teaching, and enabling them the possibility of creating different learning opportunities for pupils, depending on what the pupil is experiencing at that moment in time.

Cognita recently conducted a listening exercise with pupils, parents, teachers and school leaders from various countries to gather opinions on the potential impact of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, on education. Their findings highlighted three key themes: Embracing AI: Participants acknowledged the positive potential of AI to significantly impact education. They believe that AI tools can enhance teaching and learning experiences, leading to more effective and personalised education. AI will not replace teachers: While AI can enhance education, participants agreed that it will not replace the role...

The Cognita Family

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St Clare's proud to be part of the Cognita Family

Launched in 2004, Cognita is an extraordinary community of diverse yet connected schools, spanning sixteen different countries. Cognita schools share one common purpose: to deliver an outstanding holistic education that will enable our students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. With over 100 schools in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and India and North America, Cognita employs 15,000 teaching and support staff in the care and education of more than 85,000 students.

As a Cognita school we provide a truly holistic education based on rich and varied experiences that focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive learning. This results in excellent academic outcomes for our students, who are also equipped with the agency, adaptability and positive attitudes to set them up for success in our fast changing world.

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A Global Perspective

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Global Horizons

Being part of Cognita's global family of schools provides a platform for continual exchange of ideas and inspiration, creating a vibrant culture of limitless possibility for our students and educators.

Cognita are developing new ways all the time to connect the people within our global community in order to deepen learning and build global perspective for everyone.

The global diversity at the heart of Cognita fuels our innovation. We take our best and share it, so we all can improve.

Global Collaboration

Connecting and collaborating with peers across the Cognita world enriches our students' learning and builds their global perspective. Through global school exchanges and joint expeditions involving students from across the Cognita world, broadening horizons is central to a Cognita education.

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Find out more ...

ABOUT ST CLARE'S SENIOR SCHOOL

Application Deadline for September 2024

Friday, 24th November 2023

Don't miss our '*School in Action*' Open Week

Monday, 6th - Friday, 10th November 2023

Book your personal tour or coffee with the Head

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