

Freedom Sincerity Justice Truth Joy



Loreto College

ST. ALBANS



"Students are inspired to
strive for their best"

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Welcome

*On behalf of our school community at Loreto,
I extend a warm welcome to you all.*

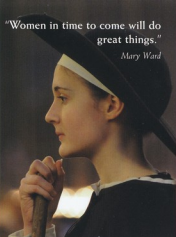
As concerned parents, you will be seeking a good school with the highest standards, offering opportunity and challenge in a secure and caring community. We were delighted, in May 2013, to have our work affirmed by OFSTED who judged us outstanding in all categories. This inspection was our third consecutive outstanding judgement.

Loreto is blessed with dedicated and talented staff who appreciate that school and parents must work together. This has never been as important as it is today, given the nature of our society and the pressure of modern living.

We recognise the enormous potential of our girls and we are justifiably proud of their high academic achievements. We appreciate the tremendous responsibility you will entrust to us, and so I have no hesitation in recommending Loreto College to you.

Maire C. Lynch Heads teacher

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"Women in time to come will do great things."

Mary Ward

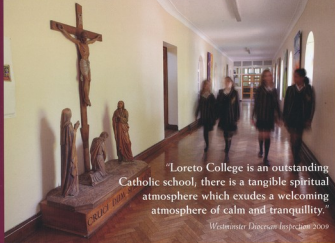
Our History

Over four hundred years ago, Mary Ward struggled against enormous opposition to set up a teaching order of nuns, known as the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Loreto Sisters are members of the Institute and today they support the education of young women throughout the world.

The tradition of Loreto schools is one of which we are immensely proud. It provides us with the bedrock of our work with the girls in our care. From this tradition comes our drive for excellence and our belief in a rounded education, balancing the academic, social, moral, physical and spiritual dimensions. At Loreto, St Albans, inspired by the spirit of Mary Ward, we encourage our students to realize their full academic and personal potential in an atmosphere of freedom, sincerity, justice, truth and joy.

The school opened in 1922 with just seven pupils and has grown steadily ever since. Now the site is a pleasant mix of old and new, including our lovely chapel, a house once owned by the Ryder family, a large gymnasium and purpose built teaching accommodation. In 2012 we became an academy in a trust with Loreto Grammar School in Manchester.

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"Loreto College is an outstanding Catholic school, there is a tangible spiritual atmosphere which exudes a welcoming atmosphere of calm and tranquillity."

Westminster Diocesan Inspection 2009

"The commitment of the school to support all its students is very strong."

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Our Ethos

Our caring ethos permeates the life of the community.

"The college's provision for students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exceptional."

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Putting "Faith into Action" is central to the Loreto ethos. All of our pupils are involved in outreach work supporting the community in a variety of ways.

Many members of our Sixth Form choose to train as Eucharistic ministers, helping the priest to serve Holy Communion. Our Catechists enjoy exploring their faith and teaching it to primary school children. Sixth Form students have participated in pilgrimages to Lourdes as Redcap helpers, and have attended World Youth Day events in Sydney and Madrid.

Our links with other Loreto schools around the world offer exciting opportunities, such as our recent trip to Loreto Kolkata to work with the street children.



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"I really enjoy being on the School Council because the older pupils are really friendly and one day I want to be like them!"

Student

Our Environment

"The college is an exceptionally safe, caring and supportive environment for learning and personal development. The attitudes of students towards achievement, their relationships with each other and teachers and their conduct are exemplary."

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Every day our students come to a school where they feel safe, comfortable, valued and respected. They support and encourage one another throughout their time at Loreto, which gives them the confidence to set themselves challenging goals. They learn to reflect on their own progress and to shape their futures as they develop into independent and aspirational young adults.



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"Teachers are highly skilled in helping pupils understand how to improve their work."

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Our Curriculum

Loreto College offers a broad and balanced curriculum, including Latin and Classical Civilisation, in an environment in which girls want to learn.

"Students of all abilities enjoy their learning and respond readily to the challenges they are set."

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Each student's level of achievement is monitored closely; individual targets are set and reviewed regularly, and parents are kept informed of progress. Most girls at Loreto take ten subjects at G.C.S.E. and progress to the Sixth Form, where the vast majority gain the qualifications to attend University.



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"Students make a significant contribution to the community."

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Our Opportunities

All students, regardless of ability, are positively encouraged to develop their talents by participating in a range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities.

"All students are able to participate fully in the experiences offered."

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Lunchtime and after school clubs in drama, music and sport play a big part in the life of the school along with clubs such as, Weather club, Gardening, Debating, Science and Maths clinic.

Special events including Arts days, Drama productions, Gymnastic and Dance displays and Charity fund raising events take place throughout the school year.

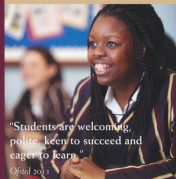
A range of day visits and residential trips take place each year. Our Sixth form students have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, visiting other Loreto schools in Spain, Australia and India.





"Students are always thoughtful, keen to share ideas and use their time very productively."

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"Students are welcoming, polite, keen to succeed and eager to learn."

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"Students develop into considerate, compassionate, thoughtful and confident young people."

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"Students develop wholly positive attitudes towards their learning and to each other."

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"Older students frequently support younger ones with reading. They are impeccable role models."

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Our Sixth Form

We have a vibrant co-educational Sixth Form which is attracting an increasing number of students. We offer a wide range of subjects at A Level and BTEC's in Business and ICT.

"The Sixth Form is outstanding."

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We work in collaboration with other local schools to provide more flexible access to post-sixteen courses. We also provide a wide variety of other opportunities to develop leadership and initiative through our enrichment programme, including activities such as Catechetics, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Work Experience.





"I have so many fond memories of my time at Loreto, and I know that I have made many friends for life here."

April Cremins, Head Girl 2013-2014



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exceptional progress."

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