



The Bishop of Llandaff CiW High School

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Application for Year 7 place in September 2022

The decision you take on which secondary school to send your child is one of the most challenging as a parent. You have to consider whether your child will excel academically, flourish socially and ultimately be happy. I should like you to give consideration to The Bishop of Llandaff as your preferred choice. I believe you should strongly consider us as your preferred school because

- The school has a proven track record of having some of the best results in the UK in public examinations. Our students consistently leave with exceptional outcomes which enables them to progress to the next stage in their lives. While around half of our students successfully gaining places at Russell group universities, every student is supported to the next stage of their career;
- We have outstanding students who are eager to learn, are well mannered and behave very well. Our exclusions are one of the lowest in the country, while our attendance is amongst the best in Wales;
- We have an exceptionally talented group of staff, committed to providing an outstanding experience to all students. We only appoint the very best teachers at The Bishop of Llandaff and, this September, we welcomed a further number of outstanding staff to join us in supporting our students; and
- While we have an old school site, we have invested heavily in facilities and improving the internal fabric of the building. All classrooms have high quality equipment to ensure learning is cutting edge.

We want to be the best school for your child! This means that each student, at the end of their time at The Bishop of Llandaff, could not have had a better educational experience at any other school. We want all of our students to achieve their full potential in terms of examination results; to gain life-long skills which will enable them to be successful in the world beyond school; and to develop a sense of morality, rooted in our Christian values. Our success as a school has been recognised by Estyn and Section 50 Inspectors, both judging the school as "excellent" in every category. Copies of these reports can be found on our school website via the [link](#). We were delighted to achieve the "World-Class School Quality Mark", the first (and only) school in the country to achieve this accreditation. However, while these are pleasing, we are continually striving for future success.

On **Thursday 7th October 2021** we will hold an **Open Evening** from 5.30pm until 7.30pm. You and your child will have the opportunity to take a tour of the school, followed by a short **presentation by me at 5.30pm**, which is repeated at **6.15pm** and again at **7.15pm**. We anticipate this being a busy event and, in light of the health crisis, unless you have an exemption, we ask that you wear a face-covering. Furthermore, where possible we will try to support social distancing by placing capacity limits on rooms. So that we can offer a 'real' experience, we ask that you support us by observing these safety measures.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our Open Evening on 7th October. By way of reminder, this year the closing date for applications for new Year 7s is **Monday 22nd November 2021 at 12pm**.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Belli
Executive Headteacher