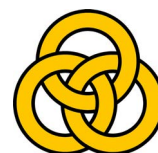




Step 7 Pathway

CONTINUING YOUR
CHILD'S JOURNEY
IN THE NPCAT FAMILY



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ST PATRICK'S
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The Step 7 Pathway puts your children at the heart of the transfer process, ensuring a smooth journey from primary to secondary education and enabling them to flourish in their new school environment.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As a result of high demand for places in all four of our rapidly improving secondary schools, the trust has decided to introduce the NPCAT Step 7 Pathway from September 2020.

This will ensure we can guarantee you a continuation of NPCAT education and take away any uncertainty in secondary placement allocation.

NPCAT offers excellent primary education within its 23 primary schools across Teesside and North Yorkshire. This year we have 705 pupils leaving Year 6 and have 606 places in Year 7.

Our four secondary schools have had new leadership in place since September 2019 and the impact on pupils' behaviour, attendance, attainment and progress is clearly evident. It has been recognised by the trust through our School Improvement Framework.

Since the formation of the trust we have continued to see an increase in pupil performance and we are confident of continued improvement in GCSE and sixth form outcomes.

As a trust we want to offer all Year 6 pupils the opportunity to remain within our family of Catholic schools. However, the current number of available places for Year 7 pupils is 240 at Trinity, 150 at Sacred Heart, 105 at St Peter's and 111 at St Patrick's. This leaves a shortfall of 99 places.

The Step 7 Pathway eliminates all anxiety and stress and puts children at the heart of the transfer process.

To assist our pupil placement planning, I am requesting that you work with your NPCAT primary school's headteacher and Year 6 teacher to identify which of our secondary schools meets your child's future needs.

This exercise will be followed up by a meeting with the secondary school headteachers, who will set out their vision and outline the wonderful advances being made across secondary education in NPCAT.

This booklet aims to start a conversation and offer key guidance to ensure the transition and transfer to secondary school is personalised, seamless and supportive.

By choosing NPCAT schools you can be assured of quality schooling from the age of two to 19. With us, your family's values and your expectations for your sons and daughters can be realised in a rich and unique school that recognises the individuality of every child and offers education and care that is carefully tailored to his or her needs.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust looks forward to working in partnership with you as we continue to build on a 144-year tradition of Catholic education in Teesside and North Yorkshire, from 1876 to 2020.

Hugh Hegarty | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

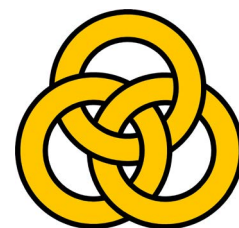
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FORMING LIVES READY TO FACE THE FUTURE



Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough

Standing on a magnificent seven-acre site off Ladgate Lane, Trinity Catholic College builds on the rich history of Catholic secondary education in Middlesbrough.



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Ofsted's visit to Trinity in December 2019 recognised the rapid progress being made under new leadership, saying: "Pupils were polite, courteous and cooperative in lessons and during social times."

The highest standards of behaviour continue to have a positive impact on the college's learning environment.

New pupils are encouraged to build on their knowledge and

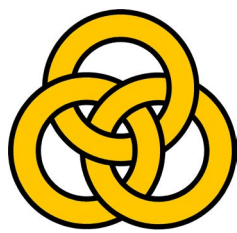
become part of a community that nurtures talents, embraces collective and individual strengths and enables learning to flourish.

A safe and secure environment where every child loves coming to school is being crafted carefully by headteacher Louise Dwyer.

The curriculum is filled with passion, creativity and challenge, with no ceiling on expectations of every member of the community. This has been recognised by

Ofsted, which has acknowledged that Trinity is making progress towards being rated a "Good" school.

Based in a £20m-plus building with an additional refurbished sixth form block, Trinity has a flourishing pastoral ministry and is at the heart of the Catholic parishes it serves.



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"My philosophy is clear – if it is not good enough for my own child then it is not good enough for yours."

– Louise Dwyer, Headteacher

THE TRINITY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



ALL SAINTS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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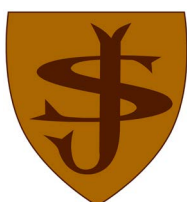
ST EDWARD'S
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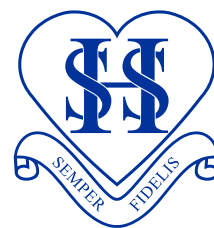
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ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLACES AVAILABLE IN Y7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: 240

Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary, Redcar



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CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary in Redcar provides a nurturing, caring and loving environment where spirituality and the Catholic faith permeate everything that takes place.

The school mission is to provide life opportunities for pupils, offering an enriching and challenging academic curriculum, supported by a wide range of extracurricular opportunities to broaden their experience.

Dedicated teachers and support staff are bound together in this

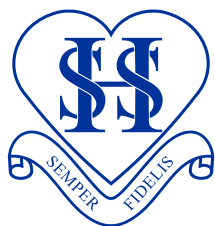
aim of serving the young people and providing the spiritually-rich development they deserve to become the best version of themselves.

They teach, as Christ did, with compassion and respect for all and invest heavily in motivating pupils to see a future for

themselves where they can be successful and fulfilled.

Guided by a strong leadership team under headteacher Dr Patrick Caldwell, Sacred Heart also benefits from modern, well-equipped buildings and excellent facilities.





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"We are proud to be able to say that we know every pupil in our school – it is this close link that allows us to nurture the whole child and educate them effectively with aspiration, with care and with our support."

– Dr Patrick Caldwell, Headteacher

THE SACRED HEART FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



ST BEDE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST BENEDICT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST HEDDA'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



SAINT PAULINUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLACES AVAILABLE IN Y7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: **150**



St Patrick's Catholic College, Thornaby

St Patrick's Catholic College continues a rich heritage of Catholic education in Thornaby that stretches back to the formation of St Patrick's Infant School in 1850.



Ofsted's December 2019 report highlights a growing momentum for change and improved atmosphere for learning.

These positive developments stem from the headteacher's vision for excellence, which also includes setting the highest standards of behaviour.

St Patrick's provides a caring environment dedicated to academic excellence and the

spiritual and moral development of all pupils.

It offers high-quality education based upon the teachings of Christ, in a community where all pupils are valued and able to develop their talents to the full.

Nurturing children's spiritual development is central to everything and the school plays an active role in the life of local parishes.

Executive headteacher Michael Burns has an excellent reputation for transforming schools and making them successful.

St Patrick's is judged by Ofsted to be making "significant" progress and there has been a 30 per cent improvement in GCSE results in just two years.



"It is a huge privilege to serve a community in the heart of my home town. We ensure that pupils are nurtured, respected, safeguarded, loved, supported and have the guidance that I had myself, to be successful during their time at our school and beyond."

– Michael Burns, Executive Headteacher

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PLACES AVAILABLE IN Y7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: **111**

St Peter's Catholic College, South Bank



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St Peter's Catholic College has provided excellent educational opportunities and pastoral support since first opening its doors in 1941.

The school strives to promote the spiritual, physical and emotional development of young people while empowering them to become independent learners within the framework of traditional, current and future technologies.

Members of the St Peter's community are valued and encouraged to bear witness to the

Catholic faith in their work and relationships.

Staff and pupils work hand-in-hand with members of the community to become beacons of change in the local area. St Peter's continues to demonstrate improved GCSE outcomes.

The school's long and proud tradition includes a significant

contribution to local and national culture, with former England footballer Wilf Mannion being one of many famous alumni.

Executive headteacher Michael Burns has been appointed to build on recent improvements and an extensive programme of capital improvements is planned.





“As a Catholic school, nurturing children’s spiritual development is central to everything we do. Our mission does not only include achieving the highest standards of behaviour and academic achievement, but also providing our pupils with the best possible holistic education.”

– Michael Burns, Executive Headteacher

THE ST PETER'S FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



PLACES AVAILABLE IN Y7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: **105**

27 Unique Schools, One Strong Family

Forming lives ready to face the future



Our four secondary schools are united in their shared mission to offer the young people of Teesside and North Yorkshire the very best in Catholic education.

Being part of one of the country's biggest families of Catholic schools ensures that they benefit from shared expertise and resources, building on their own unique identity, heritage and ethos.

Just like the schools that make up our family, Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is firmly rooted in the community and has its heart right here on Teesside and North Yorkshire.

We share our schools' vision for our children and that's why we have made it our mission to provide them with everything they need to thrive.

NPCAT Central Services

Providing comprehensive support for all 27 schools.

Attendance, Safeguarding and Welfare:

Supporting pupils in attending regularly and ensuring that children are safe and happy at school, so that they have the best possible chance of success during their time with us and beyond.

Careers: Improving access to information and experiences so that every child leaving our schools has the knowledge, confidence and ambition to make choices that will enable them to fulfil their potential.

Chaplaincy: Faith is at the heart of our vision and our chaplaincy service provides pastoral support to our schools and brings them together as a community.

Communications: Our team is here to facilitate consistently high-quality communications, both internally and between the trust and our families.

CPD & Performance Management: We believe in investing in staff at all levels and giving them the skills, experience and confidence to deliver the best for our pupils.

Data: Identifying trends and areas for improvement so that intervention and support can be targeted efficiently.

Estates & Compliance: We are committed to providing safe and stimulating learning environments for our young people and the staff who work with them.

Finance: Working strategically and efficiently to make our resources go as far as possible.

Governance: Ensuring our governors are able to support senior leaders, hold them to account and promote aspiration for excellence in our schools.

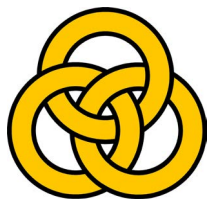
HR: Recruiting and retaining high-quality staff is one of the cornerstones of our strategy to provide the best possible education for every child entrusted to our care.

ICT Services: Investing in the state-of-the-art hardware and software needed to help our pupils learn.

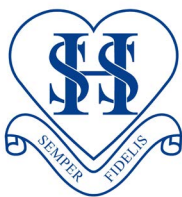
Sport: Exciting plans are well underway for the launch of NPCAT Sport in September 2020, extending our PE curriculum experiences and ensuring vast, varied and rich extracurricular provision.

School Standards: Ensuring that schools are supported and overseeing an ongoing programme of visits that deliver rapid and sustained improvements.

By sharing resources and pooling expertise in this way, the NPCAT family of schools is uniquely placed to provide a continuous journey of quality Catholic education for children from the age of two all the way through to 18.



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The Step 7 Pathway to Secondary Education

Step 1

Parent/carer completion of electronic form to indicate secondary school choices for September 2021

Step 2

Opportunity for Year 6 pupils to discuss secondary school choices with primary school headteacher

Step 3a

Parent/carer meeting with secondary headteacher for those who identify an NPCAT secondary school as first choice

Step 3b

Parent/carer meeting with secondary headteacher for those who identify an alternative secondary school as first choice

Step 4

Parent/carer visit to chosen NPCAT secondary school

Step 5

Parent/carer meeting with chosen NPCAT secondary school Year 7 leadership team

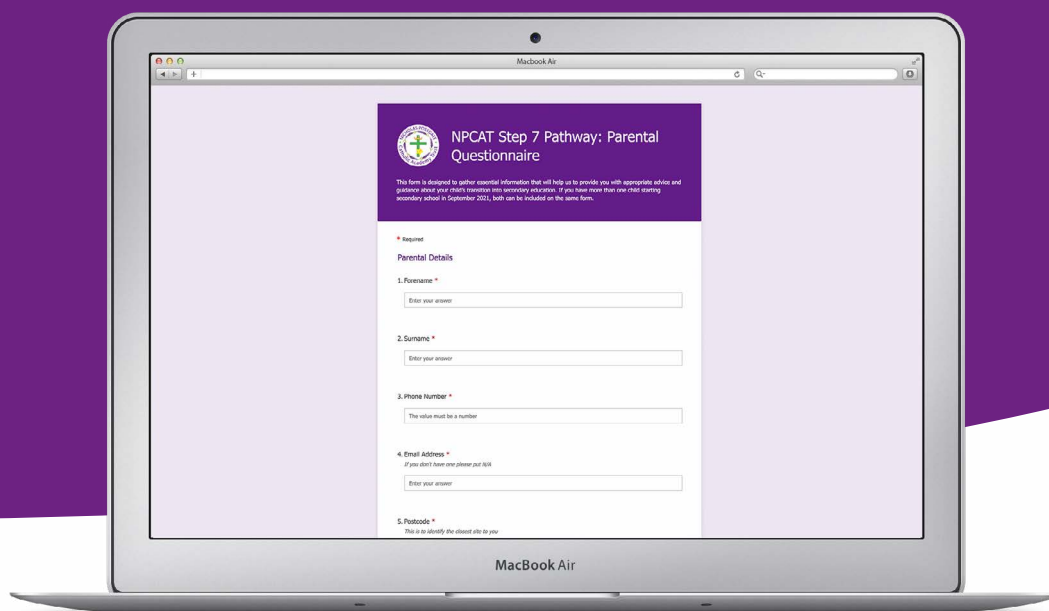
Step 6

Year 6 pupil visit to NPCAT secondary school/s

Step 7

Meeting between NPCAT primary and secondary headteachers to confirm pupil place allocations for Year 7 in September 2021

Taking The First Step



Choosing your child's secondary school is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent – and one that you'll want to get right. NPCAT is keen to work in partnership with you from the very beginning of the Step 7 Pathway to make sure that happens.

At the foot of this page you'll see a link to an electronic form. We would ask all parents of children due to start secondary school in September 2021 to **complete the form by Friday 15 May 2020.**

Submitting the form is Step 1 on your child's pathway to secondary education. It is designed to gather essential information that will help us to provide you with appropriate advice and guidance about your child's transition into secondary education.

Completing the form will help you ensure that your child is able to continue their journey in

Catholic education. It will also help NPCAT to plan for the number of places we will need to make available in our four secondary schools as demand increases.

Once NPCAT has collated responses, Step 2 of the Step 7 Pathway will begin. We will support you throughout the entire process and you could be contacted by staff from our central team or our schools to discuss how we can best meet your child's needs.

If you have any questions regarding form completion, please contact your child's **headteacher** in the first instance.

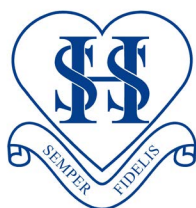
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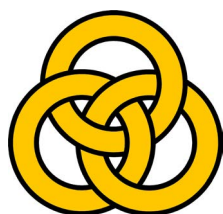
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