

September 2007

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I look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully

Brian S.L. Donnellan  
Headteacher

## **THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Comprehensive is a Roman Catholic College, deliberately based on the values of the Gospel and the living traditions of the Church. We recognise the unique value and dignity of each pupil and seek by every means to enable them to become the person that God has called them to be. In R.E. lessons, we look at religious responses to basic questions about life, meaning and value, and aim to inform and support the children in their encounters with such questions. We are fortunate to have the services of a College Chaplain; this gives us the opportunity to celebrate Mass and other religious services in our own College Chapel. Special workshops are arranged to celebrate Easter and Advent, and all pupils are offered the opportunity to go on retreat in each year group. Service to others through charitable work and involvement in the local community is a central feature of College life.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

The College pastoral care system is based on Year groups in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Each Academic Tutor has the responsibility for the welfare of the children in their Year. The Academic Tutors work with Form Tutors whose responsibility is the daily care of their form pupils. In all five years pupils are in mixed ability tutor groups in which the pupils register, form a closely-knit social group, undertake required administrative tasks and receive regular PSCH sessions. The tutor groups meet at the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions. Each Tutor group is linked to a House, which commemorates Yorkshire people whose lives have been dedicated to upholding the Catholic Faith (Bretton, Clitherow, Fisher, Lambton and Middleton). Year Assemblies and Upper or Lower College Assemblies are held regularly. House Assemblies will be called whenever they are needed. Pastoral Care and Welfare is co-ordinated and overseen by the Assistant Head responsible for Pastoral Care. Liaison with partner primary schools is undertaken by the Head of Lower College.

Liaison with Further Education and Training establishments is the remit of the Careers Teacher. Contact with the College should be made through the appropriate Academic Tutor. The pastoral system is enhanced by external agencies that are in regular weekly contact with the College. In particular the Education Welfare Officer (EWO), Catholic Care Social Worker, Wakefield Pupil Referral and Support Service (WPRSS), Outreach, Police Liaison, College Medical Officer (SMO) and the availability from the Local Authority of consultation on areas such as Child Protection, Children in Public Care and Drugs Awareness. In these last three areas the college has a designated person responsible who is the Assistant Headteacher. The College operates a Positive Behaviour Policy, which rewards pupils who follow the College Code of Conduct.

## **THE CURRICULUM**

The curriculum at St. Thomas à Becket combines all the experiences, which children have both inside and outside the classroom; it encourages each child to grow and develop intellectually, socially, creatively, spiritually, physically and morally. The importance of relationships with others is constantly emphasised. Each child learns to take increasing responsibility for themselves and others. The experiences offered in College prepare the children to take their places as responsible, caring and self-confident adults, who are able to make reasoned choices about their lives and futures.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

Central to our approach is the belief that all children are special and have individual needs. Our teachers always try to extend and challenge children according to their abilities. We aim to provide resources in the form of materials and teacher support for those who need individual help. This need for help may arise because of specific difficulties or because extension work is necessary; it may be general across the Curriculum or targeted on one particular area; it may be temporary or long term. In every case our aim is to provide a flexible and sensitive response as and when the need arises.

## **SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION**

Sex Education is seen as a cross-curricular issue and is delivered at both KS3 and KS4. This area of the curriculum is taught through R.E., Science and in various aspects of PSHCE. All aspects of Sex Education are taught – the biological, spiritual and moral, using the teaching and guidance documents of the Catholic Church, Local and National Governments. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from specific Sex Education programmes.

## **CAREERS**

Careers Education is now well established as part of the Personal, Social and Health Education programme. The work offered to the pupils takes them on a journey of self-enlightenment and skill development ready for their Post-16 transition. Two weeks Work Experience will be offered to all Year 11 pupils in December, following their mock examinations. All Year 11 students are offered interviews with Connexions with particular emphasis being placed on Special Needs pupils and low/under-achievers. Many strong links have been established with local Post –16 establishments who offer us taster visits, guest speakers, careers help and course information. There is also a Post-16 evening for Year 11 pupils and their parents where representatives of further education establishments attend to provide information on Post-16 provision. The College's well-stocked Careers Library is open every day for research.

## **TRANSPORT**

Sandal and Agbrigg Railway Station is less than five minutes walk from the College and is used by many of our pupils, mainly for the journey to and from Wakefield Westgate. Parents run a College Bus from Barnsley each day and extra buses to other areas are provided. If you live more than three miles from College your child should qualify for a free bus pass, details can be obtained from the Education Offices, County Hall, Wakefield. You will need a passport type photograph. For new pupils free buses may only be awarded to baptized Roman Catholics.

## **LUNCHES**

Children may have lunch in our Cashless Cafeteria or bring packed lunches. Pupils who do not wish to stay at College may go home for lunch but children are not allowed to buy and eat food in the streets. The College also provides a Breakfast Bar for pupils each morning 8am - 8.30am.

## **KEY STAGES**

### **Key Stage 3**

In Year 7 children follow a core course of R.E., English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, a Modern Foreign Language, History, Geography, Information Technology, P.E., Art, and Music. Pupils are placed in mixed ability form groups but are setted within certain subject areas as they progress through the stage. In Year 7 setting occurs only in Mathematics.

### **Key Stage 4**

All pupils will follow a core course in R.E., English, Mathematics, Science, ICT and P.E. In addition they are able to opt, with guidance, for other courses. Most courses lead to G.C.S.E. qualifications, although there are vocational courses and a work related learning courses.

## **HOMEWORK**

Individual study is part of the process of the pupil becoming an independent learner. Homework will be set each night according to a timetable and your child will receive a copy. The homework programme may include reading, research, opinion seeking and observation, as well as writing.

On occasions, in some subjects, pupils will be given extended pieces of work, which will require a number of homework sessions for completion. We encourage children to read as much and as often as they can, to use the College Library and their local library and to talk to teachers about their reading. In Years 7, 8 and 9 the focus will be on extending or finishing classroom work or on the practice of particular skills. Increasingly pupils will be encouraged to strengthen the learning skills they need to underpin G.C.S.E. work. Examination demands (projects, deadlines, revision) will largely determine homework in Years 10 and 11. Parents are asked to support the College by ensuring that homework is done regularly and carefully. Children are given a Planner in which to record their homework on a daily basis. At the end of each week parents are asked to sign the Planner and to use it as a means of maintaining direct contact with their child's Form Tutor. A Homework Club is available four nights per week based in the College library.

## **THE COLLEGE DAY**

Warning Bell	8.35 am	
Registration	8.40 am	8.55 am
Period 1	8.55 am	9.55 am
Period 2	9.55 am	10.55 am
Break	10.55 am	11.10 am
Period 3	11.10 am	12.10 pm
Period 4	12.10 pm	1.10 pm
Dinner	1.10 pm	1.50 pm
Registration	1.50 pm	1.55 pm
Period 5	1.55 pm	2.55 pm

## **BEHAVIOUR**

Good behaviour, work and discipline are essential to the success of our College Community. It follows that the College has high expectations of all its pupils. They are required to follow the College rules, which cover general behaviour, respect for persons and property and the wearing of college uniform. Good behaviour is promoted by praise and the formal recognition of achievement and effort, for example in the use of the Credit System. Where pupils do not behave properly, the College will take action to prevent this and to protect the rights of others. The College has the benefit of a Withdrawal Resource where children who have continuing behavioural problems can be taught and then reintegrated back into College life. Great emphasis is placed on pupils' rights and responsibilities and elected College Council gives them the opportunity to become involved in the running of the College.

## **UNIFORM**

Our pupils are expected to be smart and presentable at all times, and to wear the Becket's uniform with pride. Black Blazers with the College Badge are now compulsory for all years.

## **GIRLS' UNIFORM**

Black College Blazer with badge

Grey regulation College Skirt

Charcoal, Dark Grey or Black College Uniform Trousers (Optional) may be purchased from Asda, BHS, Marks & Spencer or Trutex.

*Fashion trousers of any sort are unacceptable and the style of trouser is straight legged (not tight-fitting or flared). Jeans and trousers with sewn-in seams are unacceptable.*

White Shirt

\*Appropriate House Tie

White socks or Grey tights

Sensible, flat black shoes (not boots or trainers)

\*Food apron

\*CDT/Art apron

\*'V' Necked Pullover with College badge (Optional)

\*Optional College Scarf

## **BOYS' UNIFORM**

Black College Blazer with badge

Charcoal, Dark Grey or Black College Uniform trousers

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White Shirt

\*Appropriate House Tie

Sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers)

\*Food apron

\*CDT/Art apron

\*'V' necked pullover with College badge (Optional)

\*Optional College Scarf

*Items marked \* these items may only be purchased directly from the College.*

## **SPORT**

There is ample provision for games for both boys and girls, and the College has a long-standing reputation for sporting excellence. The following sports are offered: -

### **Key Stage 3**

Netball, Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Cricket, Rounders, Athletics, Softball, Hockey, Basketball, Fitness.

### **Key Stage 4**

Netball, Football, Dance, Hockey, Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Aerobics, Y11 Ten Pin Bowling, Self Defence, JSLA.

The following sports are offered as Clubs after College: -

Hockey, Football, Cricket, Netball, Tennis, Athletics, Rugby, Cross-Country.

Maximum benefit can only be derived if children are properly dressed for these activities.

For P.E. the following kit is required: -

### **Girls**

\*White Airtex P.E. Blouse

Training Shoes

\* Maroon Socks

Football Boots

Black Leotard

\*Track Suit College Design Top (winter season only)

\*Black/White Shorts

Black Track Suit (winter season only)

Shin Pads

Showers optional:

Towel for games lessons

## **Boys**

\*Shorts (white)

\*Tee Shirt (white)

Training Shoes

Football Boots

\*Rugby Shirt (reversible)

\*Maroon Socks

Items marked \* may only be purchased directly from College.

A separate uniform list with prices will be issued to all new pupils.

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

Total number of day pupils of compulsory college age on roll for at least one session	763
Percentage of pupil sessions (half days) missed through authorised absence	1.8%
Percentage of pupil sessions (half days) missed through unauthorised absence	.05%

## **COMPLAINTS ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have any concerns about your child's education, you should contact the Headteacher who will be pleased to arrange an appointment with you. If your concern is unresolved and you wish to pursue it further, the Education Authority has drawn up complaints procedures (required under Section 409 of the Education Act 1996), which you may wish to consult. The procedures are explained in the LEA booklet, "Can we help you?" Copies of this booklet are available for inspection at all schools maintained by the Education Authority, public libraries and the Complaints Officer at the Education Department (address as below). If you wish to obtain further information you should write to:

Director of Family Services  
For the attention of the Complaints Officer  
Ref: PSS/303/CAB  
Education Department  
County Hall  
Wakefield  
WF1 2QL

## **COLLEGE HOLIDAY DATES 2007 - 2008**

### **Autumn Term 2007**

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2007	Staff Inset Day ( <i>Pupils not in College</i> )
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2007	College Open
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	College Closed ( <i>Half Term</i> )
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	College Open
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2007	College Closed ( <i>Christmas</i> )

## **Spring Term 2008**

Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	College Open
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	College Closed ( <i>Half Term</i> )
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	College Open
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2008	College Closed ( <i>Easter</i> )

## **Summer Term**

Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008	College Open
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2008	Staff Inset Day ( <i>Pupils not in College</i> )
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	College Closed ( <i>May Day</i> )
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2008	College Open ( <i>Spring Bank</i> )
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2008	College Open
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	College Closed

## **COMPLAINTS REGARDING SCHOOL CURRICLULUM AND OTHER MATTERS**

Under Section 23 of the Education Reform Act (1988), Parents and/or Guardians have a right to complain if they feel the College is not fulfilling the Act. Complaints should be made, initially, in writing to the Headteacher. The Headteacher may delegate another member of staff to deal with the complaint if that complaint falls into the other member of staff's area of responsibility.

All other complaints not related to the Act should also, in the first instance, be addressed to the Headteacher.

If you do not feel that the Headteacher has satisfactorily addressed the complaint, only then should you write to the Chair of Governors stating your complaint. If, once again, you are not satisfied with the outcome you should then address your complaint to the Local Education Authority.

## **CHARGING**

If activities are a statutory part of the National Curriculum, all pupils are entitled to the activities free of charge. Extra activities, designed to enhance our curriculum offering, are arranged on the understanding that parents may be invited to contribute to the cost. If contributions are not sufficient to cover the total cost, activities may have to be cancelled. If any parent has difficulties making a contribution within the time available, please consult the visit organiser and we will try to help to meet the costs.

We are very keen that all pupils are entered for as many public examinations as possible. The college meets the costs of these entries. If a pupil fails to attend for final examinations without adequate explanation, the college may exercise the right to charge the costs of examination entry.

Teachers also organise many trips and visits, either as part of schoolwork or just for fun. Here are a few examples of recent trips and visits, just to give you an idea of what will be available to your child:

Art	Art Gallery Visits
Business Studies	Young Consumer of the Year Competition Various Industrial visits (home/abroad) Industry Link competitions.
Design Technology	Engineering Visit, Photography Museum, Visit Design Studio
Drama	Theatre Visit College Productions
English	Theatre Visits Poetry Visits and Readings Shakespeare Days
Foreign General Geography	Ski-ing Community Links Sheffield Housing Survey Wakefield CBD Study
History	Visit to Sandal Castle, Thackray Medical Museum, Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial Centre, Doctors Show, Leeds City Varieties
Modern Foreign Languages	Exchanges France, Activity Weeks (Years 7 and 8), and possible visits to France/Italy in conjunction with other departments.
Religious	Retreats for all years. Lourdes Pilgrimage – Year 10
Work Related	Work Experience for Year 11, Army Visit, and Visits to various 16+ Institutions.

## COLLEGE GOVERNORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>OFFICE ENDS</u>
<b>Cllr. Mrs O. Rowley</b>	WMDC Governor (Chair)	31 August 2010
<b>Mr. M. Dore</b>	WMDC Governor	31 August 2010
<b>Ms. A. Morgan</b>	Teacher Governor	19 September 2008
<b>Ms. R. Atkinson</b>	Teacher Governor	25 September 2011
<b>Mr. J. Griffiths</b>	Staff Governor	31 August 2010
<b>Mr. T. Woodhouse</b>	Parent Governor	15 November 2009
<b>Mrs. V. Doggett</b>	Parent Governor	15 November 2009
<b>Mr. E. Lanne</b>	Parent Governor	22 January 2010
<b>Rev. D. Reilly</b>	Foundation Governor	24 September 2010
<b>Rev. B. Senior</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Mr. P. Noble</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Mr. J.P. Harte</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Rev. T. Swinglehurst</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Mr. D. Firth</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Mrs. A. Campbell</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2009
<b>Mrs. L. Lewis</b>	Foundation Governor	31 August 2008
<b>Mr. Brian S.L. Donnellan</b>	Headteacher	

The Clerk to the Governors (not a Governor) Mrs Andrea Mannion, Education Offices, W.M.D.C., County Hall, Wakefield WF1 2QL.

## **COLLEGE STAFF**

Mr Brian Donnellan	*	Headteacher
Mrs Beverley Johnson	*	Deputy Headteacher

## **PUPIL CARE AND GUIDANCE**

Mr John Firth	*	Assistant Headteacher and Pastoral Team Leader
Mr Patrick Kiernan	*	Academic Tutor for Lower School and Pupil Support and Guidance
Mrs Anne Morgan	*	Assistant Head of Lower School
Mrs Linda Davies	*	Academic Tutor for Year 10
Mrs Alison Duncan	*	Academic Tutor for Year 11

## **BUSINESS STUDIES**

Mrs Alison Duncan	*	TLR for Business Studies
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## **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

Mrs Christine Mason	*	TLR for Art
Mr Mark Murtagh	*	Teacher of Art
Mr Andrew Mullins	*	TLR for Music
Mrs Linda Davies	*	Teacher of Physical Education
Mr John Firth	*	Physical Education and Humanities Teacher
Mrs Nichola McIntyre	*	TLR for Physical Education and Dance
Mr Andy Brown	*	Teacher of Physical Education
Ms Lorna Gosling	*	TLR for Drama

## **ENGLISH**

Mr Tim Whitney	*	Assistant Headteacher
Miss Anna Coulston	*	TLR for Key Stage 3 English
Miss Rachael Shand	*	TLR for English
Mrs Jill Warren	*	Teacher of English
Mrs Nicola McClellan	*	Teacher of English

## **HUMANITIES**

Mr Chris Priestley	*	TLR for Humanities and History
Mrs Judith Roberts	*	Teacher of History
Mr Dennis Roberts	*	TLR for Religious Education
Mrs Linda Wright	*	TLR for Liturgy
Mrs Katie Fallon	*	Religious Education Teacher and PSHCE Co-ordinator
Mr Patrick Kiernan	*	Teacher of Religious Education
Mrs Elizabeth Walton-McBain	*	TLR for Humanities and Geography
Miss Stefania Sanderson	*	Teacher of Geography

### **I.C.T.**

Mrs Rebecca Horsley	*	I.C.T. Co-ordinator
Mr Glen West	*	Teacher of ICT
Mrs Caroline Mason	*	Teacher of ICT and TLR for Work Related Learning and Careers

### **MATHEMATICS**

Mr Tony Cohen	*	Assistant Headteacher
Miss Sarah Wilkinson	*	TLR for Mathematics
Mr Rod Davidson	*	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Chris Pennington	*	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr Ian Martin	*	Teacher of Mathematics

### **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Ms Anne Morgan	*	TLR for Modern Foreign Languages
Mrs Sarah FitzSimmons	*	Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Ms Sarah Hogg	*	Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

### **SCIENCE**

Miss Rebecca Atkinson	*	TLR for Science Department
Mr Christopher Duckett	*	Teacher of Science
Mrs Deborah Webb	*	Teacher of Science
Miss Hayley Adderson	*	Teacher of Science
Mrs Beverley Johnson	*	Assistant Headteacher and Teacher of Science
Mr Anthony Edwards	*	Teacher of Science

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Mrs Sarah Barnes	*	TLR of Technology
Mr Richard Nall	*	TLR of Technology
Mrs Hazel Whitford	*	Teacher of Technology
Mrs Anne Pearce	*	Teacher of Technology
Mrs Jane Winter	*	Teacher of Technology

### **SPECIAL NEEDS AND PUPIL SUPPORT**

Ms Karen Watson	*	Special Needs Manager
Mrs Karen McDermott	*	Team Leader: SEN Support
Mrs Joyce Ainsworth	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mr John Roberts	*	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Denise Wainwright	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Jacqueline Shaw	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Lyndsey Dorgan	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Judith Fitzgerald	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Joanne Berriman	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Kay Fitzmaurice	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Manuela Hanks	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Dawn Jackson	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Agata Niemira	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Dawn O'Connor	*	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Karen Shipp	*	Learning Support Assistant

### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

Father Matthew Habron

### **AUTISM RESOURCE**

Mrs Rachel Carter	*	Teacher in charge of Autism Resource
Mrs Lisa Riding	*	Teacher in Autism Resource
Mrs Claire Hant	*	Education Support Assistant
Mrs Stephanie Burrows	*	Education Support Assistant
Mrs Sarah Roberts	*	Education Support Assistant
Mrs Paula Cowley	*	Education Support Assistant
Miss Claire Burrows	*	Education Support Assistant
Ms Dawn Rooney	*	Education Support Assistant
Mrs Alison Wilde	*	Education Support Assistant
Mrs Joanne Wood	*	Education Support Assistant

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Mrs Colleen Parker	*	Headteacher's P.A. and College Secretary
Mrs Sue Hopwood	*	Finance Officer
Mrs Eileen Brooks	*	Data Manager
Mr Ian Gilsenan	*	Systems Manager
Mrs Diane Benning	*	Receptionist, Ext. Schools Coordinator, Librarian
Mrs Beverly Bannister	*	Receptionist, Attendance Officer
Mrs Helen Holt	*	Special Needs Administrative Officer
Mrs Nicola Lindop	*	Clerical Assistant
Mrs Eleanor Dyson	*	Clerical Assistant
Ms Alison Sheard	*	Reprographics Assistant
Mrs Anne Renshaw	*	Examinations Officer, Careers
Mrs Elaine Smith	*	Matron
Mr Abdel Lahlafi	*	ICT Technician
Mr Jeremy Ovenden	*	Technology Technician
Mr Gerard Swift	*	Science Technician

### **COVER SUPERVISORS**

Ms Helen Hardcastle  
Mrs Carol Tatterfield  
Ms Evelyn Longmore

### **CARETAKERS/CLEANING STAFF**

Mr John Griffiths	*	Caretaker
Mr Mark Kitchen	*	Assistant Caretaker
Mrs Mary Cook	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Rosemary Cox	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Bernadette Hanmer	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Karen Kober	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Sarah Roberts	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Anne Griffiths	*	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs Kathleen Asquith	*	Cleaning Assistant
Ms Mirosława Zdunska	*	Cleaning Assistant
Ms Kamila Strojna	*	Cleaning Assistant
Ms Lin Tai	*	Cleaning Assistant

### **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS**

Mrs Christine Robinson  
Mrs Margaret Marshall

### **KITCHEN STAFF**

Mrs Lesley Hyde	*	Unit Manager
Ms Debbie Beckett	*	Assistant Cook
Ms Lisa Sheldon	*	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Jacqueline Jackson	*	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Lisa Edge	*	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Helen Crabtree	*	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Gill Brooke	*	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Rachel Langley	*	Kitchen Assistant

### **DIRECTOR OF FAMILY SERVICES**

Ms Elaine McHale  
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council  
County Hall  
Wakefield  
WF1 2QL

### **CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Cllr. Mrs Olivia Rowley  
160 Agbrigg Road  
Wakefield  
WF1 5JY

**PUPIL NUMBERS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2007**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Non Catholic</b>	<b>Total</b>
7	109	39	148
8	138	19	157
9	128	26	154
10	137	20	157
11	143	12	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>771</b>

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Headteacher

**ADMISSION PREFERENCE FORM:**

Website: [www.stthomascc.co.uk](http://www.stthomascc.co.uk)

Name of Child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No:

\_\_\_\_\_

Present School/College:

\_\_\_\_\_

*I wish my child to Attend St Thomas à Becket Catholic College*

From \_\_\_\_\_ 200

*Have you applied for admission to any other School/College? YES/NO*

If so which?

\_\_\_\_\_

*If you have other children please state their names and present schools attended:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College:

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*Name of Parents/Guardians:*

Mr \_\_\_\_\_ Religion:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_