Welcome to our school community. Whether you are already a member of the Cardinal Heenan family, considering joining us as a student, a prospective parent or would like to work here, we hope that you will sense the warmth of our vibrant community.

Cardinal Heenan is a well-established, thriving Catholic school with a reputation for the very highest standards, outstanding students and exceptional staff. We instil a love of learning inspired by high quality teaching which develops individual strengths and talents. We encourage and celebrate creativity, original thinking, imagination, effort and achievement.

Our Catholic ethos is at the centre of all that we do. We seek to nurture the spiritual development of each individual student. We teach the importance of moral values and showing consideration for others.

Students who are prepared to work hard will find Cardinal Heenan a supportive and challenging environment. We have the highest expectations of all our students and believe that everyone deserves the very best possible support to realise their dreams and ambitions. We aim to develop self-confidence in all students so that they can achieve their potential, regardless of their ability, and remain lifelong learners who are committed to seeking truth. In the words of our mission statement, we ‘inspire excellence by encouraging every individual to be the person that God calls us to be, in preparation for this life and the life to come’.

“Inspection evidence shows that standards and challenge remain high and continue to lead to strong progress.”

Ofsted Inspector 2018

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Headteacher
Why I Chose Cardinal Heenan

“I was the only person from my primary school to come to Cardinal Heenan and the transition evenings helped me to meet people and make friends before I arrived.”

Fadwa, Year 8
Joined us from Chapel Allerton

“The Teaching Assistants I work with are really understanding. You can always ask for help if you need it and I feel much more confident than I was when I first came to Cardinal Heenan.”

Eleanor, Year 11
Joined us from Holy Name

“There are great facilities. I particularly enjoy computing and technology.”

Leo, Year 9
Joined us from Sacred Heart

“In our school we strengthen our faith through student Masses, leading presentations about our faith in assembly and praying together in form.”

Bartosz, Year 8
Joined us from Immaculate Heart

“The year managers did everything they could to help me improve my behaviour—now I’m doing really well and enjoying lessons!”

Millie, Year 11
Joined us from Burley St Matthias
“Before I joined Cardinal Heenan I thought the work would be impossible. It is challenging but my teachers have been great at helping me.”

“We do lots of collaborative group work in lessons and, because the student body is diverse, I get to find out about lots of different perspectives.”

“Our teachers know us really well which means that they are able to help us to learn in a really engaging way.”

“The school supports me really well by helping me make an informed decision about my next step.”

“There are loads of opportunities to get involved in extra curricular activities like netball, football, philosophy club, music lessons, science magazine and Duke of Edinburgh Award.”
87% of students gained grade 9-4 in English

76% of students gained grade 9-4 in Mathematics

73% of students achieved a good pass in both English and Mathematics (grade 9-4)

74% of all the grades awarded were grades 9-4 or A*-C

69% of all students gained five or more 9-4 or A*-C grades including English and Mathematics

One in five pupils Gained 5 or more GCSEs at grades 7 (or A) and above.
The Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced Key Stage 3 curriculum, which is designed to equip our students with the skills, knowledge and understanding that they need to become well-rounded individuals. This is built on in Key Stage 4 when each student’s learning programme is tailored to meet their individual needs and aptitudes, preparing them for their preferred post-16 study.

The majority of our students study a full range of GCSE subjects leading to the English Baccalaureate (GCSE English, mathematics, two or three sciences, a language and a humanities subject). In partnership with local colleges, we are able to provide a personalised pathway for the small number of our students whose needs are suited to vocational courses and work experience.

“Standards continue to rise.”

Ofsted Inspector 2018

Teaching and Learning

Quality-first teaching underpins our students’ strong academic performance. Lessons and student learning is characterised by:

- High standards of intellectual rigour and challenge
- Strong relationships between staff, students and parents
- Responsive teaching that builds on students’ starting points
- A supportive culture in which mistakes are seen as the essential first step towards success
- Engaging activities which celebrate creativity and imagination
Pastoral Care

Our students flourish in a safe and secure environment in which they are encouraged to relate to trusted adults. Each day begins with tutor time, where students come together as a community and form tutors are able to ensure students are fully prepared for their learning in the day ahead. Students take part in weekly Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCE) which equips them with the skills that they need to stay safe and play a full role in a modern democracy.

Learning Support

As an inclusive school we support and challenge all of our young people, fostering an environment in which all members of our community are valued equally for their uniqueness and empowered to fulfil their potential. Subject teachers differentiate their materials and methods to suit the needs of the students in their care. The Special Needs Department provides additional assistance both within lessons and through concentrated small group intervention and one-to-one support where appropriate.

Catholic Life

Catholic education is rooted in the person of Jesus Christ as the perfect teacher. It is concerned with the formation of the whole human person through every lesson and every interaction that takes place within school. This education is Christ centred and faith enlightened aiming to build up communities both locally and further afield to show our concern for all our brothers and sisters. We strive for academic excellence which helps us to develop our God given gifts and talents. There are opportunities for daily prayer, along with the chance for students to deepen their faith through retreats, pilgrimages and whole school celebrations of Mass.
We have a wide and varied extracurricular programme, including numerous visits to local theatres, museums, sports centres and art galleries. A group of Year 10 students and staff join the annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, caring for sick and disabled pilgrims. Students have the opportunity to participate in residential retreats at Ampleforth Abbey, as well as educational visits such as the First World War battlefields trip to Belgium and France, the Spanish language trip and the February ski-trip.

“Published results for the school in 2017 showed a large increase in the rates of pupils’ progress due to the actions of your middle leaders and teachers. In some subjects, outcomes were very high.”

Ofsted Inspector 2018

Our role is to prepare the young people in our care to take up their positions as well-rounded, thoughtful and caring individuals who make a valuable contribution to their communities and the wider world. We benefit from strong partnerships with our feeder primary schools, Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College and other local secondary schools. We have a dedicated careers advisor who organises work experience placements, guides our students to find the post-16 pathway that is most appropriate for them and then supports them in securing a place in their chosen route.
Admissions

The closing date for 2019 applications is **31 October 2018**
The Local Authority will notify you of the school where your child will be offered a place on **1 March 2019**
For full details see the school website [www.cardinalheenan.com](http://www.cardinalheenan.com)
or phone Mrs Martland, 0113 887 3249

School Buses

Details of school bus services are available on the Metro GenerationM website [www.generationm.co.uk](http://www.generationm.co.uk)

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