



# The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



December Newsletter 2023

## Welcome from our CEO



Dear Parishioners,  
I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust.

The Trust was established in response to

the Bishop's visionary approach to Catholic education across the Leeds Diocese. The Trust has grown rapidly and now consists of 15 schools. We have established a reputation for an effective and supportive approach to improving the quality and sustainability of Catholic education across the Local Authority areas of Kirklees and Calderdale.

We are, first and foremost, a Catholic Trust. We have a clearly stated mission to provide an outstanding faith-based education, whatever the challenges, with the life, teachings and person of Jesus Christ at the centre of everything we do. This doesn't happen by accident. Our mission document and strategic plan outline a carefully thought-out approach to sharing best practice, learning together and effective support from the central education and operations teams.

We are truly blessed to be a family of schools which, with Christ at the heart of all that we do, shares a common mission to prepare our young people for a wholesome, fulfilling, active life in the future. Our commitment to our parents and carers is to support, care for and educate all our children to the highest possible standards. Please explore our website: (<https://www.bpstrust.org.uk>) to find out more about the life and work of our Trust.

Thank you for your time.

**Richard Williams**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Mission Possible

The five strands in our mission help us journey closer to Jesus.

Through scripture and the sacraments we are guided in our mission to provide opportunities for each person to have life and have it to the full.

Our pupils, staff and communities put our mission into practice by:

## Our Trust & Vision

### Strengthening Our Journey of Faith

Our community is encouraged to discover more about who they are within a supportive Catholic environment, so that by making our journeys together, all may catch a glimpse of God.

### Strengthening Inclusion for a Just Society

Show respect and acceptance to each other, so that all feel welcomed, and thus prepared to take their place in a just and caring society.

### Strengthening Opportunities in our Schools and Communities

Have freedom and safety to find, recognise and celebrate all the gifts and talents, opportunities and achievements that lead to happiness.

### Strengthening Outcomes

Through knowing and celebrating success in all its forms during their time with us, lay the foundations for a successful life outside our Academies.

### Strengthening Learning for Life

Thrive and grow in their work and learning, inspired to show curiosity and independence of thought.

## OUR SCHOOLS:



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# WORKING IN OUR TRUST

## Vacancies: Work with us

If you are a Catholic teacher, or know of a Catholic Teacher who is currently working elsewhere, we'd love to hear from you. If you are interested in developing your career or want to be kept informed of current and future vacancies, please contact Helen Blanchard - Trust HR Manager (h-blanchard@bpstrust.org.uk) to arrange a confidential conversation.

## Governance: Helping us be better

It is a fact that School Governors help schools to be better. Governors are the advocates for children, ensuring that the work of schools is always focused on being the best they can be for our children. If you are interested in finding out more about what being a governor is, and importantly isn't (!) and the time commitments, please contact David Hymas - Trust Governance manager (d-hymas@bpstrust.org.uk) for a discussion.

## Trust Prayer

God our loving Father,

You have gathered us together as one community in the name of our patron, Blessed Peter Snow.

Bless our schools, our families and our parishes, may we be united as one.

We ask that with Your grace we might grow together in love and service of You and each other in our communities.

May we be a reflection of You in all that we do.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Thank You!

To the St Malachy's Community for their wonderful donations to Halifax Community Kitchen.



## Did you know?

We cook all our meals fresh on site each day! If you would like your child to try a school meal, please contact the school offices!



## LATEST NEWS!



Congratulations to Trust Director, Very Rev Canon Martin Kelly who was installed into the Chapter of Canons by Bishop Marcus.



Schools in our Trust have been celebrating interfaith week. Year 3 Children at St Paulinus enjoyed listening to Sonal telling them about the Hindu faith.

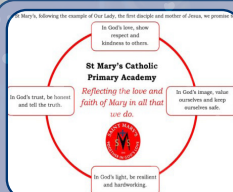


A fantastic new addition to the Outdoor Learning environment and playground at St Patrick's Birstall.



St John Fisher was well represented at the Remembrance Service at Dewsbury Cemetery.

Our students laid wreaths and read out a biography of a local lad who died in WW1.



St Mary's Halifax, have launched their new School Mission after consultation with staff, Academy Councillors, parents and pupils. The new mission focuses on what is really important for the pupils of St Mary's.



We are so lucky to have such support in school from the local parish priests. Fr Eamon goes into St John Fisher each week to say our Monday 8am mass and delivers a wonderful sermon each week too.



Our Forest School sessions may be slightly colder and wetter but that does not stop the learning and fun! Lots of our BPS schools have Forest School provision.



Some of our confirmed children were working with Fr Sean to learn more about the Mass. They were able to learn more about the vestments and artefacts that are used in church.



We have had a wonderful day celebrating a much missed & loved KS2 pupil.

Thank you for your continued support.  
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#faith #family  
#catholicschools  
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