



PROSPECTUS



St. Vincent's School

A Specialist School for Sensory
Impairment and Other Needs

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Start your journey now!

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Guardians and Visitors,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to St Vincent's School, a specialist school for children and young people with sensory impairments and other needs.

Our mission is to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every child and young person can thrive, achieve their full potential and lead fulfilling, independent lives. Our school motto: Love, Live, Learn Grow.

At St Vincent's School, we understand the unique challenges faced by individuals with visual and hearing impairments, and we are committed to providing the tailored educational experiences that meets the diverse needs of our children and young people. Our dedicated team of highly skilled Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired (QTVIs), support staff, and specialist staff work collaboratively to deliver an ambitious and comprehensive curriculum that is both accessible and challenging - this includes both access to the National Curriculum and all areas of the Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment (CFVI).

Our school is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities designed to support the learning and development of our students. From our sensory rooms and adapted sports facilities to our braille and assistive technology resources, we strive to create an environment where every student feels valued and empowered. We also place a strong emphasis on fostering independence and self-advocacy, providing all students with the skills and confidence they need through our personalised mobility and habilitation courses to enable them to navigate the world beyond our school gates.

In addition to our academic routes, we are proud to offer a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities that promote social interaction, physical health and personal development. Whether it's through music production, art, sports, or community-based projects, we encourage all our students to explore their interests and develop their talents.

At the heart of St Vincent's School is a supportive and inclusive community. We believe that collaboration between the school, families and external partners is key to our students' success. We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication and working closely with parents and guardians to ensure that the individual needs of each student are met. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where every student feels safe, supported and inspired.

Thank you for considering St Vincent's School for your child's education. We invite you to visit our school, meet our dedicated team, and see first-hand the positive impact our school can have on your child's life. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community and embarking on this educational journey together.

Mr D Swanston, QTVI
Headteacher





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Vision and Mission

Our Vision

To nurture and empower our young people to lead fulfilled and independent lives by providing outstanding education and care.

Our Mission

Inclusive Education: Provide a broad, rich and accessible curriculum that meets the needs of all children and young people with sensory impairments.

Preparation for Adulthood: Prepare all young people with the essential life skills to live confidently and independently.

Independence and Habilitation: Provide expert habilitation work of an excellent standard for children and young people.

Community Engagement: Foster a sense of belonging through partnerships with families, community organisations and wider support networks.

Technological Empowerment: Embrace adaptive and assistive technology that allows to connect, communicate, and explore the world as visually impaired young people
- being responsive to emerging and changing technologies.





Curriculum

At St Vincent's School, we are proud to provide a broad, balanced, and inclusive curriculum that ensures every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We offer full access to the National Curriculum from Key Stages 1 through to 5, alongside the Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Visual Impairment (CFVI). This dual approach enables our pupils to benefit from academic progression while receiving the specialist support they need to thrive.

From Entry Level qualifications through to GCSEs and BTECs, our pupils are guided to pathways that match their abilities, interests, and aspirations. Across all Key Stages, learning is carefully adapted and differentiated, ensuring that each pupil engages with the curriculum in a way that is meaningful, accessible, and relevant to them. Our thoughtfully sequenced curriculum maps allow knowledge and skills to be built gradually and revisited, supporting both confidence and mastery.

At Post-16, students continue to access a wide and balanced curriculum with opportunities to pursue a broad range of accreditations. Academic rigour is complemented by enrichment opportunities and the Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) pathways, equipping students with the skills, independence, and confidence they need for life beyond school.

Alongside academic learning, St Vincent's places strong emphasis on therapeutic support, tailored to individual Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Our pupils benefit from access to:

- Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)
- Educational Psychology
- Physiotherapy
- Music Therapy
- Lego Therapy and Braille Lego

This provision is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the evolving needs of each child and young person, ensuring the very best outcomes.





Curriculum

Our Enrichment curriculum enables pupils to enhance their learning through focused activities. These activities also foster social and emotional growth by providing structured environments for building friendships and teamwork skills. These activities help children discover new interests and develop essential skills not typically in school such as Grow Wild (horticulture), Horse Riding, Yoga, Musical Theatre, Coding, The Big Debate Club, Young Green Briton and Maths Berbas Challenges.

School offers an exciting and extensive extra-curricular programme which is on offer for both day, extended and residential pupils. These activities include VI football, Choir, the school allotment and health-related fitness.

Pupils have access to an extensive Outdoor Education programme which includes, but is not limited to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, residential trips to the Calvert Trust and Eden Projects Ministry of Eco Education. St Vincent's School is a Royal Horticulture Society Level 5 school. Staff are RHS, BELA and Lowland qualified to deliver these activities on and off-site.

All pupils, at all year groups have weekly swimming lessons delivered by our own ASA Swimming Coach. These lessons also include water safety and water-based sports including water polo.







Beyond the Curriculum

At St Vincent's School we are aware of the many challenges children and young people with visual impairments face. Whether this be building wider friendship groups, having access to local inclusive facilities or opportunities to engage in regular and meaningful physical activity.

In response to this, St Vincent's School, in collaboration with C&YP, parents, carers and wider stakeholders have on offer, regular activities that go beyond the timetabled school day and curriculum.

Beyond the curriculum we currently have on offer:

Weekly Saturday Football from 10 am to 12 pm.

Annually, St Vincent's School offers the only week-long residential school-based Summer Camp in the UK. To find out more about these camps, you can follow the below link:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/02646196241261608>

The 2027 Summer Camp is Monday 9th August to Friday 13th August 2027. For further information please email: office@stvin.com







Residential School

At St Vincent's we offer an impressive residential group staffed by a dedicated and highly trained Care Staff team who are always on call to offer help and support to pupils, parents and carers in any way they can.

If you are a residential pupil at St Vincent's School you have the option of a full time residential placement, Monday to Friday, part time or extended evening stays to help support and develop your independence skills.

Each resident has their own Key Worker, this staff member is responsible for working closely with pupils to support them through their Key Working Sessions - this could be anything from independent living skills, personal care and hygiene.

All residential pupils are provided with their own bedroom and a Waking Night Officer is on-hand each evening throughout the night.

Residential pupils combine school learning with a home from home - and a wider-ranging after-school offer is available to all. This will include activities such as horse riding, allotment, swimming, off-site trips and visits to local facilities.







Parents View

At St Vincent's School we believe that collaboration between school, families and external partners is key to our students' success.

'Moving our son to St Vincent's has been the best decision we ever made for him. He started in year 3, now year 6 and is proving to us all how very capable he is'.

'St Vincent's has changed our lives, we feel so lucky our son attends here'.

'St Vincent's School is a warm and nurturing environment'.

'Fabulous school with wonderful staff'.

St Vincent's have helped my daughter in so many ways and she has come on so much since starting the school'.

St Vincent's is a fantastic school. Class sizes are small so staff know all the children very well'.

'This school provides a safe learning environment with adapted equipment. The staff are friendly, caring and who are qualified and experienced in the teaching of children who are blind or visually impaired'.





Pupil Voice

HAPPY

UNDERSTANDING

SAFE

AMAZING

HELPFUL

KIND

INSPIRING

INCLUSIVE

CARING

*Are just some of the words to describe
school by pupils...*





Contact Us

If you would like to find out more about St Vincent's School, you can visit our website:

WWW.STVIN.COM

If you would like to arrange a call or visit to St Vincent's School please call on: 0151 228 9968 or email: office@stvin.com and our Family Liaison Officer (FLO) will arrange a time for you.

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