

Why Choose CFS?

Deciding on a Secondary School for your child is a very important decision. We are very lucky to be in an area with such strong educational provision, enabling parents and pupils to find the right fit for them. But determining which is the best fit can be very difficult.

Here is what we believe makes CFS very special.

We are a small school with exceptional pastoral and academic support

With only between 120 and 150 pupils in each year group, all children are truly known as individuals. This enables us to create individual academic journeys for every child and deliver an adaptive and fully inclusive curriculum. With a Head of Year and Pastoral Officer for each year group, as well as your child's tutor and a large Senior Leadership Team, we are proud of the individual support we can offer your child.

We are housed in new state of the art facilities, demonstrating our commitment to a broad and ambitious curriculum.



Bright, airy classrooms, brand new facilities and the beautiful back drop of the Convent. At CFS we are lucky to have several first class Science labs, Art, DT and Food Tech spaces as well as a dedicated Performing Arts Hub and accompanying music practice rooms and a Futures Hub. In a time when education is seeing a worrying reduction in opportunities for pupils to study the arts, our new building shows our long term commitment to all aspects of the curriculum. We are also working on developing our outdoor space with the acquisition of playing fields to the south and west of school.

At CFS our pupils achieve strong academic success, in both progress and attainment

At CFS, we have adopted an area leading assessment system which both informs teaching and expertly tracks the progress of all pupils. We are proud that every child is truly pushed to achieve their potential at CFS – no child is left behind. This has resulted in consistent success at GCSE, with pupils progressing very well throughout their Secondary education, and achieving particularly highly in Maths and English. However, as a school we are never complacent and are currently making great strides in our ambition to achieve exceptional progress and attainment in all areas.



CFS is an **All Through School**



Whilst your child is moving into Secondary school, there are still huge benefits to us being an all through school. There is a very special and unique atmosphere in a school where all ages work alongside each other, and our Secondary pupils get many opportunities to develop their own leadership skills whilst working in the Primary phase. We also have resident experts in the Primary curriculum, who support our Year 7 teachers in creating a uniquely seamless approach to academic transition, as your child moves from the Primary to Secondary phase.

We offer a huge range of **enrichment activities**, through our extended day, domestic and international trips and lunch time clubs.

Education is about the whole experience, not just academia, and school should also be fun and enjoyable. The CFS enrichment offer is wide and inclusive, with many of our activities and trips supporting our ambition to ensure all pupils leave us as truly global citizens.



At CFS, everyone is part of a **House**, which creates **healthy competition**, a **family feel** and a huge range of **exciting events**



Whether your child is part of Aquila, Noctua, Pegasus or Phoenix, they will feel part of a family within the School. All pupils, staff (and parents!) are part of a House, and House competitions occur weekly with pupils' own reward points going towards the House Cup as well. We also have our annual Sports Day and House Festival – a celebration of Drama, Music and Dance.

Parents are treated as a **vital and very important stakeholder**

A school cannot be truly successful unless teachers, pupils and parents work closely together. CFS was founded by parents and our relationship with our parental body is stronger than ever. Parental voice is important to us, with big school decisions being regularly discussed with our Parental Ambassadors – a group of volunteers who represent the parental body. We also have a fundraising team who, with the help of our parents, organise fun and exciting fundraising events for the School.