



AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

Ofsted Inspection December 2023
Catholic Schools Inspection December 2023

An 'Outstanding' Catholic School (CSI)



Ofsted's and the Catholic Schools' inspection reports together capture the:

unique ethos of this wonderful community,

There is a strong sense of community at Ampleforth College (Ofsted)

The school's 'Benedictine' principles are woven through all aspects of school life (Ofsted)

Students are highly determined to seek change in the world. They recognise the value that helping others brings to them as individuals and are beautifully articulate in their reflections of the work they have done and the difference this has made (CSI)

The college's commitment to 'Ora et Labora' is evident in the way in which prayer punctuates the day and through the acts of service witnessed in the lives of students (CSI)

excellent education,

Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the education and care that their children receive (Ofsted)

The curriculum is ambitious from Year 7 to Year 13 (Ofsted)

The Ampleforth community goes to extreme lengths to provide a full and inspiring provision that students embrace wholeheartedly (CSI)

Students are able to access a highly ambitious curriculum and meet expectations (CSI)

Benedictine scholarship permeates all that is done at Ampleforth. It brings together the pastoral strengths of the college which, in turn, supports the academic achievements of students (CSI)

which challenges and inspires,

The culture of high aspirations for all staff and pupils is palpable (Ofsted)

Through discussions with students, it is evident that they feel challenged and supported by staff, whom they hold in high regard (CSI)

Leaders and staff are committed to ensuring that children flourish in this school.....The well-being of children is at the centre of all planning and decision-making. This helps children to fulfil their potential (Ofsted)

high expectations,

Pupils are happy, courteous, resilient and they try to be the best that they can be. They strive to reach the high expectations that leaders and staff set for them, academically and personally (Ofsted)

All staff have extremely impressive subject knowledge and high expectations of students. This creates a purposeful learning environment (CSI)

Behaviour for learning is outstanding; ensuring an environment in which students are able to engage and there are many opportunities for independent working (CSI)

exceptional pastoral care,

Children thoroughly enjoy boarding at this school... Children develop strong relationships with boarding house staff and each other (Ofsted)

Boarding houses are a home away from home. Staff provide the nurturing care that children would get from their own families (Ofsted)

The pastoral care offered by the college is outstanding (CSI)

respect for each other,

Christian values underpin the promotion of equality, tolerance and respect (Ofsted)

The college demonstrates a strong commitment to diversity and inclusivity. Students of other faiths and no faith comment that they feel like an integral part of the community (CSI)

Children's views are taken very seriously, which helps them to develop confidence in their right to be heard (Ofsted)

kindness,

The Ampleforth community is one in which all staff are admirable role models for the students in their care. Students recognise and appreciate this; it impacts on the way they live their lives (CSI)

Students are keen to praise each other, and teachers reward effort with genuine words of warm encouragement and praise (CSI)

vibrancy of life at Ampleforth,

Children take part in a wide range of activities. They choose from various opportunities, such as astronomy club, drama and playing sports. This means that there is something for everyone (Ofsted)

Pupils receive a plethora of high-quality sporting and musical tuition. Extra-curricular clubs include calligraphy, astronomy, poetry and psychology as well as academic subjects (Ofsted)

The Christian Living programme is at the heart of the curriculum. Cultural experiences, equality and diversity are woven through every aspect of the exceptional personal development programme (Ofsted)

and the transformative effect all this has

This has a profound and lasting effect on the community. One student commented that 'pupils leave the valley but never leave Ampleforth' (CSI)

We are particularly delighted to be graded 'Outstanding' in Personal Development (Ofsted) and 'Outstanding' in all nine judgements on the quality of Catholic life and mission, religious education and collective worship (CSI)



An Ampleforth education is a compass for life