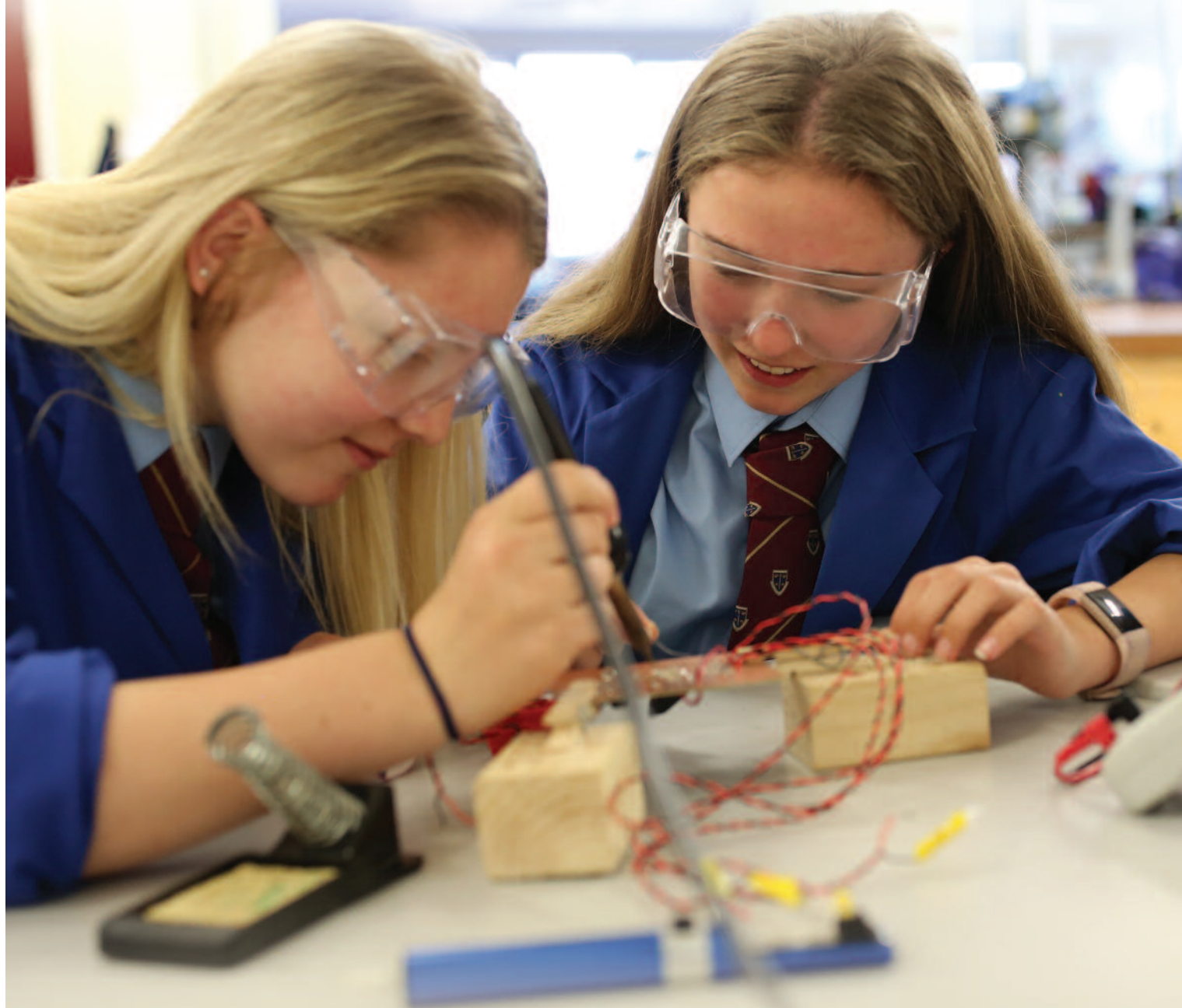




# St Bernard's Catholic High School



**Educational excellence in the heart of Furness**

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# Welcome to St Bernard's Catholic High School

**I have the privilege of being Headteacher, here at St Bernard's Catholic High School, a school which prides itself on educational excellence at the heart of the Furness Peninsula.**

St Bernard's has a long established tradition of providing a rich and varied tapestry of educational experiences for all our students, both inside and outside of the classroom. As a school we pride ourselves on maintaining the highest standards, and these expectations, alongside our Catholic values and our dedicated and talented staff team provide all our students the best possible opportunity to succeed and be successful.

As a forward-thinking school, we work tirelessly to ensure our school never remains static and to ensure that we are constantly evolving, to remain at the forefront of education.

I look forward to welcoming you to undertake a tour of the school during the school day, so that you can see our school in action and experience the warmth of the St. Bernard's family first hand and find out what our school is all about.

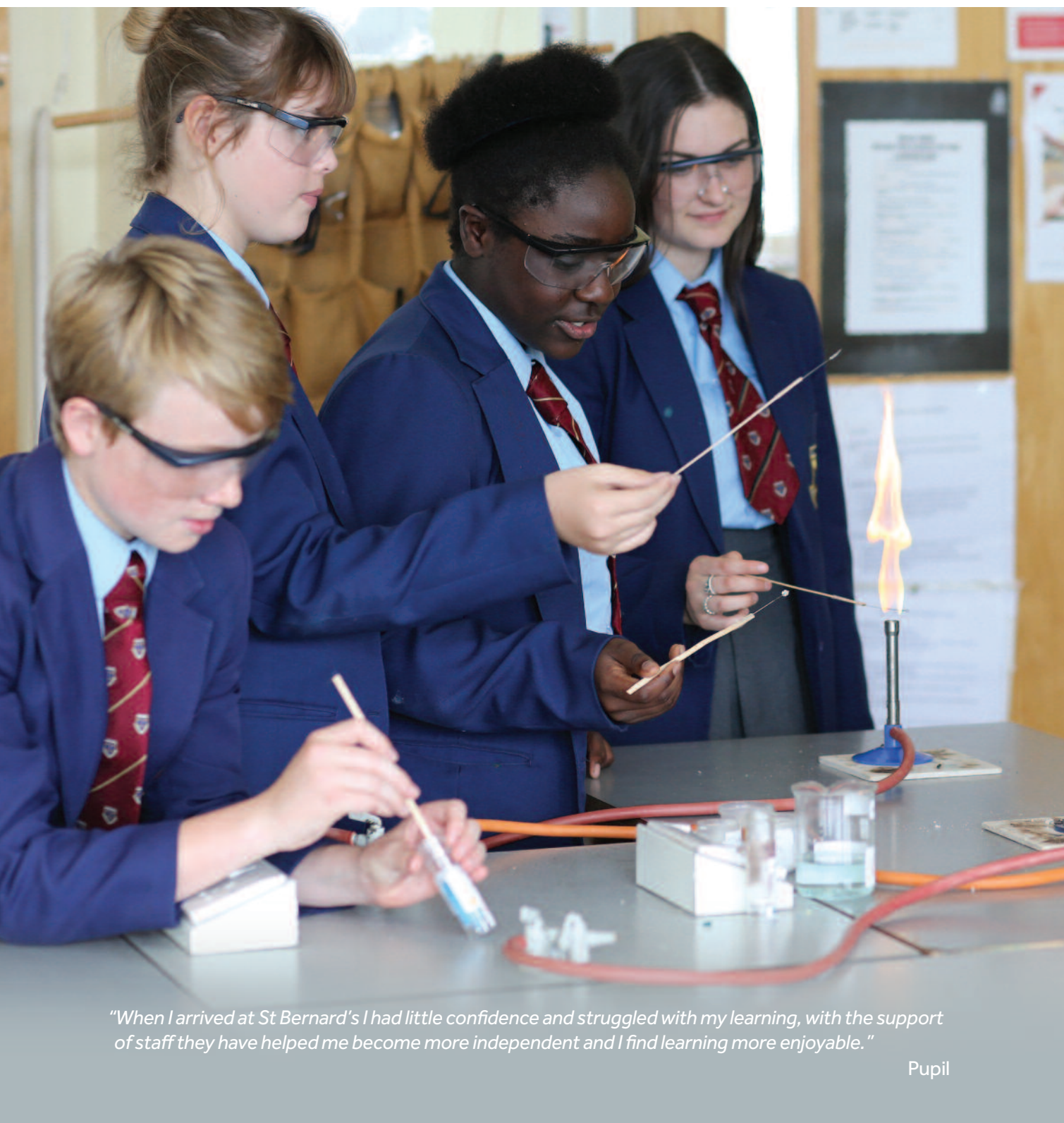
**Peter Croft**  
Headteacher



## Mission Statement To Work is to Pray

*St Bernard's Catholic High School is a Catholic community based on the gospel values of love and respect. We aim to provide the children of the Furness area a supportive and caring community in which all can grow in confidence; spiritually and academically to fulfil their true potential, strong in their belief in Christ, fully prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences that await them.*





*"When I arrived at St Bernard's I had little confidence and struggled with my learning, with the support of staff they have helped me become more independent and I find learning more enjoyable."*

Pupil





## Creating confident & caring individuals

*"My children left the school with goals, dreams and ambitions."*

Parent

*"My teachers are inspiring. My own desire to become a teacher is borne out of the experiences afforded to me by the staff at St. Bernard's."*

Pupil

**At St Bernard's we take our pupils on a voyage of discovery from the classroom and beyond, which allows them the scope to articulate their hopes and aspirations and to fulfil their potential as they move towards adulthood.**

The well-being and development of each child is at the heart of our school. Ours is an ethos rooted in strong Catholic beliefs and founded on faith, on the importance of community and on a sensitivity towards the differences and needs of those around us.

On the sports fields or in the classroom; in the playground or in the community; in high spirits or in quiet contemplation, St Bernard's gives your child the chance to reach out to the world that awaits them.

# A world of possibilities

*"There are so many activities to get involved in.  
There's something for everyone."*

*"The school is a great community."*

Pupils

*"Extremely happy with progress made so far.  
Looking forward to future Parents Evening's as  
very positive and gave helpful suggestions.  
The teachers work well with parents."*

Parent

**We value and seek to nurture the creative expression of our pupils, whether that be through art, music, cookery or culture. Our pupils are encouraged to relish new experiences and new challenges, during the school day and in the wide range of after-school activities on offer.**



## Creativity

Pupils are encouraged to develop skills to take them into life beyond the school gates and which will stand them in good stead for the future. From cooking for the family, to baking for a community fundraiser, our pupils relish the challenge of developing life skills.

## Culture

St Bernard's offers pupils the chance to immerse themselves into a world of sights and sounds. In the classroom, on stage or behind the scenes - the cultural world is there for our pupils to embrace and explore.

## Community

A caring ethos is at the centre of pastoral life at St Bernard's. Our pupils show respect and consideration to those around them; and their time at the school instils an awareness of the needs of others and of the equality of all, within the school and in the wider world outside.





# Through endeavor, achievement

*"We share immense pride in seeing our children rewarded for their efforts."*

Parent

*"Skiing was the best week of my life by far, with amazing people. Would do anything to be back there"*

*"I am really proud of St Bernard's and I am looking forward to being a prefect."*

Pupils

*"I really enjoyed my 5 years at St Bernard's, I made lots of friends and took part in many extracurricular activities. All staff were really helpful and guided me to achieve the results I needed to enter higher education."*

Former Pupil







Academic and spiritual excellence is central to the ethos of our school.

Our pupils strive to achieve the best in everything they do - and the results speak for themselves.

We aim to see our pupils finish their time at St Bernard's having reached their full academic potential, as they leave us to embark upon further education and the world of work.

The physical well-being and personal development of our pupils is incorporated into every aspect of school life at St Bernard's; and we work hard to give our young people all the care, guidance and support they need.



*"I am very happy with my son's progress. He has grown a lot in his confidence and his teachers are very positive about him and support him. Thank you for helping my child be the best he can be."*

Parent



# Forging friendships for life

**Self-respect and respect for others is the foundation for all relationships at school. Spacious, welcoming and serene, St Bernard's School is a place where mutual respect and friendship comes naturally among our pupils. A St Bernard's pupil is a pupil who cares about their friends, cares about their family, cares about their school and cares about their community.**

As our pupils travel along the path from school days to adulthood, we know they will take with them on that exciting journey the open minds and open spirits which have been allowed to nurture and grow at St Bernard's.





# Pupil Destinations

Our impressive students progress to a variety of exciting futures including:

Barrow 6th Form College  
BAE Systems  
Ulverston 6th Form  
Furness College  
Army / Air Force / Royal Navy  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Sellafield  
NACRO  
Kendal College  
Lancaster and Morecambe College  
Siemens  
Liberata  
NHS  
GEN2  
Russell Group Universities e.g. Oxford,  
Cambridge, Durham and York



*"Very happy to have my daughter at this school. St Bernard's is a brilliant school."*

Parent



# Extra Curricular Activities

Our talented students enjoy many opportunities outside of the classroom.

## STEM

Faraday Challenge  
Big Bang Fayre  
'Champion-Ships' STEM Challenge organised by BAE Systems  
Increasing awareness in STEM Opportunities for Girls - Kimberly Clark  
BAE Future Engineers Day  
Furness First Lego League  
Top of the Form

## Sport

Rugby League  
Football  
Cross Country Running  
Netball  
Athletics  
Cricket  
Skiing  
Table Tennis  
Gymnastics  
Sport Leaders

## Academic

Geography GCSE Field Trip  
Language Enrichment Day at University of Central Lancashire  
French Trip  
Triple Science Medical Event  
GCSE Science Live  
UKMT Individual Challenge  
UKMT Team Challenge  
Further Maths Enrichment Day  
Liverpool University Maths Challenge  
Manchester Maths Lectures  
Pi Day Reciting Contest  
Spellbind Competition  
Say Two Theatre Company performing Macbeth  
Marketing Furness Abbey Visit  
Visiting Chef  
Science and Medicine  
Visiting Michelin Star Chefs

## Careers

Careers Fayre  
Speed Networking  
Careers Talks e.g. Army, Navy, NHS, Apprenticeships etc.  
6th Form / University Visits  
Work Experience  
Study Skills Workshops  
Building My Employability Skills Workshops  
Mock Interviews  
University of Cumbria Taster Days

## Clubs & Groups

Charity Group  
Code Club  
Spanish Club  
Maths Club  
Lego Club  
Art Club  
Singing Group  
Music Tuition -  
Woodwind, Brass, Keyboard, Drums  
Maths Homework Club  
Science Homework Club  
RE Homework Club  
Tech Club  
Badminton  
Table Tennis  
Trampolining  
Gym Club  
Football  
Rugby  
Athletics

## Primary

Yr 5 French Cafe Day  
Primary Enterprise Day  
Matinee Performance of the School Musical  
Primary After School Sessions (IT, Languages, Art, Tech)

## Other

Duke of Edinburgh  
Castlerigg  
Young Enterprise  
Annual School Musical  
Keswick to Barrow Walk





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