

AQUINAS COLLEGE

OUR INFORMATION GUIDE



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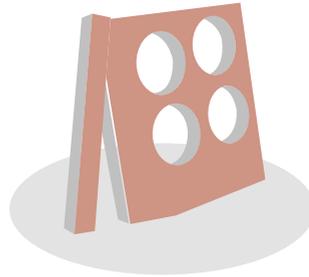
A Statement of Purpose, Values & Vision

Aquinas College strives to be a Catholic college for the whole community. Christ is at the very heart of our philosophy.



This is expressed in our commitment to the Gospel values of...

FREEDOM
JUSTICE
and **LOVE**



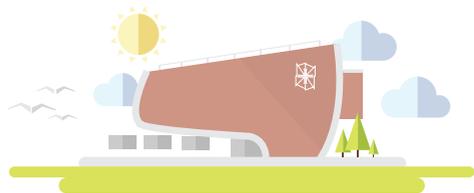
We affirm and value each member of our community, recognising the dignity and unique nature of each individual.

In this way the presence of Christ is celebrated.

We share in each other's strengths, support each other in our weaknesses and strive for the highest standards of achievement in all we do. We also encourage a questioning stance towards the values of our increasing secular society.

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

John 10:10



In short, we aim to provide reasons for living and hoping.

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INTRO DUCTION

This handbook is a guide to answer all questions parents/carers may have. To support this document, you will find a copy of the calendar for the college year on our website. This will give the dates for Consultation Evenings and other events. If you have other questions which are not covered here, please do not hesitate to contact us at: enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk

We value the contact we have with parents and carers, whether formally arranged or informally by telephone or email. We realise that good communication is vital for our students' success.

The Group Tutor is your first point of contact and will get in touch if there are any serious concerns. Similarly, the Group Tutor will always welcome a phone call or email if you have any queries.



WELCOME DAYS & ENROLMENT

During Welcome Days and again at enrolment, students are given information about the college and the subjects they are considering. Students are advised on subjects which relate to their abilities, interests and future career plans. If we feel that a particular subject is not the most appropriate we will give information on other courses available.

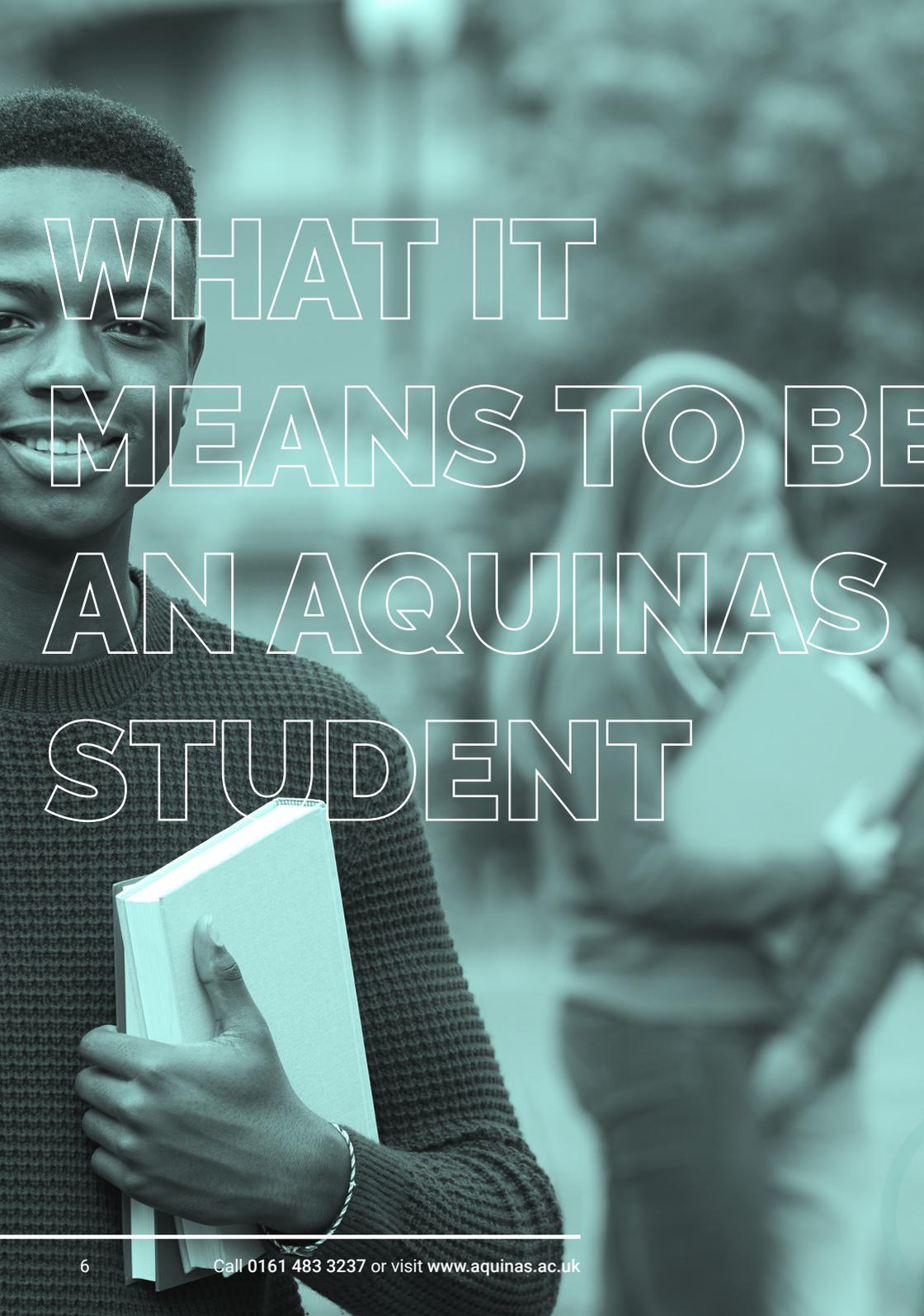
Following the publication of GCSE results on Thursday 22 August, students can enter their results online via our website prior to enrolment. Instructions about how to do this will be on their enrolment appointment email. Enrolment will take place on Tuesday 27 August and Wednesday 28 August during which students will receive advice and guidance from subject teachers and senior staff.

At Enrolment students are asked to pay a deposit of £30 for books and resources. £20* is returned at the end of their studies and £10 is retained to pay printing costs for their two years at college.

Our new Student Induction Days are on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 September. Classes will start on Monday 9 September.

*Subject to no outstanding monies owed for trips, books or exams

BE MORE



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AQUINAS STUDENT

Aquinas students are entitled to:

- guidance, advice and support from tutors and all other college staff; and to be enrolled on a course most suited to their needs.
- information on chosen courses and assessment requirements.
- a high standard of effective, well-planned teaching and all work informatively assessed and returned in no more than eight college days.
- use of the Learning Resources Centre and Information Technology facilities.
- treatment solely on their own merits, without discrimination on the grounds of race, gender or disability. The college is committed to Equal Opportunities and will stand firm in the rejection of all prejudice.
- the benefits of the Data Protection Regulations and Freedom of Information Acts.
- regular reviews of progress and help in achieving targets.
- discuss the way this Agreement is being fulfilled.
- participate in activities organised by the Student Council and take part in Council meetings and elections.
- a healthy, safe learning environment and appropriate health and safety training.
- the support, guidance and counselling by appropriate staff throughout their time as a student.
- participate in Core Studies programme – Tutorial, Ethics & Study Skills
- careers guidance, including help with applications and interviews and assistance with electronic guidance resources.
- the opportunity of a short work experience/career sampling placement and of joining a European exchange.

Students with special learning needs and/or disabilities will be helped on an individual basis.

Aquinas students are required to:

- accept the principles stated and implied in the College's Statement of Purpose Values and Vision.
- adhere to the College's 'Core Values'.
- attend punctually when required and to accept the attendance requirements at all classes including those chosen and those required as part of the Core Studies programme e.g. Study Skills/General Studies and Ethics, daily registration, tutorials, assemblies and meetings.

- complete all work to an agreed satisfactory standard, in the specified time allocated.
- participate constructively in the regular reviews of progress.
- accept responsibility for their own learning with the support of subject teachers, Group Tutor and Senior Tutor.
- respect the individual rights of all members of the college.
- act responsibly at all times particularly within college and whilst engaged in activities associated with college.
- ensure a parent/carer telephones Student Information at college on 0161 419 3624 on the first day of absence, giving the reason and indicating probable length of absence.
- consent to the college recording and processing personal information including ethnic origin, learning difficulties, health and medical conditions, examination results, progress and attendance. This information will be used for statistical returns, reports to parents and references to employers and universities as well as informing previous schools and publishing examination results.
- refrain from playing audio, visual and or written information on the internet, relating or referring to other members of the college, whether student or staff without their express written permission.
- take care for their own health and safety and that of other people in the college, including visitors.
- take personal responsibility for any resources used in or borrowed from the College. All items should be returned on time, in good condition and if not to accept a charge or replacement cost will be payable.
- act upon advice resulting from not fulfilling the above conditions; for example, use of guidance services, careers counselling, course transfer.

Substance Misuse

The college has a clear line of discipline on substance misuse which is explained to students when they first enter Aquinas.

Students will forfeit their place at Aquinas if found in possession, or under the influence, of illegal or non-medically prescribed drugs.

Similarly, students may be withdrawn if found in possession, or under the influence of alcohol. Any form of substance abuse is not compatible with our values and expectations.



BE PART OF
OUR VALUES
AND VISION

Pastoral Systems & Core Curriculum

We aim to offer all students outstanding support throughout their time at Aquinas. Our pastoral systems and core curriculum are essential to students fulfilling their potential, not only in their chosen subjects but in terms of developing their interpersonal, employability and thinking skills.

Each student is allocated to a Tutor Group of approximately twenty-five students. Tutor Groups meet weekly for assembly and our 10:10 Tutorial Programme. The 10:10 Programme is an integral part of the ethos of Aquinas College. Our aim is to develop educated, socially responsible, and highly employable citizens of the future. Students are encouraged to focus on resilience and a positive mental attitude towards their studies, using mind-set activities, group work and assemblies covering a range of current aspects of everyday life.

The Group Tutor is the first point of contact for students, parents and carers. Group Tutors are central to the support we offer students and through the delivery of tutorials and daily registration periods, they aim to help students cope with the demands of college life. Group Tutors also assist students prepare for life after Aquinas be that university, employment or a gap year.

Another vital contact is the Senior Tutor who oversees the work of a number of Group Tutors, similar to a Head of Year in high school. The Senior Tutor will assist with any student applications for life beyond Aquinas as well as with practical matters. Both the Group and Senior Tutor monitor student attendance and performance. Group Tutors will regularly meet with tutees on a one-to-one basis. They discuss the progress and their goals to enable them to achieve their personal targets.

Health education forms part of the tutorial programme and covers a wide range of health and wellbeing issues from healthy eating and exercise to careful driving. We strongly discourage students from smoking. We encourage students to choose healthy food options and there are plenty of chilled water dispensers around the college.

As part of the 10:10 Programme every Tutor Group will receive at least one workshop from the 'Stockport Healthy Minds' team. This NHS funded initiative aims to help promote good mental health and complements other areas of the Core Curriculum which aim to support our students develop their resilience and growth mindset. The health and wellbeing of students is essential for them to be productive, focussed and achieve their potential.



PASTORAL
CARE TO
SUPPORT
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE

A young girl with glasses and a floral hair bow is reading a book in a classroom. She is wearing a light-colored sweater. The background shows other students and a classroom setting. The text 'PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE IN THE COMMUNITY' is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters.

PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

PATHWAYS

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Pathways Department at Aquinas College offers a two-year programme providing specialist educational opportunities for students working towards Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications.

The Curriculum

We have four groups of students, each working towards Functional Skills qualifications in the core skills of Maths, English and ICT at Entry Level 1 up to Level 1. The rest of the curriculum is made up of lessons promoting independence skills in the home, in the community and at work.

Enrichment Opportunities: Students in Partnership

We encourage mainstream students who may be interested in going into future careers in this area an opportunity to come to our department and volunteer. In the past we have had students running yoga sessions, supporting with reading, joining us on our residential trip etc.



FULL
ATTENDANCE
IS ESSENTIAL
FOR
SUCCESS

Expectations for Attendance & Punctuality

Students are expected to attend all lessons and we ask them to treat college as they would their part-time job. Students should be on time and ready to work. Attendance is the student's responsibility and they should be able to account for all lessons and should check 'My Aquinas' regularly so that any anomalies can be rectified in a timely fashion.

If students have unauthorised absences they should be prepared to discuss this with their Group tutor.

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Students who have any unauthorised absences within the first two weeks of college will risk losing their place at Aquinas. Attendance and attainment are clearly linked and we are keen to impress this on students from day one.

2

Students who have missed lessons must go and find the teacher to explain why they have missed the lesson and catch up with any work missed. Students who fall behind in subjects may be referred to independent study sessions in order to catch up with topics or to complete outstanding assignments. Non-attendance at a study session would be counted as an unauthorised absence like any other and would incur the same sanctions.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Students

Students are expected to attend all of their lessons punctually. They must scan in at the start of every lesson using the biometric attendance system and inform the Tutor if it has not worked. If a student cannot attend college for any reason, or in exceptional circumstances, if they are going to miss lessons by leaving early during the day they must sign out with Student Information Services.

Parents/carers are required to corroborate reasons for absence. Students who experience genuine attendance difficulties will be offered prompt and appropriate support.

If a student arrives late they should go straight to class where they will be marked present, but late. Students should speak to their teachers at the end of the class to explain the reason for their lateness. If a student arrives late for a class on a regular basis their teacher will discuss this with them and may speak with their Senior Tutor.

Parents/Carers

Support from parents is essential to maintain the highest levels of attendance. If the student is unable to attend for any reason the college should be notified by phone. Students have a two week window to authorise their absence with satisfactory explanation. If no reasonable explanation is given in that window, they will be marked with a permanent unauthorised absence mark.

Parents/carers are provided with attendance figures each half term on the subject review. If a particular concern should arise, they are informed promptly. Holidays should not be arranged during term time and it is important that routine medical and dental appointments should not be made during class time.

What happens if a teacher is absent?

If a teacher is absent, work is either set in advance or another teacher is asked to take the lesson. Set work can usually be done without attending the lesson – this is known as “Guided Study” and is marked on the register as “G”. Details of any lesson changes will be posted on 'My Aquinas'.

In the event of a teacher being absent for a longer period we will do our very best to provide a supply teacher or the classes will be covered by another teacher from the Department.

Fitness to Study

Aquinas College wants all students to complete their studies successfully and achieve their potential. There are occasions, however, when physical or mental health issues are such that this is not possible. Consequently, there will be occasions where the college believes that it has exhausted the support options available and it has made reasonable adjustments in all aspects of College life, but students are unable to maintain their fitness to study. In such rare circumstances, a student may not be able to complete a programme of study with us and we will either offer support in finding an appropriate alternative or, if possible, offer the opportunity to re-start. Our Fitness to Study Policy can be found on our website.

MONITORING PROGRESS AND COMMUNICATION

We always welcome and encourage contact with parents/carers

Subject Reviews are produced every term and are accessible via the Parent Portal on MyAquinas. See page 17 for more details.

You can help us support your child by regularly logging on to 'My Aquinas' and monitoring progress and attendance through the Parent Portal. Information on how to access this will be provided in September.

Consultation Evenings are held in the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth where parents and students are invited to discuss progress with staff. Dates for Consultation Evenings are also on the college website. We will also email you beforehand to clarify arrangements.



To keep up-to-date with college activities and events visit:
www.aquinas.ac.uk



Facebook: AquinasCollegeUK



Twitter: AquinasUK

A photograph of two young men sitting at a desk in front of a computer. The man on the right is wearing a dark hoodie and a lanyard with 'STAFF' written on it. He is smiling and pointing at the computer screen. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt and is looking at the screen with a thoughtful expression. A keyboard and mouse are visible on the desk. The background shows a window with a view of trees. The entire image has a teal color cast.

MY AQUINAS
IS A
POWERFUL
TOOL

Online and *My*AQUINAS

We use a wide range of online resources to support learning, which students can access at any time from home or within college via the Internet. 'My Aquinas' allows students to see and print their own class timetables, attendance record, examination timetable and examination results.

'My Aquinas' Parent Portal

You can use the 'My Aquinas Parent Portal' to check your daughter/son's attendance, timetable, exam information and Progress Reviews.

Parent Portal: How to Register

1. You will need a valid email to register. If your email address has changed since enrolment or we don't have your correct email address please call the college or email enquiries@aquinas.ac.uk.
2. Go to the college website (www.aquinas.ac.uk)
3. Click on Parents then MyAquinas
4. Click the MyAquinas Parent Portal icon
5. Click Register
6. Fill in your email and choose a password
7. You will be asked to confirm the name of your child – if it is correct click 'Next'
8. We will send you an email to check your address is correct.
9. Check your email and follow the link (you may need to copy and paste it into your browser address bar)
10. You will then need to enter the birth date(s) of your child
11. You should now see the 'My Aquinas' screen.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Services at Aquinas are:

- Comprehensive
- Well established
- Highly regarded by students, parents and inspectors

Our Pastoral Care programme gives students the best possible support during their time here. They can expect:

- Regular meetings with their Tutor to discuss progress
- To discuss future plans in individual and group sessions
- Targets to be set and termly reviews
- Their performance to be closely monitored

If your child requires any information during the college day, the Student and Information Services Team located on the ground floor of the Learning Centre will be able to help.

The Student and Information Services may be contacted on 0161 419 3624 in case of absence.

Students can find the Learning Support team on the first floor of the Learning Centre. Parents/Carers can contact us by phoning the college or by e-mail, but please be aware that we will need to meet with the student before support can be put in place.

Safeguarding

At Aquinas, safeguarding is a priority and it is the responsibility of every member of staff. We have two Designated Safeguarding Leads, Andrew Bailey and Diane Spencer.

Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on the college website. If you have any concerns please contact your child's Group Tutor in the first instance who will then use college procedures to deal with your concern appropriately.

Learning Support

Students are encouraged to approach any member of staff if difficulties or problems arise and additionally, any student can approach the Learning Support Team for support.

About 20% of Aquinas students get some support from the Learning Support Team. Some of these students had support at school but many did not.

Some students have contact with the Learning Support Team before they enrol but students can start working with the Learning Support Team at any stage of their time at Aquinas.

A team of three specialist Learning Support Teachers and a number of Learning Support Assistants work with students in a wide range of ways to enable them to achieve their potential, including:

- Providing important information to subject teachers
- Setting up exam access arrangements (such as extra time)
- Lending equipment (such as laptops or digital voice recorders)
- Carrying out dyslexia assessments
- Providing one-to-one support (short-term or long-term)
- Providing support in lessons
- Reviewing Education Health and Care Plans

Decisions about support are made in discussion with individual students.

Information about a student's support needs and/or exam arrangements is NOT passed on (automatically) from school to college: Students will therefore need to discuss these with the Learning Support Team.

The Learning Support Team is based on the first floor of the Learning Centre and runs a drop-in every lunch time.

learningsupport@aquinas.ac.uk

Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy exists to serve those of all faiths and none. Irrespective of faith, background or tradition, the chaplaincy is at the heart of the college and exists for all students and staff. We have a beautiful chapel where students and staff can experience some quiet, reflective time.

Chaplaincy strives to support staff and students on all levels *'with situations at home, within college, at work and during our leisure time, in times of need, in times of sorrow and in times of joy'*. Trained in counselling and experienced in the mental health sector, our lay chaplain is there to provide a listening ear and emotional and spiritual support to students and staff. We operate an open door policy.

The Chaplaincy has close links with various activities and groups within the college. These include Young Christian Workers, Youth SVP, Scripture Study, the India Project, the Debating Society, amongst others.

Prayer

Mass times are normally at 1.15pm every Wednesday. Morning Prayer is said every morning at 8.40 in the college Chapel.

The Chapel is available for individual/group prayer and reflection at any time.



STUDENT TRAVEL

Getting to Aquinas College

Aquinas is easily reached by both bus and rail services. The 192 bus stop to and from Stockport and Manchester is right outside college on the A6. Greater Manchester Transport operates a concessionary scheme for students. Application forms are available online at www.tfgm.com

To apply for the scheme, you will need two passport sized photographs which require the college stamp on the back along with the application form. Students travelling without permits will be charged a full adult fare. The completed form, endorsed photographs, birth certificate and relevant fee should be taken to the Travel Shop near Stockport Bus Station.

Derbyshire Students

Students travelling from North Derbyshire can obtain a Derbyshire concessionary fare card from Derbyshire County Council.

Cheshire Students

Students living in Cheshire but outside Greater Manchester area may be entitled to travel concessions. Students should contact Cheshire County Council Transport.

Car Parking

To help protect the environment, students are encouraged, wherever possible, to avoid using cars to travel to college. Where it is essential to bring a car to college, we would ask them to consider sharing it with other students.

The car parking spaces adjacent to the college are limited and reserved for visitors and those with mobility difficulties. The main car park is available on a first come first served basis. Students must register their car with Student and Information Services if they intend to use the college car park or park on nearby roads. Motorcycles and bicycles may be secured to the racks provided.

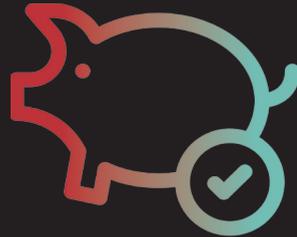
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bursary

This scheme is designed to help you fund transport, materials and equipment.

Applications welcomed from:

- Lone Parents
- Households in receipt of certain benefits
- Households with an annual income of below £30,000pa*
- Care leavers
- Students receiving Income Support or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves
- Students receiving DLA/PIP plus ESA/ Universal Credit in their own right



Find out more at:

www.aquinas.ac.uk/aboutus/supportforstudents

or ask Student Information Services

Free College Meals

The Government now also supports a Free College Meals system, for 16 –18 year old students. If you feel your daughter or son may be entitled to Free College Meals please visit the college website, download and complete a bursary application form ensuring that you tick the FCM box and provide the necessary evidence.

Parent Pay

College has introduced an online payment system for all trips, visits and college resources. This is a cashless system. You will receive a letter containing a username and password which you can use to activate your account at: www.parentpay.com

There will also be opportunities to pay by cash at the local pay point devices, should you wish to do so.

Trips and resources will be highlighted specifically for your daughter/son.

If you already use the system for younger children you can use your existing account.

Aquinas supports students in developing career management skills and making the next step whether into an apprenticeship, employment or university. Staff are

committed to offering the best careers advice possible and students have access to a wealth of resources both in the careers library and the Careers section of the website.

Careers at Aquinas

One of the main elements of the college's tutorial programme is educating students on their future options. This includes not only talking about the local jobs market, but how to make decisions about their future, considering their skills, how to search for university courses and information about how to make an application for an apprenticeship. Through the curriculum students have opportunities to listen to guests speakers who are experts in their field explaining the relevance of the subjects they are studying in the world of work.



www.aquinas.ac.uk/student-life/support-for-learners/careers/

To support our Careers Education programme we invite over 70 universities, training providers and employers to our After Aquinas Options Evening in March allowing students, parents and carers to find out more about universities and opportunities for an apprenticeship. Students are encouraged to attend University open days during the summer term and we also organise trips to Oxford and Cambridge universities as well as arranging a number of activities for prospective medics. The college also holds a Careers Day in July where students have the opportunity to listen to talks about different careers from people working in that environment. They have over 60 talks to choose from throughout the day.

Although many of our students progress to university, we have close links with apprenticeship training providers, including degree apprenticeship



@AquinasCareers



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The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre offers a fantastic resource to all of our students to meet their learning and information needs. Qualified and experienced staff are on hand to provide support, information and guidance all within an inspirational and purposeful study environment, set out over three floors.

Learning Centre services include:

- Careers advisors and all the latest career and university information
- Student Information Services for all timetables, bursary requests, travel enquiries and attendance matters
- Study support and Additional Learning Support to meet all study needs
- A large IT drop-in suite with full Wi-Fi coverage throughout for laptop and other digital device access
- Comprehensive Library Services with an excellent range of printed and online resources, including annual textbook loans
- A wide range of study environments; silent, group and quiet study areas to suit all needs
- Audio-visual, music and assistive technology loans
- Printing, scanning and photocopying facilities
- Broad range of stationary for sale

Centre access arrangements, including opening times, can be found on the college website, via the 'Student Life' and 'Learning Centre' sections.

Once students have paid the college deposit of £30 for books and resources and had their photo taken they will receive a username and password for the IT network and a photo student card to borrow Centre resources. This then ensures they are members of the learning Centre during their time at Aquinas.

Useful Information

Learning Centre/Library – **0161 419 3607**
or **library@aquinas.ac.uk**

E - SAFETY

Guidelines for Parents & Carers

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding here at Aquinas, we make every effort to keep our students safe while working online in college time.

This is achieved in the following ways:

- We maintain a secure IT infrastructure
- We deliver an e-safety education programme for students and staff
- We highlight the need for students to protect their online identity
- We raise awareness of the support students can access to report online concerns, (e.g. either to their Group Tutor or confidentially through our Safeguarding procedures and our Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Tip! For useful information view the ThinkuKnow website at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command.

Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them.



ENRICHMENT

We offer a full programme of activities to enrich our students' time at college and to supplement their academic studies. Enrichment activities take place throughout the week, both during and after the college day. Students are encouraged to get involved and experience as many different opportunities as possible outside their main subject timetable. Most enrichment activities are free of charge however, there are some programmes with costs attached. Reasons for enrichment include:

- Have fun
- Get involved in college
- Learn a new skill
- Make new friends
- Represent college
- Volunteer
- Compete
- Gain a qualification
- Prepare for employment

Trips & Visits

Aquinas college offers a number of trips and visit opportunities. These can be characterised as follows:

Essential curriculum trips - these are compulsory trips that are required as part of the curriculum. These trips equip students with the skills vital for the subject syllabus, e.g. Residential trips in Geography, Geology, Environmental science. Daytrips in Biology. There is financial support available through the bursary fund for these trips if certain criteria are met.

Other curriculum trips - Aquinas College encourages students to take part in the exchanges we offer. Students studying French and German can visit the countries in question.

Departments will organise appropriate trips and visits. These range from day trips into Manchester for photography opportunities and theatre trips to overseas trips to destinations such as London, Washington, San Francisco, Florence and New York.

There are also cross-college opportunities such as the Poland trip to visit Auschwitz and each year students travel to India to work with underprivileged children. This is a major part of our college's charitable work – Aquinas India Project, which raises a considerable amount of money for the charity.

For more details of the full list of possible opportunities please see the trips booklet on the college website.

Sport



College teams
Football
AOC Competition
Run Club
Boxing
Climbing (Level 1 and 2 Award)
Yoga

Recreational Sport
Girl's Football
Netball
Basketball
Rugby



Challenge Yourself



Global Justice and Peace Group (CAFOD)
DofE (Gold and Direct Gold)
NCS (National Citizen Service)
Medics Programme
Mock Bar Competition
Young Enterprise

Sign Language (6 week introductory course)
Duke Of York
Student Union
Driving Theory
Dungeons and Dragons
Teachers of Tomorrow

Art & Culture



Photography
Japanese Culture
AQ Magazine
Disney Showcase
Creative Writing
Make-up School
Sculpture Club
Politics Enrichment

Career Ready
Chess Club
Film Club
India Project
Roots and Shoots
Grade 5 Music Theory
Cartooning
Choir and swing band



Trips & Travel



Euroweek
French Exchange
India Trip
Camps International
NCS Residential
Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

New York
Washington
San Francisco
London





India Project

For the last fifteen years we have been raising funds to sponsor the education of underprivileged children in Mumbai. This is through the charity Prem Dan (meaning 'gift of love' in Hindi) which is run by the Sisters from the Religious of Jesus and Mary.

Students coordinate fundraising activities throughout the year including cake sales, sponsored sporting events, fairs and a college festival. The money raised goes towards sponsoring children and funding educational materials for schools run by Prem Dan. Meetings are held weekly to plan these activities. Thirty seven students and five staff visited India in February 2019 to work with the children in Mumbai.

The next trip is planned for February 2020.

D of E Gold (Direct)

Want to develop new skills and broaden your career prospects, all whilst having fun? Then DofE Direct is for you.

Aquinas has launched a new, direct way for students to achieve their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

You'll be able to progress through your DofE activities in your own time with dedicated support from a DofE Leader at Aquinas.

This will run over 18 months during your time in both the L6 and U6 years.



Sporting Opportunities

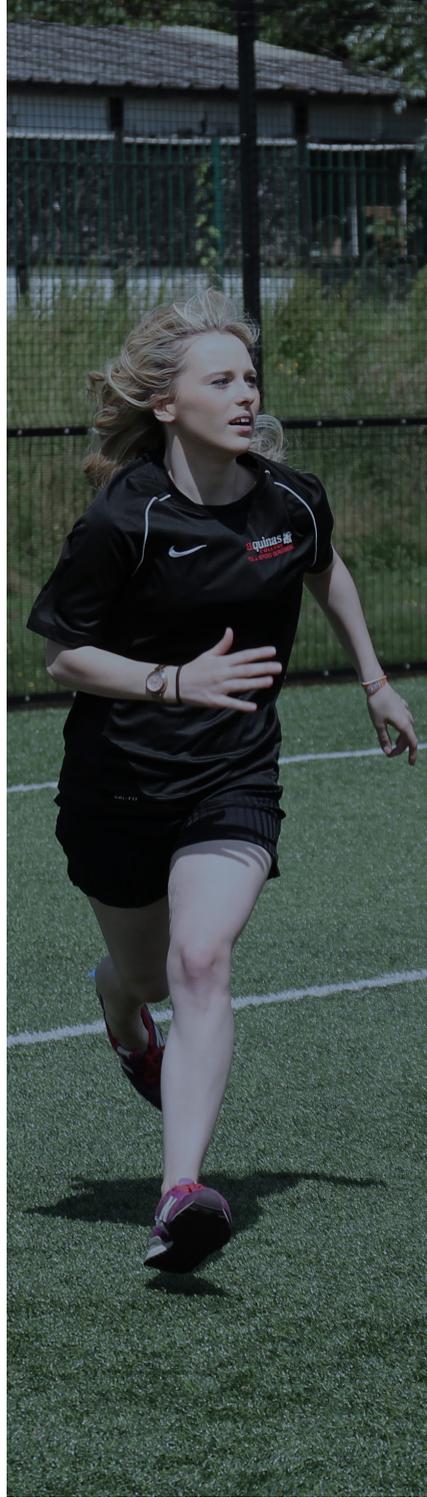
All students have the chance and are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities. It is our aim to give all students an equal opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting and recreational activities within our Enrichment programme.

There are other leadership and coaching opportunities if you wish to develop in this area with opportunities to attain a basketball refereeing qualification, FA Level 1 coaching qualification and a generic level 1 leadership qualification. All of this would be achieved through the new leadership academy being organised and delivered by our 'College Sport Maker'.

There are also opportunities for talented students to compete in sports such as badminton, cross country, golf, male & female 5-a-side football, netball, swimming, tabletennis, tennis and trampolining.

The college competes in the North West College leagues in football, netball and basketball, and the development league for rugby. We also compete in a wider range of sports in the British College Sport competitions. We offer volunteering and leadership opportunities and have links with clubs outside college.

The college enjoys excellent facilities, a sports hall with 4 badminton courts and indoor opportunities for netball, basketball, volleyball and trampolining. There is also a floodlit football pitch, tennis and basketball court and a fitness suite.



ADULT EDUCATION

Are you thinking about applying for a course starting September 2019? You may be interested in learning new skills. If so, here is some information about our adult education provision:

Academic Courses

- Access (Higher Education Diploma) Psychology with units in either Human Biology OR Criminology
- GCSE : English Language, Maths AND Science (Combined) Trilogy
- AAT Level 1 : Bookkeeping & Accounting Software
- AAT Level 2 & 3: Bookkeeping
- AAT Level 2 & 3: Accounting

We also offer a range of leisure courses:

- Baking / Cake Decorating
- Computing
- Flower Design
- Fitness
- Photography / Photoshop
- Millinery Painting
- Ceramic / Crafts
- Dressmaking
- Horticulture
- Languages (French, German, & Spanish)

& many more - Check our website for more details

Enrolment from Monday 5th August onwards (Monday 19th August for Languages)

Contact the adult education helpline
or look on our website for further details
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Autumn Term 2019

Enrolment

Tuesday 27 August & Wednesday 28 August

Term starts

Wednesday 4 September

Half-term

Closes Wednesday 16 October

Reopens Monday 28 October

Term finishes

Thursday 19 December

Spring Term 2020

Term starts

Monday 6 January

Half-term

Closes Friday 14 February

Reopens Monday 24 February

Term finishes

Friday 3 April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts

Tuesday 20 April

Half-term

Closes Friday 22 May

Reopens Monday 1 June

Term finishes

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