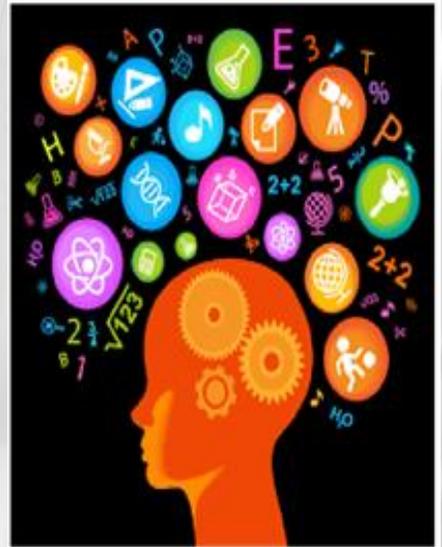


The idea of learning

Within this context - of welcome, hope and a community of friendship – the heart of what we do is learning and teaching. Now, there is no special *Catholic* Chemistry, Maths, or English! Chemistry is Chemistry; Maths is Maths. But what a Catholic school recognizes is that learning is a gift from God that enhances our humanity.

Humankind is made in God’s image. That means that reason and human intellect are wonderful gifts given to us by God, and that all the knowledge and training of the mind that comes through education can be recognized as a human good.

In light of this, we want to train children in the love and enjoyment of learning and how it can open up our lives.



The specialness of each child

Common humanity and reason tell us the specialness of each child. Religious faith adds to that by telling us of a personalized universe of God who loves us dearly, better even than the best earthly parent.

We are all made in the “image and likeness of God” and so deserve, and should receive, equal love, justice, respect and opportunities for growth and fulfilment. This is the difference school should make in our view of the child. All of us adults are ‘children of God’. But children who are actually children need as much emotional and intellectual nurturing as we are able to give them. Each child is uniquely made and loved by God, uniquely special.

Catholic education seeks to bring out that specialness, and set all children on paths to ethical, loving and meaningful lives.



The heart of the Community

St Gregory the Great’s school community is larger than the school gates. It doesn’t stop there. Parents and guardians are partners with teachers in the education of children.

The ideals and attitudes sketched out above must reach out to all. But let’s be realistic. We all know the wear and tear of life.

Often we have sufferings to endure. Amidst this, we look to faith, hope and love. As a Catholic school, we aim to join together – teachers, parents, guardians, all – to help our children grow and develop.

