

Inspection of a good school: Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, West Midlands B27 7XY

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What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?

Careers education is a strength. Pupils appreciate the support they receive when they come to transition points. This starts early in Year 9 when considering GCSE options. The school runs an annual careers fair and regularly invites local college and apprenticeship providers to talk to pupils about the options that are available to them so they can make informed choices. Sixth-form students experience a valuable layered programme to support their development towards their next steps. For example, they all undertake structured work experience, subject-specific enrichment and other wider opportunities, such as trips abroad.