



Maranatha Christian School



Growing up together,
looking out,
ready to serve

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Maranatha Christian School opened its doors in 1990 to a handful of students whose parents wanted to provide their children with an education based on Biblical foundations and Christian values. The new school grew quickly in numbers and facilities, and presently has around 85 pupils, housed on our Queenlaines Farm site near the village of Sevenhampton. The school is surrounded by a working farm a few miles outside the town of Swindon and enjoys the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the countryside.

In 2001 the management of the school was put into trust and is now governed by a board of Trustees who, as parents of children at the school, have a vested interest in its success. With that comes a committed and practical hands-on approach to their responsibilities.

The school benefits from a dedicated Art Room, spacious classrooms, a library, and a beautiful Early Years setting complete with specialized play area and outdoor garden. We are part of the Christian Schools' Trust and are members of the Independent Schools Association. The school is inspected for compliance by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, with whom we enjoy a positive and constructive relationship. The school benefits from being able to access the latest training and support offered by ISA to its more than 550 member schools around the UK.

Our Early Years setting follows the EYFS curriculum and is funded by the British Government.

The core of our curriculum is the Accelerated Christian Education portfolio which is an individualized learning programme that is used around the world and is renowned for producing excellent academic development in the context of a Biblical worldview. We also deliver many other subjects that are mapped to the National curriculum.

At the top end of the school we offer a programme of IGCSEs in partnership with the Cambridge Assessments International Education (CAIE) curricula. We continue to see outstanding success in terms of the results our pupils accomplish year after year.

*“Unless the Lord
builds a house,
the work of the
builders is wasted.”*

Psalm 127.1 (NLT)







Welcome to our School

When families visit our school the comment we hear most often is, 'what a wonderful place to learn'. We purposefully celebrate and make room for the presence of the Lord Jesus. Our heart is to have a school where He is honoured by everyone involved in the life of our community.

Growing up in modern Britain presents specific challenges. We are becoming increasingly aware as parents of the need to educate our children so they are prepared to handle everything that comes their way – whatever that may be!

In partnership with you, the parents, we want to help our pupils develop the skills necessary to navigate this complicated world, not fearfully, but with confidence and wisdom. The best way we know how to do this is to be guided by the Word of God, whose wisdom continues to inform each generation and build within us the character that is necessary to succeed in life. That is why our curriculum is built upon principles of wisdom from God's Word. It is God's desire for all our children to reach their potential and serve Him in their generation. This requires the ability to handle knowledge, process information, analyze and assess, make judgements and come to reasoned conclusions.

Our approach as a school is to teach our pupils to have confidence in God, and in themselves. We use an individualized curriculum because it has been proven to teach pupils to think for themselves, learn to research subjects, evaluate what they are doing and prepare them to be lifelong learners, giving them the skills to do research and manage themselves.

We trust that as you investigate Maranatha, you will discover for yourself the blessing of accessing Christian education.

Tom Price
Headteacher



Our Vision & Aims

Our Vision

Our vision is to be the school of choice for Christian parents who want their children to achieve academic and vocational excellence, developing Godly character and a Biblical worldview in an affordable, loving Christian environment.

Our Aims

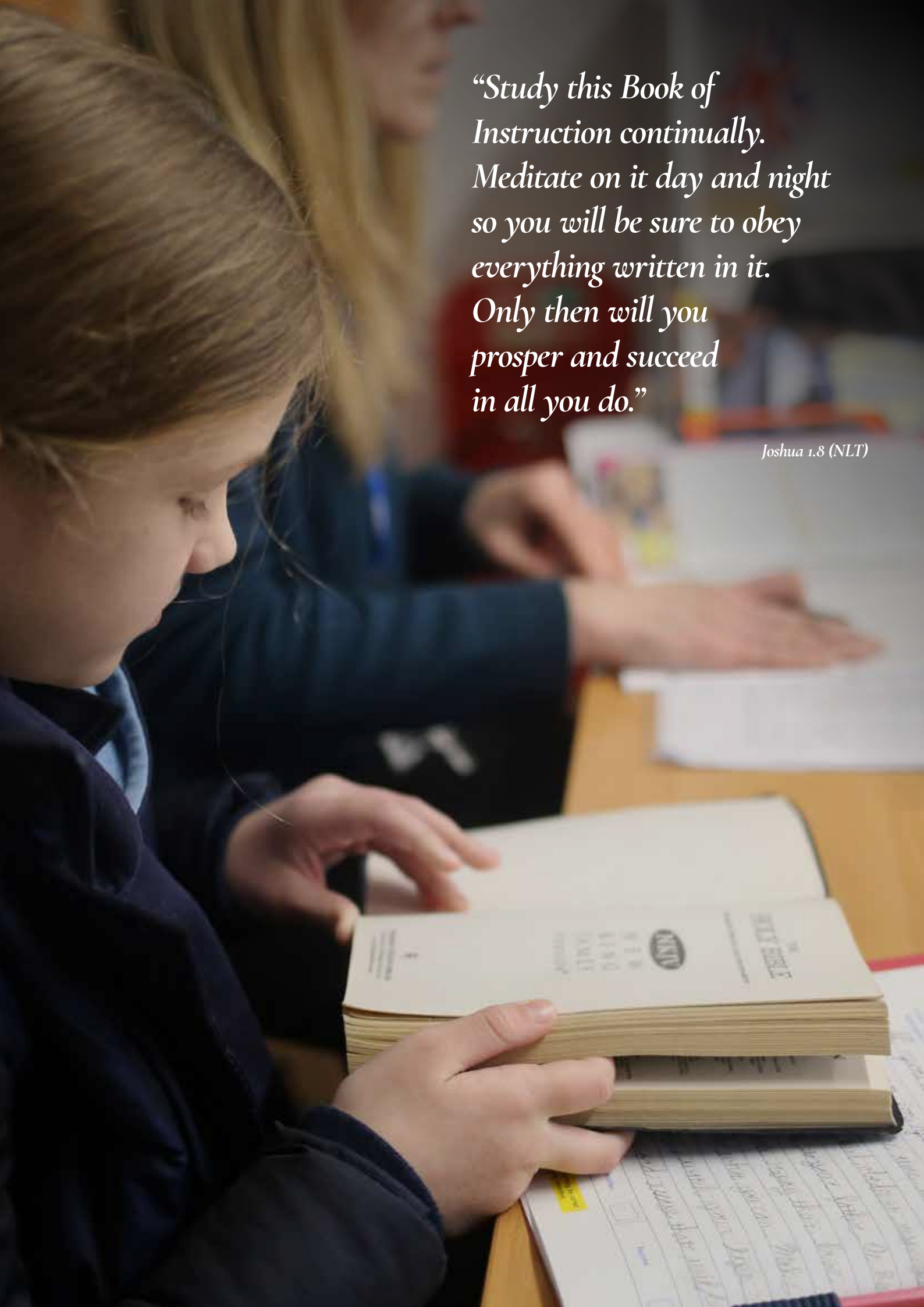
In partnership with the parents, to provide each child with an education that enables them to achieve their God-given potential, recognising that we are all made in the image of God and have an inherent dignity and purpose.

We focus on helping the children under our care to develop their character by becoming caring, thoughtful, tolerant and loving Christian young people who recognise their role in society and their need to contribute to the well-being of the world they inhabit.

We focus on delivering an education that is suited to the unique needs of each child helping them to achieve academic and, or, vocational success.

We aim to find a way to expand the capacity of the school to enable all those who want a place at the school to be successful.



A young girl with light brown hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform, is seated at a wooden desk in a classroom. She is looking down at an open book she is holding with both hands. The book has a white cover with some text and a small circular logo. On the desk in front of her is a worksheet with handwritten text. In the background, another student with blonde hair is partially visible, also working at a desk. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a classroom environment.

*“Study this Book of
Instruction continually.
Meditate on it day and night
so you will be sure to obey
everything written in it.
Only then will you
prosper and succeed
in all you do.”*

Joshua 1.8 (NLT)

Our Curriculum

The Individualized Learning Programme provided by Accelerated Christian Education forms the core of our curriculum; based on Biblical principles and the development of Christian character and values. It is used world-wide by thousands of schools and covers the main academic areas of English, Maths, Science, Word Building, Social Studies and Literature and Creative Writing.



Our aim at MCS is to provide an excellent education for all our students; an education which caters for each child's unique abilities and in so doing brings out the best in each of them. Our curriculum is designed to provide children with the core knowledge they need for success in education and later life, to maximize their cognitive development, to develop the whole person and the talents of the individual and to allow all children to become active and economically self-sufficient citizens.





At MCS, we pride ourselves on the breadth of our curriculum. We strive to provide a broad, balanced, creative and highly enjoyable learning experience which not only incorporates ACE, but references the best in the National Curriculum and celebrates the ideas and experiences of every learner in our school. The National Curriculum comprises of: English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Design and Technology, Art, Music, Physical Education (PE), Computing and Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), plus Religious Education and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education).



To ensure all students in Key Stage 1-4 experience a breadth and depth of learning, the timetable provides a variety of learning experiences across these subjects. Our approach to teaching and learning ensures that lessons build on prior learning and provides enough opportunity for guided and independent practice. Every student has an equal right to a challenging and enlightening learning experience. By teaching this curriculum well with the implicit embedding of Godly principles in our students, we guide them to their place of full potential.

Admissions

Our ambition is for home and school to work together from a common foundation of faith in order to serve the best possible interests of the child, and to this end we welcome applications from families where a similar Christian environment of Godly standards and values prevail. For this reason, we would expect at least one of the parents to be a practicing Christian, and both parents should be happy for their children to be educated within a Christian framework as outlined in the School's Statement of Faith, a copy of which is included in this Prospectus.

We consider applications on an individual basis. On receiving your application, we will arrange an interview with the Head teacher (and in certain circumstances with a member of the Trustees). This will enable us to explain what joining the school will mean to the pupil and to his or her family, and will give you (the parent) the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We have found it helpful for parents to visit the school and for their children to experience school life at Maranatha using our free taster days. These taster days allow children to immerse themselves in the experience of spending time in the school, engaging with our curriculum and meeting other pupils and staff. Making a decision to send your children to Maranatha is important and we want you to have all the information available to make that decision prayerfully and intentionally.

We will ask older students (12 years and above) for a personal response to the prospect of a move to the school, but we recognize that it is the parents' decision that matters most.

Before your child starts at MCS, we ask you either pay a 25% deposit of the annual fees upfront, or that you agree to pay it over the first 12 months along with the normal school fees, ensuring that the deposit is fully paid within the first year.

Please contact the School Office on 01793 762075 or email us at justine.gardner@maranathaschool.org for more details on Admissions.







Qualifications

Historically the school has enabled its students to undertake a certification programme, administered in the UK by the Board of the International Certificate of Christian Education (ICCE). This certificate can still be awarded to our students who wish to pursue this qualification. Increasingly however, the school is moving towards offering iGCSEs to pupils at key stage 4 and above.

Our ambition is to offer the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) as the preferred suite of subjects to be studied with either route. The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

The EBacc is:

- English language
- Literature in English
- Maths
- The Sciences
- Geography or History
- A language (French)

A small number of foundation and technical/vocational courses are offered to ensure sufficient breadth in the curriculum for all learners is maintained, with Art and Textiles being particular favourites.

Statement of Faith

We affirm our belief in:

- The verbal plenary, inspiration, infallibility and inerrancy of the whole Bible as originally written in all its parts and elements alike. The Bible is the supreme final authority in all matters of doctrine and conduct.
- The one only living and true God, infinite and perfect, eternally self-existent as three persons of one substance, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The eternal pre-existence, the incarnation, the virgin birth, the sinless life, the miracles, the substitutionary death, the personal bodily resurrection and ascension to heaven, and the personal bodily return to earth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the coming new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- The original creation of all things by God for His own pleasure in six literal days.
- God's making of man in His own image by an act of immediate creation; the fall of man necessitated the need for man's redemption by the grace of God and the blood of Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.





And our belief

That all those redeemed by faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ together form with Him a new creation which is His body and bride, the Church, expressed on earth through the gatherings of true believers into local churches; that true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ bear testimony to Him by practicing good works consistent with the Bible and in the power of His indwelling Spirit, and that this involves the universal proclamation of the Gospel and the effective discipling of believers and children of believers through Christ-honouring education and training.

“Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!”

Psalm 111.10 (NLT)



A young girl with blonde hair in a bun, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is kneeling on a colorful patterned rug in a classroom. She is focused on playing with a wooden toy train set. The train set includes a red and white checkered station building with the word 'PARK' and the number '3' on it. There are also toy trains and tracks. In the background, another child is visible, and there are shelves with various toys and supplies. The overall atmosphere is bright and educational.

School Assessment: ISI

Maranatha Christian School is inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) and in our most recent inspection that took place in September 2019, we were adjudged to be fully compliant with all the Independent School Standards.

The inspectors were impressed by Maranatha in terms of the curriculum, teaching and relationships between staff, students and leadership. From student interviews it was noted that the students felt safe and happy in their environment and they considered leadership to be approachable and trustworthy. ISI were also impressed by the motivation and passion of everyone in the staff team and the teachers were considered to be excellent. The students' self-motivation and ability to manage their own learning was noted as being very impressive. The students were also referred to as being well behaved, happy, mature, bright, respectful and responsible. Something that came of little surprise, when it was stated by the Head Inspector of ISI is that, "Any school would be incredibly proud of the results of the parent and student surveys which showed overwhelming satisfaction and support (for the school)".

Finding Us

Details for finding Maranatha Christian School, entering and parking

Maranatha Christian School is located in the countryside and is surrounded by a working farm, we share the same driveway with the farm from the main road. The address is:

**Maranatha Christian School
Queenlaines Farm
Sevenhampton
SN6 7SQ**



If you are travelling along the M4, leave at Junction 15 and head north on the A419 towards Cirencester and Gloucester. Follow the A419 for about 4 miles north until you see the sign for 'Highworth'. Come off the A419 and follow the signs for Highworth. There are about 4 roundabouts you will cross about 400 metres each apart. On the 4th roundabout follow the signs for 'Sevenhampton'. As you follow the country road for about 150 metres, turn left at the junction and then follow the road for a further 250 metres, you will see a turning on the left with the school name displayed, turn left here and drive along the short road and bear right at the first entrance signposted 'Queenlaines Farm', follow the road and park on the left in any of the spaces. The office is at the end of the car park on the left.

**Should you need any assistance
please call us on 01793 762075.**

Why parents choose Maranatha

The School undertook a survey in January 2022 of all the parents whose children attend the school to gauge their reasons for choosing Maranatha as the place to educate their children, here is a sample of the comments we received back



Why did you choose to send your child to Maranatha?

We were concerned about the environment our son was growing up in in his previous school. Some influences were not great and we felt they were starting to show in his character and language.

We realise that as parents it's not possible to protect Christian children completely from the influences of the world around them, but we were keen to explore the possibility of a Christian school as our faith is extremely important to us.

We wanted our son to have the best chance of growing up with Christian friends, Christian teachers, strong positive Christian influences in his life that would last as he grows up.

What are your thoughts about the school today?

We love the school. We love knowing that we are sending our son to be educated at a place where he is loved, is valued, and is accepted for who he is.

The school feels like a family, a Christian camp and an education centre all rolled into one.

We cannot express how much we value the comfort of knowing that the teachers pray for the children every morning.

Mr S

Our daughter has been attending MCS for almost 4 years and started at secondary school age entry. We chose Maranatha Christian School initially because we knew there were relatively small class sizes and with the Christian PACE curriculum she could work at her own ability and pace. We are pleased that the school has a very rich Christian ethos and is a very nurturing educational environment.

The school supports the whole child, not only academically but also spiritually and emotionally. The staff are very approachable and happily work in partnership with us to do what's best for our child to help them grow and learn.

We have seen our daughter grow in confidence and enjoy her educational years.

If you are looking to give your child a nurturing Christian education... choose Maranatha!

Mrs H

How to Contact Us

Thanks for reading our prospectus, we hope that you have found it informative and helpful. If you would like to find out more about us as a school, please feel free to contact us through any of the following ways.



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