

Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth

Church of England School

Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth Church of England School is a co-educational voluntary-aided comprehensive school for pupils aged 11 – 18 years in the Diocese of Southwark and the London Borough of Wandsworth. It opened in September 2003 and was promoted by Wandsworth Borough Council with support from the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education at a cost of £12.4 million. These costs were met jointly by the Council and the Department for Education and Skills.

The Diocese of Southwark

The Diocese of Southwark <http://www.southwark.anglican.org/> is one of the 44 dioceses of the Church of England, which is the Anglican (Episcopalian) Church. It is in the Province of Canterbury and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Founded in 1905, the Diocese covers South London and East Surrey and is divided into three Episcopal Areas, Croydon, Kingston and Woolwich, each with an Area Bishop, two Archdeacons and an Area Mission Team.

The Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and lies on the South Bank of the River Thames close to London Bridge on a site occupied by a church for over one thousand years. The main structure of today's church was built between 1220 and 1420.

The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education supports church schools and further and higher education chaplaincies throughout the Diocese. It works closely with the twelve local education authorities which exist within the Diocesan boundary to support church schools.

The London Borough of Wandsworth

Wandsworth is the largest of the inner London Boroughs. It occupies an area of more than thirteen square miles and has a growing population - currently some 260,000 residents. The Borough is a collection of many different communities, each with its own distinct character. It enjoys a wide ethnic diversity with more than one in five people belonging to a racial minority group. It is a popular residential area with many different types of housing - from the leafy suburbs of Putney to the inner city housing estates of north Battersea.