



Established 1949

The Polish Saturday School in Manchester

Polska Szkoła Przedmiotów Ojczystych im. św. Stanisława Kostki w Manchesterze®

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The Saint Stanislaw Kostka Polish Saturday School in Manchester, was founded in November 1949 by Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association and is one of the oldest Polish supplementary schools in the UK. The first headteacher was Mrs Olga Trybuchowska, who served for 36 years until 1985. The current headteacher is Mrs Danuta Antonik who was appointed in 2013 and is herself a graduate of the school.

Between 1965-75 the school was the second-largest Polish Saturday School in Great Britain, with 450 pupils and 26 members of staff. Pupil numbers slowly decreased over the next few decades until Poland joined the European Union in 2004, since when the number of students has increased steadily.

At present, the school has approximately 300 pupils enrolled, from ages 3 to 18 and has over 40 members of staff, comprising a Headteacher, two Deputy Headteachers, 20 Teachers, 21 Teaching Assistants and 1 Dance Instructor. There are also adult classes for basic and advanced English and conversational Polish.

The school is an integral part of the Polish R.C. Parish of Divine Mercy in Manchester and has close links with other Polish community organisations in the city.

The school was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2015 and is run by a Board of Trustees, supported by a very active Parents Association.

In 2012, the school received a Gold Award from the National Resource Council for Supplementary Education, in recognition of its high standard of operation, an award that has just been revalidated, following a recent inspection visit by the city council's Quality Assurance Officer for Supplementary Education.

Pupils are taught in preparation for national UK exams in Polish at GCSE, AS and A2 level and the school has an excellent record of success in these exams.

The main aim of the school is to educate pupils in a spirit of affection and respect towards their motherland and instrumental in achieving this aim is our curriculum, which comprises:

- Education in the Polish Language, Literature, Geography and History
- Religious Education
- Education in Polish Culture and Traditions
- Development of a sense of Patriotism

Through education received at the school, we are committed to helping persons to develop and be proud of their ancestral roots, with personal qualities and moral standards which make them valued members of the community in which they live, so that they become true ambassadors of a rich Polish culture and traditions.