



# St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin the new school year, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer.

We welcome a number of new staff this term; Mr Ryder (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Williams (Science), Mr Doherty (Geography), Mr Hurst (Mathematics), Miss Brown (Years 9 and 10 Pastoral Coordinator, Miss Cunliffe (Years 7 and 8 Pastoral Coordinator) and Mrs Monks (school reception). I look forward to seeing them work hard to ensure your children feel supported in school so they enjoy their learning and thrive in their lessons.

Thank you for your support and patience with our new school uniform. Our pupils look very smart and prepared for the challenges in this new school year as they strive to make the best possible progress. While acknowledging the shortage of school jumpers and blazers, I expect all pupils will be in the correct full school uniform by the end of September.

May I take this opportunity to remind you about our new Pastoral Hub. We have five members of staff who do not teach, who are available to provide the appropriate support at the right time for our pupils, who are based in the Hub. They can be contacted directly on the following extensions:

- Miss Melling (Year 11) – Ext 250
- Mrs Heyes (Pupil Support Manager/Nurture) – Ext 235
- Miss Cunliffe (Years 7 and 8) – Ext 259
- Mrs Brown (Years 9 and 10) – Ext 261
- Mrs Millin (Attendance Administration) – Ext 262

## **Results 2018**

I am pleased to tell you that there were some very positive results achieved by St John Fisher pupils and in many subject areas challenging individual pupil targets were met and, in some cases, exceeded. In a year of change and uncertainty, it is a credit to so many pupils and staff that we have such a solid foundation from which to move the school forward.

We wish all our leavers every success in their chosen path and we look forward to welcoming our Class of 2018 into school on **Thursday 29 November** at 7.00pm for the GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening.

## **Opportunities for Parents.**

We now have a Parent Forum within school, which meets with myself every term to discuss ideas for school development. If you would like to join the Parent Forum (present members no need to renew membership!), then please email [l.maloney@sjf.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:l.maloney@sjf.wigan.sch.uk) and we will invite you to future meetings.

We also have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Being a governor of our school is a wonderful opportunity to play an important role in strategic school development and improvement. If you would like to nominate yourself, please see our school website for details. The deadline for nominations is **Friday 21 September**.

*Learning Together as a Community in Christ*

## Events over the Term

We have a busy term ahead of us; preparing Year 11 for their mock exams, ensuring Year 10 understand the expectations of the new GCSEs and the amount of work they will need to do to ensure their personal success. In addition, the Year 7 Welcome Mass in which we welcome our new Year 7 and their families into our school community, will be one of the term's highlights.

### **Year 7 Welcome Mass**

This takes place on **Thursday 13 September** at 6.00pm in school. I invite all parents and pupils of Year 7 to come and share in the liturgy and celebration of a new school year in a new school.

### **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening is on **Thursday 20 September** between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. This event is an opportunity to share our academic success and promote our strong Catholic ethos and pastoral care within our local community. In order to prepare the school appropriately, for this event, **school will close early at 1.00pm and school buses will be available at this time.** Please ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child to be collected from school.

If your child is selected to represent school during Open Evening, then I ask that he/she is well presented in full school uniform with polished shoes, neat hair and a smile. Your child will receive more details about these arrangements in the coming weeks.

### **Year 11 Information Evening**

We will be holding an Information Evening for all Year 11 parents on **Thursday 27 September** at 6.00pm. It is important that if you are a Year 11 parent, you attend this event. On the evening you will receive important details about the exam season, how we will ensure your child is prepared for their examinations and advice on how you can support your child during this challenging year. Year 11 assessments take place in November followed by Parents' Evening on **Thursday 22 November**, which will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and discuss your child's progress towards his/her, GCSEs.

### **Year 10 Guidance Evening**

All parents of Year 10 pupils are invited to our Guidance Evening on **Thursday 18 October** at 6.00pm. The evening is useful as it explains how to help support your child during their GCSEs and gives further details of the new GCSE grading system and assessments. Year 10 pupils will receive more details later in the term.

There are other events this term which contribute to the vibrant and positive ethos of our school; Year 7 retreats, various educational visits to universities, Careers Fairs and Manchester Actors visits and many more - too numerous to mention. Unquestionably, all these enrichment events complement the hard work and learning which takes place in our classrooms on a daily basis and will contribute positively to the all-round educational experience, which is such a strength of our school.

I look forward to working with you in the current academic year and for many years to come to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our children.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Rigby  
Headteacher