

St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School

July 2017

Dear Parents / Carers



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At the end of the school year I wanted to write to thank you for everything you have done to support our young people this school year and give you some useful information for next year. The role of parents is becoming increasingly demanding, but with excellent partnerships between home and school, our children will always come first.

Looking back

The year has been punctuated with some wonderful events and successes. You will have received a copy of this term's 'Pronuntio' newsletter; you will find these stories and more in this edition. I want to thank all our staff and pupils who contributed to Pronuntio. It allows us to celebrate what we have achieved with you and our wider community.

Standards

In September, all pupils should have perfect school uniform. The uniform list is on the website. It is detailed and very specific. I would ask parents to pay attention in particular to the requirements for trousers and shoes. Tight fitting or jeans type trousers are not allowed. Shoes that are acceptable are described and shown in our uniform policy to help you decide what to buy. Please check before you buy new school footwear. Jewellery (except for a watch) should not be worn. Mobile phones – and earphones – are not allowed to be used or seen once pupils are on site between 8.45am and 3.20pm. This policy is also available to read in the policies section of the website. Please ask your son/daughter to read these policies with you so we are all aware what our expectations are.

Thank you

As we look forward to the end of the school year and the holidays, I would like to thank those teachers who are leaving us. Miss Derby has retired after serving the school and its community for 40 years as a teacher and before that, as Head Girl here at St Gabriel's! Her contribution has always gone beyond her teaching commitment and has played a big part in the enrichment life of the school. Mrs Hornby is also retiring. She has given so much of her energy not just in the teaching of maths, but contributing to its leadership and development, especially in the last few years. Mrs Bishop has also retired after leading the English department. We wish them every happiness and fulfilment in the future. Mrs Davies, Mr Fleming, Miss Montague, Miss Barber, Mr Jackman, Miss Massey, Mrs Malabar and Miss Loric all leave us this summer.

Communicating with you

You can find valuable information our website and our Twitter account is regularly updated with news and images about the religious life of the school and many enrichment opportunities. The addresses are shown at the bottom of this page. Please ensure that we have an up to date email contact for your child.

Next year

School opens for the new year on Monday 4 September for new Year 7 and Year 11; other years groups return the following day on Tuesday 5 September. Pupils should be on site for 8.45am.

With every blessing from all at St Gabriel's for the summer holidays.

Yours faithfully

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