



# ST GABRIEL'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# PRONUTIO

September 2013

## Best Results Ever!

As the Bury Times stated recently St Gabriel's is bucking the trend with a record breaking year. Nationally, 68.1 per cent of results were A\*-C which is down 1.3% from 2012 and the biggest fall in the qualification's 25 year history. Not at St Gabriel's.

We are so proud of our pupils and the fantastic results they achieved. The big question is 'How did we do it?' The answer is simple and something that has been a one of our major strengths of St Gabriel's since 1954 ...

### TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

With our community, with challenge, positive relationships, compassion and with Christ at the Centre, we ensure we deliver our Mission Statement that each child is valued, loved and encouraged to reach their true potential. This has always and will continue to be the foundation of everything we do.

This year our pupils, parents, parishes, governors and staff have ensured St Gabriel's is nationally recognised as being the outstanding school of the present and strives to be the World Class School of the future!

The 'Class of 2013' have been an absolute pleasure to teach. The close monitoring, progress tracking, pastoral care and together with challenging aspirations have enabled the pupils to be embark on the next stage of the their journey.



**75% 5A\*-C including English and Maths - an increase of 8%**

**21% A\* or A grades**

**23 pupils achieved 9 or more straight A\* or A**

**41% achieving 5A\*- B grades**

**91% achieving 5A\*-C grades**



These results show the hard work, dedication and support from all teaching and support staff within our Catholic Community.

Some of our young peoples' comments on results day:

**'I would have never have done this without the support of the teachers- they were always there for me.'**

**'I was a nightmare in year 9 - if you had not sorted me out I would never be going to college.'**

**'Everyone believes in you here.'**

**'I knew I could do it! You taught me that!'**

Parent **'This school is fantastic. You have cared for and supported all my children. You have shaped their lives. Thank you.'**

We aim to ensure that our outstanding young people leave us confident and empowered as they look to their future and the next stage of their journey.

# Welcome to our Results edition of 'Pronutio'

*(To pronounce, acclaim, proclaim)*

We are delighted that our Year 11 pupils have achieved and exceeded all expectations. 75% of Year 11 achieved the Government measure of 5A\*-C including English and Maths-a fantastic increase of 9% from the 2012 results. The 5 A\*-C pass rate was also St Gabriel's highest ever at 91%. We are particularly pleased that over 40% of these achieved 5 A\*-B grades and 23 pupils achieved 9 or more A\* or A grades. This is the first stage in the drive to achieve our vision of 'world class Catholic education'.

Building on the very best traditions of this outstanding Catholic school I am delighted that the hard work and perseverance of our young people has come to fruition. By developing further our teaching and learning, and supported by our creative and innovative thinking, our committed staff have again put the children at the centre of everything we do. Testimony to this is the number of children who have not only met but exceeded their potential. I'm proud that we achieved our best ever results.

**Mr S.A. Smith - Headteacher**

## School Transport News

Despite the removal of the bus passes by Bury Local Authority for Catholic children who live 3 miles from St Gabriel's the school bus services continue to run, to and from our school, at the beginning and end of the day. Each child is able to obtain an Igo pass to receive discounted fares.

**Open Evening for parents and pupils in Year 5 and 6**

**Thursday 26th September  
4.30-7.15pm**



## £300,000 Refurbishment

It's been another very busy summer holidays for the school. Whilst everyone has been on their holidays, contractors have come into school to improve our facilities in a big way. Eight classrooms have been completely refurbished with new suspended ceilings, new heating system, new carpets and redecorated. Some rooms have also had new interactive whiteboards installed. These are RE, Humanities and Maths rooms. We have also carpeted two English rooms in the Paul Hopkins Building and re-floored Lab H in the John Banks Building.

All the corridors have been re-floored and the main corridor of the school redecorated along with a new suspended ceiling. A new fire alarm system has been installed, which also links to the class-change 'bell'.

In order to improve safeguarding, we have created a new lobby entrance for visitors and replaced some of the outside wooden doors with new, modern and safe aluminium framed doors.

A new car park will be created at the front of the school before the end of September for visitors and staff, and there will be some further changes to the school gates to ensure that our safeguarding is robust.

The governors of the school are committed to ensuring that our learning environment continues to develop and enhance the learning experience of our children. Having just achieved our best ever results in the history of the school, we continue to go from strength to strength. We are very grateful to Mr John Baxter our project manager for overseeing this major development and to HH Smith and Son Builders for completing the work in a very short period of time.

**Mr Loster - Deputy Headteacher**