



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy

15 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another term, and another school year, can I thank you for your ongoing support as we work in partnership to raise standards across St Matthew's.

It is almost unbelievable to consider that at the beginning of this academic year, we were working in Covid bubbles, wearing face masks, managing Covid absences, whilst returning to face-to-face teaching. The manner in which our students and staff have shown incredible resilience throughout the year, is something to be commended.

As the year has progressed, we have been so pleased to re-introduce school trips and visits, along with an array of extra-curricular activities which had to stop during the pandemic. A real highlight for the community was putting on the school production of 'Annie', as well as hosting the 'rewards extravaganza' event that has taken place this week. Once again, the end of term newsletter will showcase many of the brilliant activities that go on across our school every single day.

Our core business of teaching, learning and achievement has remained a constant throughout the year. Our teachers and teaching assistants, alongside our pastoral support staff have continued to work hard to ensure our students are exposed to high standards across all subjects. Our year 11 students must be highly praised for the manner in which they prepared for and carried out their GCSE examinations. We wish them luck with their results in August, and in their future endeavours.

We will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues as we end the term. Many of them are moving to 'promotions' which is a great testimony to the progress they have made whilst working at St Matthew's. We wish them all well in the future.

I am so pleased to say that we have been able to recruit well over the past few weeks, and we will be fully staffed from September. In the current climate, this is an achievement for us moving forward. I am looking forward to welcoming new colleagues, and I ask you all to support them as they work with us on our next stage of school improvement.

When we return in September, we will strive forward even more. All students will be expected to be in school every day, on time, in full uniform. We will continue to apply our current respect expectations and insist on high standards in all areas of school life. A family handbook will be issued to you all before returning to school. This will be a key document for you to keep and refer to throughout the year.

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Despite some challenges this year, all our staff are very committed to ensuring our young people attend a great school, surrounded by Gospel values. We can only do this by working in partnership with our families, working towards the same ambition.

May I thank you for your ongoing support, and wish you a very restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Murden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mrs Murden
Headteacher