



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers

At the start of another school year, I am writing to you with some updates from across our community.

Students have returned to school looking very smart, and with renewed energy as we begin another year of learning. It has been wonderful to welcome them back to school.

Upon their return, all students have taken part in three orientation days, led by their form tutors. Based upon best practice from high performing schools, these days were an excellent way to remind our students of the routines, practices and procedures of school life, along with the reasons for following them.

As always, we will be asking for your support to ensure all students are in school on time every day, in full school uniform, following our 'respect' expectations. Our core business is teaching and learning, and this can only happen if students are working closely with their teachers, striving for excellence. We will be working hard this year to continue to insist on high standards.

Alongside our curriculum, our staff are planning a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our students this year. This year, we have more activities on offer than ever before. Thanks must go to our staff who give up their time for this. Please encourage your son/daughter to take part and enjoy the full range of opportunities available to them.

We have been so pleased to welcome our new year 7 students, who are settling in very well indeed. We welcome their families to our 'St Matthew's family', and look forward to working closely with them, over the next 5 years of school life. This year we have welcomed more students from our partner primary schools, than in previous years, which is a pleasing improvement for our community, as we continue to grow in partnership together. Thank you.

At the other end of the school journey, our year 11 students have returned to school with much focus for their important year ahead. We begin straight away with their 'Achievement evening' this week, which is an important event for them and their families, outlining the plan for the year ahead.

Finally, we were all saddened to hear about the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and we formally paid tribute to her during the day on Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal family at this time, as they mourn her loss. School will be closed on Monday 19 September for the bank holiday to commemorate her funeral. Students will return to school on Tuesday 20 September.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Murden
Headteacher