



## All Saints' Roman Catholic High School, A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year; I feel extremely blessed and privileged to be writing to you as Headteacher at All Saints'. Throughout the assemblies the students have had this week, both myself and Mr Swarbrick, the new Deputy Headteacher, have spoken about our pride at leading the school in the next stage of its journey.

This week we have welcomed our new Year 7's, who have been absolutely fantastic in the way they have adapted to life at secondary school -they are already happily pointing me in the right direction when looking for classes! Mrs Barlow, Pastoral Leader for Year 7, would like to thank all the parents for their support in ensuring such a smooth start to the year.

Welcome also to our new members of staff that have joined us this year and are already demonstrating their care and commitment and providing all students with the opportunity to shine at every occasion. We are very fortunate to have a strong staff body who are all united on our journey of delivering an education that will allow each and every student the opportunity to achieve their full potential, spiritually, morally and intellectually.

It is also important that I take this opportunity to celebrate the success of the previous Year 11 cohort who collected their GCSE results this summer. Their determination and resilience to overcome the disruption to their learning during their 5 years was evident when envelopes were opened and screams of delight filled the room on results day. Congratulations to the class of 2023 and we look forward to seeing you all in November for your presentation evening.

We have lots to look forward to in this upcoming half term, there is a welcome mass for all students next Thursday, we also have the Valley Mass in October details regarding the date and time will be sent out shortly. Our open evening takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6.30pm – 8.30pm and I know a number of our students will be invited to attend because they are such good role models and ambassadors for the school. We have also recently received confirmation that the plans for the new school building have been approved which is fantastic news for the school and local community.

We are a partnership, together we are united in our desire for our students to fulfil their God given talents. The stronger we work together to support our students with this, the easier it will be for them to achieve. Therefore, if there is anything you wish to discuss with a staff member, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable appointment time. This will allow the staff member the time to actively listen and put in place any necessary actions, if an appointment has not been made the staff member will not be able to meet with you. A list of key staff and their email is available on the school website, we update the website regularly with upcoming events and information.

It has been an exhilarating and exciting first week back; we now begin to really focus on the work that will drive the school forward and take it to where I know it can and will be.

Thank you for your support in this first week and I look forward to welcoming you and meeting you over the next half term at the various events we have on.

Kind regards

Mrs F Lord