



St. Chad's Catholic and Church of England High School

a Specialist Language College & EAL Centre for Halton

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Dear parent/carer,

I thought I would take this opportunity at the start of the summer term to write to you again and up-date you on some important areas of work being undertaken at St Chad's.

With regard to communication between school and home there are a number of methods that the school uses to keep families informed such as, pupil planners, letters home, text messages, emails, the Insight parent portal and the website. A new website is currently under development and we have been busy asking pupils, parents and teachers about how it can best serve us as a community. It is currently live and remains under development and I am keen to receive feedback on it. If you do have any comments please contact Mr Bennett at the school who will be happy to hear your thoughts.

One area of the website I know you will appreciate is the calendar which records the many events that take place at St Chad's. In my previous letter to you I listed some of these activities that had taken place in the first few weeks of my time here, and while it is impossible to list all the activities I must mention our production of 'Annie'. It was no less than spectacular. The talents of the pupils in all manner of performance and the staff commitment to this area of the school's work is second to none. If you missed the event then you really did miss out and I would ask you to watch out for the next school production.

It is of course examinations season for year 11 and 13 and preparations are well underway to ensure the pupils achieve the best results possible. The school has been busy over the Easter break with revision classes taking place every day. The support from parents is an essential ingredient in pupil achievement and it was very pleasing to see so many year 11 parents and pupils attending the revision and study skills evening that took place just before the Easter break. There are many more extra opportunities for pupils prior to the examinations. Mrs Burke will be informing pupils soon of these and the information will also be on the school website.

The summer term also provides an opportunity to look ahead and make preparations for September and the new school year. I would ask parents now and in preparation for September to keep the high standard of uniform that our pupils display. This is a strong feature of the school and it is my intention to protect this. The area of concern for me at this time relates to footwear. While the school policy on this is very clear I understand that the manufacturers do like to blur the lines between what constitutes a shoe and what is a trainer. To help with this the school recommends Wynsors shoes who provide a range of footwear that is acceptable. I hope you will see this as a helpful approach which is aimed at avoiding expensive mistakes being made.

Another strong feature of the work here at St Chad's is our partnership with our feeder primary schools. The many links between our schools continues to grow and it does feel like we are a family of schools serving the Christian community of Runcorn. Primary head teachers were present for the dedication of the school chapel. It was a very special service with Bishop Keith in attendance and the school received a blessing from His Holiness, Pope Francis. The choir deserve a special mention as they were no less than outstanding and made the event extra special.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support which provides the strong partnership between home and school that we enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Paziuk
Headteacher

Faith in God, Faith in Ability, Faith in Each Other

Honorable Purpose

Respect

Compassion

Co-operation

Stewardship

