



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

*a Specialist Language College & EAL Centre for Halton*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of the school year fast approaches, allow me to reflect on what has been a very successful year for the community of St Chad's. The list of events and opportunities for the pupils at St Chad's is too long to list here but you will see from the website and our Bridge magazine the quality of these events. I have spoken to each year group to congratulate the pupils on the positive way in which they have engaged with these events and represented the school so well. Our primary partner schools have also received a publication reporting on the many opportunities we have been able to offer year 5 & 6 pupils. This has been a great success and further strengthens the links between our faith schools.

Let me take this opportunity to inform you of some changes that are being made for September. We have been lucky enough to secure some funding which is allowing us to make some changes to the car park. These changes will be explained fully to pupils on their return in September and are aimed at making it a safer place, especially at the end of the day. If you collect your child at the end of the day please observe the new signs which will direct you. We are also introducing a Student Services office. This is an area for pupils to use for a whole range of needs (e.g. lost property, buying stationary) and will become the first port of call for pupils. It will be staffed all day so that help is available at all times.

We recently welcomed HMI for our 5<sup>th</sup> and final monitoring visit. The inspectors were greatly impressed with the pupils at St Chad's and with the work undertaken by the staff to ensure the best outcomes for the pupils. I have enclosed a copy of the report for your convenience (a copy is also on the website) but allow me to pick out some statements that reflect the tone of the report:

- Pupils spoken to during the inspection are very positive about the school.
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare remains a strength.
- At the heart of high-quality teaching is the presence of strong relationships between staff and pupils that are based on mutual respect.
- Inspectors were impressed with the leaders that they spoke to. The arrival of the new headteacher has had a positive impact on the whole school community.
- Governors continue to play a vital part in the school's journey of improvement.

I hope you will agree that this is very positive report and let me assure you that we will continue to foster excellence in all areas of school life. With regard to the role of governors in the school please see on the reverse of this letter an opportunity to become a foundation governor at St Chad's. Finally, let me wish you all the best for the summer. Term ends for pupils on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12:05pm and resumes for years 7, 12 & 13 on 6<sup>th</sup> September and for all year groups on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

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**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR REQUIRED FOR  
ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC & CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE RUNCORN**

The school is making rapid progress on its school improvement journey, and is looking to fill a vacancy for a Catholic Foundation Governor.

Foundation governors play a leading role in the Catholic community: they collaborate with the bishop in his ministry in education. It is, therefore, important for them to:

- Know and implement the bishop's policies on education, including religious education;
- Represent those policies to the governing board;
- Understand and promote the distinctive nature of Catholic education;
- Act for the good of Catholic education as a whole within the diocese, considering not only the interests of the individual school or college, but the interests of other schools and colleges;
- Respond to the needs of the Catholic community as a whole, as represented by the bishop;
- Secure the long-term future of Catholic education;
- Always act in accordance with the mind of the bishop.

An induction course run by the Diocese will cover all of the above.

The school is looking for people who are:

- Practising Catholics
- Committed to Catholic education
- Support the ethos and duality of this Christian school

The school would welcome in particular people who have developed skills in the following areas:

- Health & Care services
- Health & Safety

For more information please contact

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Applicants will be invited to meet with the Chair of Governors to discuss the role.

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