



# 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,

After returning from the summer break to much improved results for year 11 and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form St Chad's continues to go from strength to strength. You will have seen from the website the wide range of enrichment activities that are available to pupils including the many trips, visits and events pupils have been involved in such as the year 7 Colomendy trip, visits to the Museum of Liverpool and the Slavery Museum, our Primary Music and Dance extravaganza as well as trips to Iceland and China. Full details can be found in the Christmas edition of 'The Bridge' magazine. We were also privileged to receive a visit from the comedian John Bishop who spent time with the Sixth Form and answered some very searching questions!

You will note that this letter has come to you via your email account which I hope you find a useful way for school to communicate information. The school will however continue to post some items out to you. For example, you will receive Progress Reports and Full Reports via the post. You should receive the first set of these soon after the break and I would urge you to discuss the information they provide with your child to support us in ensuring your child makes excellent progress across all subjects.

I have spent time with the Student Council this term working on a number of new developments. The Student Council are keen to see the introduction of a competitive House system which is linked to rewards. Pupils will earn points via a range of areas such as attendance and sports competitions for their House. All pupils in years 7-11 will be placed in one of 4 Houses; Romero, Patrick, Libby and Hilda. Our first Rewards assemblies will take place this term and we will post the House results on the website. I have also been meeting with the Sixth Form Leadership Team who are busy identifying improvements to their spaces within the school to ensure they are able to work effectively.

The whole school has also been busy with charitable activities with support going to CAFOD, Rotary International (150 shoe boxes of goods donated), Halton Haven, Christmas Hampers, Food Bank and Asylum Link which was especially well supported by the 6th Form. I am sure you will agree that this is something for all our pupils to be proud of.

Please note that the Governors have agreed to an alteration to the current 2016-17 Calendar which involves the removal of 2 Inset days (to be moved to twilight sessions for staff) and therefore the end of the summer term is now Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

As we continue our journey of Advent we are celebrating Christmas in our assemblies in our final week of term preparing ourselves for the true meaning of Christmas. Term will then finish at midday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the spring term starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

I hope you have a holy, restful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

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

Honorable Purpose

Respect

Compassion

Co-operation

Stewardship

