



# 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,

It has been 2 weeks since I started as Headteacher at St. Chad's so I thought it would be a good time to write to you and let you know what I have found at the school.

I have great pleasure in telling you that this is a warm, welcoming community where our gospel values are very much in evidence to me on a daily basis. Of course, I do not need to tell you that, it would have been a key factor in why you sent your child to this school. I started my first day here meeting with all the staff and then with all the pupils in a series of assemblies, introducing myself and congratulating them on the wide variety of enrichment activities they are involved in and the strong sense of community spirit that exists here at St. Chad's.

What you will also know is that St. Chad's is a very busy school. Within my first week there were trips to see "Mary Poppins" and a football match at Old Trafford, a visit to the Higher Education fair in Manchester for year 12 and a treat trip for year 8 to reward good attendance. I have also had the pleasure of meeting future members of St. Chad's with a number of our feeder primary schools taking part in science activities, a dedicated languages afternoon, orienteering and a Maths' master class. It was also an important week for our year 8 pupils who are in the process of choosing the GCSE subjects they wish to follow over the next three years. I had the pleasure of welcoming year 8 parents to the Options Evening which was very well attended.

It was also World Book Day and our pupils and staff have spent time discussing what reading means in our world today. All pupils were given a £1 book token to spend in their local bookstore which I know you will encourage your child to use. Assessment Week 3 has also taken place within our calendar of assessments for all pupils. I am looking forward to seeing the improvements in academic achievement and Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form know I am particularly keen to support them in their run up to the exams which are a mere 6 school weeks away.

It was also pleasing to be here on the feast day of St. Chad where all pupils reflected on the life of St. Chad and came together in prayer during registration. I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the many school events still to come this term. Thank you for your continued support which provides a strong partnership to support our children.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

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