



# 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,

It has been a very busy and successful start to the term. Our Year 7 have made an outstanding start impressing everyone here at St Chad's with their standard of uniform, exemplary manners and their enthusiasm. Indeed all year groups have returned looking smart and ready to learn. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support with regard to uniform and equipment.

I am so pleased to be able to report the improvement in results at the school. Our Year 11 achieved the second highest results in recent history and our Year 13 pupils did especially well across all courses. Please take the time to read the reports on these results which can be found in the 'Latest News' section of the school website.

Our Sixth Form students have had a unique start to the term spending this week involved in enrichment activities focusing on the theme of asylum. With the biggest number of students ever to start in the Sixth Form it has provided a great team building experience as the students have worked closely together in practical activities as well as receiving the wisdom of guest speakers.

As you know from my last letter at the end of the summer term we achieved a very successful final monitoring visit from Ofsted. This was closely followed by a reaccreditation of the Religious Education Gold Quality Mark which recognises the outstanding provision of the Religious Education department and the outcomes pupils achieve in this subject. This was further confirmed by an excellent Joint Diocesan Inspection which looked at the faith life of St Chad's. There is a copy of the report on the website for your convenience which contains the following statements:

- This is a good school with some outstanding features which lives out its mission statement.
- Pupils undoubtedly benefit greatly from the Catholic/Anglican life of the school and unreservedly state that this is a good school.
- This is clearly a school with a Christian ethos.

Improvements in outcomes for pupils and these external assessments of the school's work clearly show that St Chad's is making rapid progress.

Let me finish by drawing your attention to some key dates. There will be a meeting of the Parents' Forum on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm at St Chad's. Please contact Janet Lawrence our Chair of Governors for more details: [chairofgovernors@st-chads.halton.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@st-chads.halton.sch.uk)

Another key date is our Open Evening which take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please be informed that school will close to pupils at 2:10pm in order to prepare for the evening which starts at 4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

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

Honorable Purpose

Respect

Compassion

Co-operation

Stewardship

