

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,

Partnership bringing success back to St Chad's

St Chad's has forged a partnership for success with a National Support School, which *'has done much to improve standards of teaching and learning'* according to inspectors who visited the Catholic and Church of England High school on 17-18 March. Our school, was placed in special measures in September in a tough new Ofsted inspection regime, is now firmly on the road to recovery with teachers who are *very enthused* about new approaches to teaching, students who are *keen to learn*, leaders who are *united and ambitious* and governors who share the vision for improvement that is *sustainable*. Whilst the report recognises that there is still much to do to embed improvements following strategies, which were introduced in January, it notes that GCSE results are set to rise this year and even more in 2016.

Mr Billings, Executive Headteacher of St Chad's and also All Hallows in Macclesfield, was praised in the report for having a galvanising impact in his work with teachers and school leaders who are ambitious for improvement. He says: *'I'm delighted to be working with the school until at least the end of 2016. We have a lot of work to do but I'm privileged to be working with such motivated staff. St Chad's is a really exciting place to be right now, both for students and teachers, the school is full of energy and passion for renewal. We can build on our bedrock of Christian values and good student behaviour in this caring school. Our intention is that St Chad's will, once again, be a shining light for strong values, high aspiration and educational success in Halton.'*



Head of School, Mrs Burke said *'We now have a clear focus on teaching and learning and a clear direction of travel to success. It is really good working with our partners from All Hallows and both schools are sharing ideas to each other's benefit. We can already feel the success growing.'*

Janet Lawrence, who is well known to the community as the former Headteacher of St Edwards, now Chair of the Interim Executive Committee of the Governing Body, said *'Amazing things are happening in this amazing school, the challenge is now on for everyone, parents, teachers, support staff and students themselves to expect and do their best. We want to secure the best possible life chances for young people through their learning at St Chad's.'*

Thank you to all our parents for their continued support.



Yours sincerely,

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