



St. Antony's Catholic College

in partnership with Loreto Grammar School

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back your son/daughter to a new year at St Antony's Catholic College. We have had an extremely positive start to the term and our students have come back looking smart in the correct uniform and displaying an excellent attitude to learning. We are challenging the students with an ever demanding criteria for Attitude to Learning and will share more information about this with you soon. We are looking forward to yet another very positive year and hope that our parents will become even more involved with the school. With this in mind, I have attached a letter asking for your support. If you can help in any way, please complete it and ask your son/daughter to return it to me via the school office. We also have some parental events taking place soon and it would be wonderful to see many of you there:

- Fortnightly Headteacher hosted Coffee Morning – 9am every Red Tuesday starting on 19th September 2017. Your opportunity to meet and chat with me about any non-confidential queries you may have, as well as the opportunity to meet other parents.
- Literacy Support Evening – Thursday 21st September 2017. Ms Lambert and Ms Potter will provide information which will help you help your child to improve their literacy skills at home.
- Internet Safety Evening – Thursday 5th October 2017. Mr Fearn will update you on ways to help keep your children safe whilst using the internet.
- Our first Parents' Forum of the year takes place at 5pm on Wednesday 29th November 2017. Your opportunity to find out how elements of the school work and to contribute to decision making.
- Parents' Evenings (all Thursdays)
 - Yr7 New Intake Evening – 5th October 2017 and Parents' Evening – 24th May 2018
 - Yr8 – 17th May 2018
 - Yr9 – 30th November 2017
 - Yr10 – 1st March 2018
 - Yr11 – 8th February 2018
- Yr11 Exam Attack – Thursday 14th December 2017

As you are aware the safety of our students is paramount. Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run in partnership with Trafford Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police. The project, Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on

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school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday. A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At St Antony's our Key Adult is Mr Speake. He will be able to use information that has been shared with him, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, has witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Trafford Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families. If you would like more information about this new initiative, full details of the policy can be found on Trafford Safeguarding Board's website www.tscb.co.uk.

Our Open Evening takes place this year on Thursday, 28th September 2017. So that we can make sure the school looks its best, we need to close slightly early for cleaning. The students, therefore, will leave at 2:15pm, following lunch and afternoon registration. Open Evening will be advertised with a wraparound in the Urmston and Stretford Messenger. Please look out for it next week and share with anyone with a Year 5 or 6 child who may be considering St Antony's for the next stage of their academic career. I hope you'll agree with me that this would be a good choice for them to make!

With kind regards,



Mrs F Wright
Associate Headteacher