



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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2nd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to introduce myself as the new Headteacher for St Antony's from this September.

My name is Mr Campbell and I have worked in Catholic education for nearly 20 years, with St Antony's being my fourth school.

I have a very clear vision for St Antony's. We will do everything we can to ensure that all children are stretched academically and nurtured personally so that pupils are on the path to become the very best version of themselves. This means helping them to achieve the best possible examination outcomes whilst also doing all we can to support them in their character development. Students at our school will know that being a kind, responsible citizen, who uses their God given talents to serve others, is at the heart of our faith.

The pupils of St Antony's will connect deeply with their faith and be courageous in championing the common good out in the local community. The adults of this school will continue to explicitly teach and model out our core values, every single day, to support our pupils in becoming modern day faithful Disciples of Christ.

Under my headship, St Antony's will be a school that continues to be a safe, welcoming, supportive, inclusive Catholic community for all. Decision-making will always be child-centred and adults will be doing everything they can to ensure we continue to develop and deliver an ambitious academic curriculum that enables pupils to maximise their academic outcomes.

I shall prioritise resources towards supporting all staff in their roles so they are equipped to make the biggest possible impact for your children. St Antony's will have at its core, outstanding, adaptive teaching that results in lessons for all pupils that are enjoyable, engaging and challenging. In turn, this should help all pupils to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

I will have very high expectations of the adults who work at St Antony's and all children who are educated there. I will expect children to follow the instructions of any adult at all times. I will expect outstanding behaviour from pupils around school and in the wider community. I will expect pupils to wear their uniform with pride, thus looking smart and professional at all times. I will expect pupils to attend school every day, and on time. I will expect pupils to be in lessons, with all their equipment with a positive attitude towards their learning. Disruption of learning in lessons will not be tolerated.

Over the coming weeks and months, I shall be reaching out to various stakeholders so I can learn more about St Antony's and its context. This will include meeting all staff, undertaking pupil focus groups in all years, visiting each of our feeder primary schools and meeting parents through a half-termly parent forum (details of when this will take place is outlined below).

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I'd like to bring to your attention some changes to our pastoral team that occurred over the summer. In light of Mrs Weinberg's upcoming maternity leave, Mrs Adderley has now been appointed as Acting SENDCO for this academic year. Consequently, Miss McMahon is our new Head of Year 7, although she will continue to be supported by Mrs Adderley. In addition, Mr Taylor is our new Head of Year 8 and Mrs Holmes is our new Head of Year 10.

Furthermore, upcoming key events that you might wish to be aware of include:

- **Wednesday 14th September (5pm to 6pm): Y11 parental information evening.** A very important occasion where we outline the year ahead for pupils in Y11 in the run up to their GCSE exams and how families can support their children. If you are a parent of a pupil in Year 11 I ask that you make every effort to attend.
- **Monday 19th September (4pm to 7pm): Annual open evening.** All are welcome, so please share this date with friends and family who may be looking for a secondary school place in September 2023 or 2024. School will finish early on this date at 1.20pm (after pupils have had lunch) so that we can fully prepare for this event.
- **Friday 23rd September: HPV 2nd dose immunisation for pupils in Year 9**
- **Thursday 13th October (4pm to 5pm): Parent forum.** An opportunity for all parents to hear from myself and other senior leaders at school and ask any questions or put forward any suggestions they might have.
- **Thursday 20th October: Year 7 settling in evening.** Parents of pupils in Year 7 get to meet with their child's form tutor to review their first half term and to see how they have settled in to life at St Antony's.
- **Friday 21st October: HPV 1st dose immunisation for pupils in Year 8 & break up for October half term break**

I am genuinely excited about the future of St Antony's and the direction that the school is moving towards.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children as we work in partnership to ensure that all our pupils thrive and flourish in all areas of life.

With kind regards,

Mr A Campbell - Headteacher