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Roman Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we get closer to the end of the academic year, it has been incredibly enjoyable to reflect on what a positive year we have had and all of the fantastic achievements and accolades that the students have been awarded.

Our theme for this year was 'Celebration and Aspiration' with a focus on celebrating excellent attitude to learning, superb school standards, excellent manners and kindness to others and it is safe to say we have achieved that. Students have gained a vast array of reward badges, certificates, trips and treats. Collectively the year group have gained 23, 650 Achievement Points in Y10, which is incredible. They have visited Liverpool, Loreto Masterclasses, Xavierian College, various primary schools, Trafford College, and Alton Towers and many other places and they have been involved in the development of the Mental Health Champions which has proven to be incredibly positive for our students.

In terms of aspiration we have really encouraged a focus on post-16 and each student's vision for their next step after our school. Students have had assemblies, workshops, off timetable days to work on a variety of careers skills, and visits to colleges. We have liaised with our Connexions lead, and many of our students have had appointment for post-16 advice. This has supported our students' aspirations and enabled them to get a feel for what opportunities they may have. This will continue to be a focus next year as we work on applications for colleges and interview skills.

Attendance continues to be a huge whole school focus, but it is vital that Y11 students attend all of their lessons to ensure they are on track for the best results they can achieve. Lost learning can cause critical issues when students sit their GCSE exams and we want to ensure the students are as resilient and as confident as possible. The students will very quickly be required to sit their first round of mocks in November 2023, followed by their second round of mocks in February 2024, to ensure they are ready for the main GCSE's in May 2024. The year will fly by and expectations for them to be striving to excel will be clear to them when they return in September. I would like to encourage you to discuss your child's recent exam results with them to give a clear idea of where they currently stand in terms of their academic attainment and progress. There may be areas of celebration, and areas of concern. I would suggest that if you do have concerns, please contact your child's subject teacher or the Head of Department in the subject you would like to raise your concerns. This would be most helpful in September so that we can support you and your child to reach their potential in their final year. There are many curriculum revision booklets that students may take the time over summer to work through to improve their knowledge prior to Y11 starting. We will also start our compulsory P6 sessions when we return to support your child to excel.

I feel that this year has provided an excellent platform for me to now focus on improving your child's progress and attainment and ensure each student pushes to be the best version of themselves.

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As I stated last year, I feel that it is important for you to communicate regularly with your child's form tutor too, and so the email contacts for all teachers can be found on our website or attached below. I am pleased to say that your child will also remain with their form tutors to ensure consistency across the year group. We also have a wonderful and informative social media page for regular updates.

It has also been my pleasure to create the new Student Leadership Team for Y11. Liam Harris will be our Head Boy, Leah Stewart will be our Head Girl, and in Deputy positions we have Kieran Hurren, James Rowan, Chloe Johnson and Cerys Calderbank. Additionally, the rest of the Student Leadership Team will be Rosie Kasznicki, Krista Emmerson, Callum Robertson, Saoirse Duffy, Josh McVeigh, Freya McAllen, Kathlyn Orbell, Summer Lawrence, Milly Morris, Lili Bellis, Sophia Brooks, Skye Walsh, Bruktiet Tesfaye, Kate Sungsanket and Molly Summerfield. They were recently awarded their badges and blue ties in the end of year rewards assembly. Congratulations to you all!

It has been a truly wonderful year for me to lead this cohort, and I am excited to lead them to their GCSE exams. Many children have flourished and I am incredibly proud of them all.

One final important bit of information (which the students are so excited about!), is the Y11 Prom which I have booked in for Friday 5th July 2024. It will be held at Hotel Football and I am sure it will be a superb night celebrating everything students have achieved throughout their time with us.

I hope this gives you an insight into my intentions and responsibilities as your child's Head of Year. I am looking forward to leading this year group and to celebrating success with your child. Last of all, have a lovely restful summer and take care.

Any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email: s.holmes@st-antonys.com

Yours faithfully,

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