

St. Antony's Catholic College Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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Dear Pupil,

My name is Mrs Adderley and I am going to be your Head of Year from September. I have been in this role for almost 6 years now, but this year's transition for you is looking like it may be very different to previous years, and I know that some of you will be worrying about the prospect of transitioning to high school in September. It is a very confusing and strange time for us all at the moment and it is difficult for us to plan ahead as we are unsure what is going to happen in the coming weeks regarding school closures, which is why I wanted to write to you all to introduce myself.

I have been at St Antony's for almost 11 years but I can still remember my first day well. I remember being extremely nervous about starting somewhere new and not really knowing anyone. I was very lucky to start on the same day as some of the other teachers here (Mrs Doherty, Mr Brownbill and Mrs McDonald). It made it easier knowing that I was not new on my own, which is very similar to the situation that you will be in come September. We are a small school compared to other local high schools, and it didn't take me long to get to know both the staff and pupils. The staff here are very friendly and caring, it will not be long before you know them all well.

I teach Resistant Materials and pupils really enjoy this subject, especially the practical lessons. Throughout your time at St Antony's you will get to make some different products with me in the school workshop, such as a children's wooden toy and a light up sign using a range of tools and machinery.

When I am not in school I enjoy spending time with my family. I have 3 children (2 boys and 1 girl), they keep me very busy as I am sure you can imagine. One of my sons actually attends St Antony's, he is currently in Year 10, preparing for his GCSE exams next year. I also like to bake cakes when I get the chance. I sometimes make wedding and celebration cakes for friends and family, which I really enjoy doing, but I have taken a bit of a break from that recently.

Our mission statement here at St Antony's is 'Aspire Believe Achieve.' It is very important to us all that we help you achieve the best you are capable of during your time here with us, and that is the biggest part of my role, to make sure that you are making the progress that you should be. We want you to leave us in 5 years' time having gained the best qualifications that you are capable of, giving you a great start to your further education or future career.

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I would really love to hear a bit about you so I have enclosed an 'About Me' sheet for you to complete. Once you have completed them you can either email it to me on the email address below, or include it in the envelope that has been provided for the other paperwork that has been sent home for parents to complete. I am currently in the process of contacting your primary school teachers for information about you too, so that I can be prepare as much as possible for your arrival in September.

I have set up a special email address this year for you to contact me with any questions that you might have about joining us in September. No question is a silly question, and please ask as many questions as you can! The email address is Year6info@st-antonys.com and this is the email address that you can also send your 'About Me' completed sheets in to.

I hope that you are keeping well during these strange times, and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mrs L Adderley