

Friday 6th September 2019

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7s, and welcome back all of our other students, to a new academic year at St Antony's. We have had an extremely positive start to the term and our students have come back looking smart and displaying an excellent attitude to learning. We are looking forward to yet another very positive year and hope that our parents will become even more involved with the school. This can be done through joining our PTA (please contact Mr Speake, k.speake@st-antonys.com), coming along to one of our many parental events or meetings or, this year, offering to support with our STAr Futures programme. The aim of this programme is to ensure that we support our students to be in the strongest possible position to make informed choices about their future. Could you inspire some of our students by talking to them about your job/career? If you'd be interested in doing so please contact Mr Reynard, <u>s.reynard@st-antonys.com</u>, our Careers Leader. Additionally, if you would be interested in working at St Antony's, we currently have vacancies for a temporary, part-time Reprographics Assistant and for a Learning Support Assistant. Details and application forms can be found on the school website.

We are keen for all of our students to get involved in extracurricular activities and are proud to be able to offer students in Years 8 to 11 the opportunity to be part of the Combined Cadet Force and/or to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. If this is something they would be interested in, please ask them to speak to Mr Parker-Smith.

As we start the new year I am sure you are eager to know what your son/daughter will be learning. All of this information is on our website under the 'Learning' tab followed by 'Curriculum Information'. I hope you find this interesting and use it to help your child in their studies. However, the best thing you can do with regard to supporting them is to encourage them to read. We have lots of books in school they can borrow. They are never too old to read out loud to you for 10 minutes each night and improving their reading age will have an incredibly positive impact on their ability to access the rest of their learning.

Our Open Evening takes place this year on Wednesday 18th September 2019. So we can make sure the school looks its best, we need to close early at 12:45pm. Please encourage any parents you may know with children in Year 6 or Year 5 to come along from 4pm-7pm that evening. I hope you'd agree that St Antony's would be a good choice for them to make!

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As you will know from information you received at the end of last term, we now have three school buses: one for Hulme, one for Flixton and one for Partington. These buses need to park in our turning circle so please do not park in here to collect your child. Additionally, please do not use the school park to drop off or collect your children. It is extremely busy around school at these times and the safety of your children is paramount. Be considerate also to our neighbours by not parking across driveways etc.

We are always keen to hear and act on the opinions of our parents and one of the ways we discover these is through Parent View, an Ofsted website (<u>https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</u>). The questions on this website have now changed in line with the new Ofsted framework and I would be grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey at your earliest convenience.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your partnership with us in your son/daughter's education and I look forward to a busy, productive and happy year ahead.

With kind regards,

Mrs Wright – Headteacher

