



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

So, the year has drawn to a close! It's been a very challenging year at times with all the uncertainty that the pandemic has brought along with absences of staff and pupils, but I'm glad to say that the St Joseph's we all know and love seems to be finally getting back to normal!

This has been very evident this last week; we had an amazing array of enrichment experiences happening, a brilliant set of Head student speeches in the Head student hustings, a fabulous charity and fundraising event with the awesome Race for Life, a thoughtful liturgy on why we do charity, a super day of House Competitions and today we've celebrated the pupils' achievements in our awards assemblies.

As we said to the children today; everyone has achieved something this year and perhaps the biggest achievement of all is the ability to keep smiling and showing resilience after the challenges of the last couple of years. The constant in all of the activities this week has been the smiles on the faces of the children and the staff (as exhausted as we all are) and this is what sets us aside as a school!

Final Farewells

Today we bid farewell and good luck to the following staff:

- Mr Minns, who is retiring.
- Mr Thompson, Mr Coultas-Pitman, and Miss Aftab, who are relocating to different parts of the country.
- Miss Lowe, who will be moving to Exeter House.

We thank them for their contributions and service to the school over the years and wish them all the best in their futures!

New Staff in our School

We are delighted to be fully staffed for September and to welcome:

- Mrs Long, SENCO
- Mrs Rooney, (no relation!), Geography & Humanities
- Mr Garvey, MFL
- Mr Harris and Mrs Inglis, Science



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Final Standings in the Achievement Points Race

- 1st place: Margaret with 55,330 points
- 2nd place: Teresa with 50,772 points
- 3rd place: Vincent with 49,957 points
- 4th place: Francis with 44,712 points

Getting Ready for Coming Back in September

- All pupils will be starting at the normal time on **Monday 5th September**
- All pupils are expected in full school uniform (***guidance attached with visual aids for some of the 'grey' areas - please do look at this!***). There will be no leniency in September.
- Pupils will not need their PE kit on the first day back
- Pupils will be given new timetables and planners on Monday 4th September

A sincere thank you for all your patience and support this year – we always stress the importance of teamwork, and we thank you again for being as active and supportive as you are! We wish you all a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Feel free to continually remind your children to '**do their best and mind their manners**' over the summer!

Kind regards,

Mr Rooney