



St Nicholas Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As another academic year at St Nicholas draws to a close, there is, as always, much to reflect upon and much to celebrate.

Our senior students are now enjoying their well-earned summer holiday following an intensive few months of study, revision and of course external examinations. We offer them every good wish and blessing for their forthcoming results days when the fruits of their labours will be rewarded.

The Pentecost Term has been another exceptionally busy time for staff, students and I'm sure parents and carers alike! Our Annual Prize Night saw us welcome Baroness Helen Newlove as our guest of honour. Helen shared her inspirational journey to becoming the Victim's Commissioner in 2012 and a Peer in the House of Lords. During the evening she presented over 250 awards to many deserving students in the school hall and we were treated throughout the evening to numerous musical items from both students as well as the Staff Choir.

Our new Year 7 students for September have recently taken part in their transition days here at school and are now well on the way to becoming fully fledged members of the St Nicholas community – they participated in a variety of lessons, met their Form Tutors and many of them came to the Year 6 Disco supported by the St Nicholas PTFA.

Sports Day was once again, a fantastic experience for the whole St Nicholas community as every student took part in their five chosen events throughout the day and the day ended with the relay races and of course the staff race. On Monday, students participated in our 'Race for Life' event in memory and in support of family and friends touched by cancer and so far have raised over £3,500!

Alongside our academic studies in the classroom, enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities continue to flourish. Theatrical Thursday saw many students delighting the audience through song, dance and music with a rich tapestry of genres bearing witness to the exceptional talent that our students possess and share. Year 10 students have taken part in our two residential retreats to Savio House in Bollington and Soli Retreat Centre near Alton.

Our first ever 'Rewards Trips' have taken place for Years 7 to 10, with visits to Chester Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, bowling, the cinema and Alton Towers for students who have demonstrated consistent excellence across the year. A Level Psychology students have recently visited London, Geography students have visited Barcelona and GCSE History students have not long returned from Berlin. In addition, our Year 11 students returned after the close of their GCSE examinations for their Sixth Form Welcome Day and Year 10 have also taken part in a Sixth Form 'Taster Day' to sample A Level lessons and to experience life as a member of our Sixth Form for a day.





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I would like to remind you of the first ever St Nicholas 'River Run' which is set for Saturday 21st September and is being organised by our wonderful school PTFA. As previously stated, it will include a 10km trail run – a chip timed event, 5km trail run – a chip timed event and 2km family fun run. Final details will follow in September but please 'save the date' and encourage as many people as you can to register. Further details can be found at <https://st-nicholas.niftyentries.com/St-Nicholas-RiverRun-2019>

St Nicholas will close for students at 1pm on Friday 19th July and will re-open for the 2019-20 academic year on Wednesday 4th September, when the usual exemplary standards of uniform are expected. Students have been reminded of uniform standards during assemblies and I would ask you to re-familiarise yourself with our Uniform Policy and other detailed information on our school website as you embark upon your summer purchases in preparation for September.

In closing, I would like to thank you on behalf of the governors and all the staff here at St Nicholas for the continued support you offer and I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer holiday amongst the company of family and friends.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

