



St Nicholas Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this letter, students in Years 11 and 13 have finished their examinations following an intense period of revision and preparation. They are to be congratulated on their determination and resilience having engaged with the recently increased demands contained within exam specifications, and the increased number of examinations taken across many subject areas. We wish them every success for Results Day and a restful summer break.

You may have read within the national and local press recently, that the May Bank Holiday for 2020 has been moved to mark the 75th anniversary of VE. The original Bank Holiday date of 4th May has now been moved to Friday 8th May. Therefore, school will be open for students on Monday 4th May **and closed to students on Friday 8th May.**

Year 6 students looking to start at Nicholas in September will be taking part in their transition activities over the coming weeks and will soon be fully fledged members of the St Nicholas community. They will be participating in a variety of lessons, meeting their Form Tutors and then joining together for the Year 6 Transition Disco supported by the St Nicholas PTFA. Following positive feedback from a new event last year, we will be continuing with our 'New Parents & Carers Information Evening' for all students who will be starting at St Nicholas in September. This will be an opportunity for Senior Staff to share with parents, carers and students what to expect in Year 7 at St Nicholas as well as the opportunity for questions and queries to be answered.

After many months of negotiation and delays beyond our control, I am delighted to announce that the Diocesan approved works and upgrade to the Crypt Toilets will begin on the 15th July. Other planned works for the summer will see redecoration of the Religious Education, Maths and English classrooms.

Our Year 10 students will soon be invited to a 'Sixth Form Taster' Day here at St Nicholas with full details shortly available to parents and carers from Mr Smith, Assistant Headteacher. Our Sixth Form continues to go from strength to strength with many new facilities available this year and the next phase of our improvements planned for this summer. We look forward to Year 10 engaging in a range of Sixth Form taster lessons and experiencing life as a St Nicholas Sixth Former for a day.

We look forward, as always, to our Annual Prize Night which is scheduled for Thursday 27th June, our Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd July and our Sports Presentation Evening on Wednesday 17th July. We are delighted to confirm our distinguished guests as The Right Honourable Baroness Helen Newlove who will join our Prize Night celebrations and England Hockey player Sam Queck MBE, who will be our guest of honour at our Sports Presentation Evening. Further details of all of these events will be available through our usual channels of communication.





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I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to another first for St Nicholas. The PTFA are currently organising the St Nicholas 'River Run' which is set for Saturday 21st September. Both Mr Whipp and Mr Bradley are planning this event with the PTFA and an invitation is extended to as many runners as possible. The event will include a 10km trail run – a chip timed event, 5km trail run – a chip timed event and 2km family fun run. Further 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-River-Run-2019>

With the end of the Pentecost Term on the horizon, we are also looking forward to September with many preparations already underway. Mr Smith will be writing to parents and carers shortly regarding school uniform matters, as purchases for September will soon be underway and we will be reminding students of the importance of school uniform during assemblies over the coming weeks. Again I would like to remind you that at St Nicholas, we choose to have a school uniform as it fosters a sense of belonging within our community, and avoids highlighting differences in affluence – we realise and recognise that we are all equal in the eyes of God who created us all. Following consultation with parents and students, we have also been in discussions this term with many external Uniform Suppliers exploring the possibility of online purchasing to complement the 'trying on' of items here at school. I will provide more details in my last letter of the year in July.

In closing, I would like to remind you that school will close for the Summer Break at 1pm on Friday 19th July with all usual bus routes available to students.

Thank you, as always, for the support you continue to offer to the St Nicholas Community.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

