



# St Nicholas Catholic High School

## A Business and Enterprise College

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Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this letter we are entering the Advent season together at the start of our new Liturgical year and, as always, there has been much to reflect upon and celebrate since the half term break back in October.

November began with Remembrance Assemblies for all year groups led by Mr Whipp and during morning registration students completed their own remembrance poppies for all loved ones that they wished to remember. These were then brought together in the School Hall by the Art department for a beautiful poppy display to support our worship during the month of remembrance.

Year 11 students have completed their mock examinations and await their results soon. The year group engaged very positively with all necessary processes as the Sports Hall became their examination room over six school days.

All year groups have participated in their first Citizenship Day of the year which focused on democracy and Year 9 took part in their Retreat Day which explored the theme of 'Wonder' with music and worship provided by the Mission Trust.

As always, there has been a rich and inclusive array of sporting fixtures every week with some exceptional individual and team successes. In the Vale Royal football leagues, Years 7, 10 and 11 were all winners with Year 9 coming third and Year 8 in fourth place – our Under 16 and Under 13 girls teams also both progressed through to the next round of the Cheshire Cup with 6-1 and 8-2 victories respectively.

This week, work has begun to further increase site security here at school. Two new vehicle gates and a pedestrian gate complete with intercom and CCTV coverage will be installed over the next two weeks. Once in place, these gates will remain closed between 8.45am and 3pm each day. Visitor parking will be re-assigned to existing spaces adjacent to the main campus road opposite the school site and will be clearly marked. Thank you for your patience as these important works are completed.

As winter approaches I would like to remind you that our school uniform standards remain as high as ever and that the only items to be worn under the school blazer should be a shirt, tie and school jumper. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn at any time. Appropriate coats can of course be worn and full details are available on our website.



Thank you for the many positive comments and feedback regarding our weekly newsletter which is distributed to all parents, carers, parishes and partner primary schools. If you are not receiving our newsletter every Friday, please do let us know so that we can amend your contact details. The most recent copy along with all previous additions is available on our school website under the 'weekly newsletter' tab. Thanks to all the staff and students who continue to contribute and to Mrs Cassidy who edits the newsletter each week.

I would like to take this opportunity to give advance notice that the **Advent Term will end on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December when school will close to students at 1pm** and further details are to follow regarding last day arrangements.

I will write to you again shortly with details of our St Nicholas Family & Parish Carol Service which is calendared for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**, but please 'save the date' in your diary for an evening of scripture, song and reflection together in the School Hall.

Finally, as the season of Advent continues, may I wish you all every joy and blessing as another year begins in the life of our church, parish and school communities.

Yours sincerely



**Richard Woods**  
**Headteacher**

