



St Nicholas Catholic High School

A Business and Enterprise College

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end term, students have been engaging in many different activities during this Lenten season as we prepare for Easter together. Reconciliation services have taken place for RE classes in the Chapel and fundraising for the Diocesan charity of Caritas has also been a focus for us all with Form Classes raising money in all sorts of creative and interesting ways! The term will end with our whole school Lent Masses, where we will reflect upon Jesus' Passion together through words, music and drama.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have begun the final countdown to their GCSE and A-Level studies with examinations beginning during the next half-term. There will be many mixed emotions as they reach this watershed in their education and life's journey so far. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend the revision events here in school, and to Mr Cummings, Mr Bradley and the team of Form Tutors who are continuing to guide and encourage students on this 'final lap' of their studies and revision.

As always, school life continues apace here at St Nicholas. Since I last wrote to you, the school ski course has returned from Andorra after a fantastic week where the students of St Nicholas, once again, were a credit to both school and home. Our annual Music Festival hosted over a hundred partner primary school children who shared their gifts and talents alongside our own wonderful musicians and the St Nicholas School Choir and we were also treated to our school production of Little Shop of Horrors over three fantastic nights in the school hall.

For your information, our next Parent Focus Group is scheduled for Thursday 19th April from 6pm – 7pm. Mr Johnson, Assistant Headteacher, will lead this meeting which will focus on the school's Behaviour Policy. Please email admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

I would like to inform you that Mrs Norman, one of our Deputy Headteachers here at St Nicholas, has decided to move on to enable her to pursue other opportunities but she wanted to say that it has been a real privilege and pleasure to work at St Nicholas Catholic High School for over 18 years. She also wants to thank all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, for their support and wishes everyone the very best for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks on behalf of all the staff, students and governors to our wonderful PTFA. Their never ending energy and enthusiasm continues to provide ongoing events that not also provide wonderful 'nights out' for members of the St Nicholas community, but at the same time raise funds to support projects and students



here in school. You would be most welcome to join our half termly meetings and come along to any forthcoming events – please see our weekly newsletter for further details.

The School Council have continued their superb work here at school throughout the term. Representatives have presented to members of the Governing Body, identified areas for some new outside social seating areas that will be supported by the PTFA and begun a new School Nutrition Action Group who will now meet half-termly with our Catering Manager to discuss future developments together.

As we approach the great Christian Festival of Easter, Pope Francis continues to challenge us all to be agents of God's love in our homes, our parishes and our communities when he says:

Small gestures of love, of tenderness, of care,

Make people feel that the Lord is with us.

Let us bring God's tender caress to others, to those who are in need.

I do hope that you are able to join the Easter celebrations within your parishes this holiday - details of all local parish services will be included in our final newsletter of the term next week. A reminder that school is closed to students on Monday 16th April for staff training and that **the Pentecost term will begin for students on Tuesday 17th April**. Until then may I wish you all a Holy and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely



Richard Woods
Headteacher

