



St Nicholas Catholic High School

A Business and Enterprise College

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am delighted to be joining the St Nicholas community as Headteacher at the start of this Pentecost Term. We all know that St Nicholas is an excellent Catholic school with a fantastic reputation for the very highest of standards, outstanding pupils, exceptional staff and the warmest of welcomes.

As I take up post as Headteacher, I firmly believe that we must hold fast to our core values and our core purpose, and we all know with a deep certainty and conviction that our work as a Catholic Christian community looks to ensure that academic excellence is built upon solid foundations – that the spiritual, moral and personal formation of our students is at the heart of all we do, and we do this through our positive workings with our parishes, primary schools, community partners and of course yourselves as parents and carers.

You know all too well that the staff at St Nicholas are fully committed to providing students with every possible opportunity to become the person God created them to be – to use their gifts and talents to develop their learning and realise their potential, to explore new hobbies and interests, to serve others and to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and reflection.

Over the next few weeks I shall be doing a lot of listening...to students, teachers, support staff, governors, parishioners, primary school partners and yourselves as parents and carers. I am keen to find out what you believe it is, that makes St Nicholas such a unique community and what people hope we could do to further deepen and strengthen the excellent work already undertaken here.

I will be holding a 'Meet the new Headteacher' event on Tuesday 2nd May at 6.00pm. This will provide an opportunity for me to share my initial thoughts with you and to discuss together any matters you would like to raise. If you are able to come to this event, please can you email the school at admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk confirming the number of people who will be attending so we can organise the appropriate seating.

I very much look forward to meeting you all over the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

