



St Nicholas Catholic High School

A Business and Enterprise College

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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you to the St Nicholas family. After many weeks of waiting, your child's first day at St Nicholas finally arrived on Wednesday and I am glad to say that as the newest members of our community, they have already settled in to their new Form Classes and have made an excellent start to their first year at St Nicholas.

I would like to highlight a number of events for Year 7 students, parents and carers over the coming weeks. The Year 7 Family Quiz will take place on Thursday 28th September and is organised by our superb PTFA here at St Nicholas - it would be wonderful to see as many families as possible coming along to test their knowledge across the different subject rounds.

Our Year 7 Welcome Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 17th of October at 6pm with a warm welcome extended to all family members as the perfect way to begin our school year together as a Catholic community. Our Year 7 Information Evening will take place a few days later on Thursday 19th October with the opportunity for you to meet your child's Form Tutor and also be given further information regarding our Year 7 residential trip. I very much hope you can join us at these events and further details will follow in due course.

There have been a number of exciting improvements over the summer holidays at the school. Both sets of Changing Rooms in PE have received extensive re-development including new wet areas, showering facilities, lighting and ventilation alongside the complete refurbishment and redecoration to the changing areas themselves with new flooring, benching and decoration.

Through consultation with students, our Sixth Form Centre has also had its Common Room completely re-designed with new Wi-Fi access installed coupled with the provision of new and improved furniture and food opportunities for our Sixth Formers.

We have also begun Phase 1 of our substantive strategic ICT plan which will be rolled out over the next two years. Much of the summer work has involved 'behind the scenes' re-development of our network and internet provision in preparation for Phase 2 in the new year.

Finally, we have returned to a fresh looking School Hall this week, completed with artwork chosen by the students to reflect our distinctive nature as a Catholic school community.





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Evidence continues to show that attendance at school is clearly one of the most important factors in ensuring that pupils excel academically, socially and spiritually. I would once again like to remind you of our policy surrounding term time absences, and ask that medical & dental appointments are taken outside of school hours where possible.

We look forward to the launch of our regular weekly newsletter before the end of September which will keep you up to date with everything that is happening here at St Nicholas and following a consultation last term, we will be looking to bring you our new and updated website in October.

As we continue our school improvement journey together I am very interested to hear the views of students, parents and carers on all aspects of school life here at St Nicholas. Building upon the success of our first Parent Focus Group during the summer term, this year we are looking to run half-termly meetings looking at a variety of topics as suggested through your feedback from Parents' Evenings and other forums. Our first discussion this year will focus on 'Assessment' and will take place on Thursday 12th October at 6pm. If you are able to attend, then please let us know via an email to; admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk.

I very much look forward to our successful working together over the months and years ahead here at St Nicholas.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

