



July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As another academic year at St Nicholas draws to a close, there is, as always, much to reflect upon and much to celebrate.

Our senior students are now enjoying their well-earned summer holiday following an intensive few months of study, revision and of course external examinations. We offer them every good wish and blessing for their forthcoming results days when the fruits of their labours will be rewarded.

The Pentecost Term has been another exceptionally busy time for staff, students and I'm sure, parents and carers alike! It was wonderful to be able to welcome everyone back onto school site to celebrate our first Prize Night for three years. During the evening our guest of honour, Mark Haviland - Vice Chair of the Marine Conservation Society, presented over 250 awards to many deserving students in the school hall and we were treated throughout the evening to numerous musical items from our students as well as the Staff Choir.

Our new Year 7 students for September have recently taken part in their transition days here at school and are now well on the way to becoming fully fledged members of the St Nicholas community. They have participated in a variety of lessons, met their Form Tutors and many of them will be attending our much anticipated Year 6 Disco supported by the St Nicholas PTFA on Friday.

Sports Day was once again a fantastic experience for the whole St Nicholas community, with students in Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part for the very first time since joining the school. Every student took part in their five chosen events throughout the day which culminated in the traditional year group relay races and of course the staff race.

Alongside our academic studies in the classroom, enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities continue to flourish once more. Students from Year 11 and 12 have visited Oxford University; the school Choir have taken part in the Cheshire Show and visited Liverpool Cathedral to listen to St Peter's choir which included one of our ex-students; Year 8 have visited the theatre to watch Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat; Year 7 students have visited the Catalyst Discovery Centre; Year 10 students are currently taking part in our two residential retreats to Savio House in Bollington and Soli Retreat Centre near Alton and Year 12 recently enjoyed a retreat day of reflection at St Bede's in Weaverham.



In addition, our Year 11 students returned after the close of their GCSE examinations for their Sixth Form Welcome Day and Year 10 have also taken part in a Sixth Form 'Taster Day' to sample A Level lessons and to experience life as a member of our Sixth Form for a day.

We are very much looking forward to our production of 'Bugsy' which will be running from Wednesday 13th July through to Friday 15th July. Mrs Milborne, Ms Lowe, Mrs McKenna and Mr Barker have all been working alongside students from different year groups for many weeks now and we hope you are able to join us for one or more of the performances. Tickets are still available and can be purchased via ParentPay.

We are also looking forward to gathering together in person for our whole school celebration of Mass at the end of the term – this will be the first such occasion in nearly three years and will be a fitting end to the year, and is hopefully a milestone moment in how we can now all move forward together once more.

I will write to you again before the summer break, but I offer advance notice that St Nicholas will close for students at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20th July, with all bus routes operational as usual.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Woods
Headteacher

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