



3rd April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another memorable term, I am delighted to be able to share that students have, once again, been engaging in many different activities during this Lenten season as we prepare for Easter together.

Lenten and reconciliation services have taken place for RE classes in the Chapel and our fundraising for the Diocesan charity of Caritas brought a real collective spirit of endeavour across our Year Groups. Students and staff have responded wonderfully to our Form Patron challenge and have been extremely imaginative in their fundraising efforts. The vibrant atmosphere created around school as our community came together to serve others less fortunate was an absolute joy to experience. On Tuesday, our school community will again come together to celebrate Mass to mark the end of term and focus on our preparations for Easter.

You may recall in my letter at the start of term back in January that I was very much looking forward to the wealth of diverse learning opportunities which the term offered for our community. On that note, I am pleased to report the success of our major trips to Paris (Art and MFL departments) and the ski trip to Austria. Alongside this, our Year 7 students enjoyed their residential event as they continued to build upon their impressive start to life at St Nicholas, and the extensive range of co-curricular activities offered to all students has continued to thrive. Underpinning all of this, of course, is the commitment to our daily learning and 4Rs standards within all curriculum areas: this term has seen students across all Year Groups achieve impressive outcomes and make pleasing progress using their God-given talents.

Naturally, at this time of year our thoughts also turn especially to our Year 11 and 13 students who are preparing for their GCSE and A-Level examinations. We will continue to support these students in every way we can as they approach this key moment in their lives. Mrs Yeates and Mr Bradley, ably assisted by their respective Year Teams, will ensure positive guidance and encouragement during this crucial period of study and revision. Details of our celebratory Masses for Year 11 and 13 families will be given to all parents and carers after the Easter, which we very much hope you are able to attend.

The time of Easter is very much a time for celebration. At Easter, we focus on renewal and the future. We have achieved so much as a school community this academic year and there is every reason to believe that success will continue to grow next term. I very much hope you are able to participate in your parish Holy Week services this week. Details of these are available [here](#) via our school website.



Following the Easter break, we welcome Mr Craig Burns as our new Headteacher. In closing, I would like to say what a privilege it has been to lead St Nicholas Catholic High School during the Lent Term and I thank our school community for the support, encouragement and joy which has radiated from our collective efforts.

The summer Pentecost term will begin for students on **Wednesday 19th April** and until then may I wish you all a relaxing and peace filled Easter Holiday.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Headteacher

