



Saint Paul's Catholic High School

December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Best wishes for a peaceful, happy and holy Christmas

I write at the end of what has been a very pleasing and productive Autumn term for staff and students at Saint Paul's Catholic High School. The special time of Christmas is here again and it is extremely busy here at Saint Paul's.

It is a very special time for our Catholic community as, amid all the commercial trappings of the season, it is a time for us to reflect on Christ's birth and the example Jesus gave us. Christmas is an excellent time to re-assess our priorities and really appreciate and enjoy the company of our families and friends.

2017 has been another year of improvements and we look forward optimistically to even more successes in 2018.

We have had many popular events again this term, such as the Opening Evening, the Year 7 Family Welcome Mass in our lovely chapel and another very successful Awards Evening with many students receiving recognition and prizes for their hard work last year. Here is a summary of events and activities happening at Saint Paul's;

- Our athletes again enjoyed a successful season with the great performances from our cross country team, girls' and boys' football teams, girls' and boys' rugby teams, cheer leading squad and basketball team.
- Our students have enjoyed a number of Chaplaincy inspired events including the Year 8 retreat to Savio House, the Awe and Wonder session and the celebration of All Saints Day.
- In Music the students receive individual tuition in a number of instruments and represent the school through the school band and choir.
- An international flavour – we celebrated the European Day of Languages and staff and students enjoyed the recent trip to see the Christmas markets in Lille.
- Visits closer to home include a GCSE History trip to Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire, a visit to the Central Library to take part in the Manchester Literature Festival, a trip to the Harry Potter Experience and a trip to the local radio station for a live interview.
- Helping others is always at the forefront of our minds and staff and students have joined together to raise money for a number of worthy causes including the Wythenshawe Foodbank, Cancer Research and the Saint Paul's Sensory Garden.

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- Business, Careers events and interview skills provide our students with valuable learning and experience including visits such as the visit to the Manchester Film School and to the University of Manchester.
- The school's annual pre-Christmas show, Back to the 80s, was another resounding success.

Please see the school website for our termly "Caritas" Magazine and "The Good News" weekly newsletter which details many of the wonderful achievements of our students this term. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our traditional end of year festivities, which include the OAP Party, the Christmas lunch and the whole-school Mass.

Christmas Holidays

On Tuesday 19th December we will celebrate Mass at Saint Anthony's Church, Woodhouse Park. We will be leaving school by coach at 9am and returning at approximately 12:30pm.

The school will close for students on Tuesday 19th December at 1.20pm and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2017 at 8.40am.

Important Dates

- 3 January - Spring Term begins and School reopens at 8.40am
- 9 – 18 January National Science Week
- 17 January Primary Schools Dodgeball Competition
- 24 January Year 11 Consultation Day
- 8 February Year 8 Options Evening
- 14 February Ash Wednesday Services
- 15 February School closes for Half Term holiday
- 26 February School reopens

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, carers and families for your continued support wish everyone every blessing and prayer for a peaceful, happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

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