



# Saint Paul's Catholic High School

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## Welcome Back - January 2020

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! Welcome back from the Christmas holidays, which I hope were a lovely celebratory time for you and for your family. Welcome back to the start of the spring term and best wishes to everyone for the year that lies before us.

It was wonderful to see the students coming into school looking enthusiastic and ready to work. The students have already settled into their routines and have completed some great work. What a fabulous start!

Getting the basics right is a key part of the formula for success. I believe that there is a clear correlation between attendance, punctuality to school in the morning and attainment. Many thanks for all that you do as parents and carers to ensure that your child is at school every day and on time. This makes a real difference.

Thank you for ensuring that students are dressed in the correct uniform as this is important in ensuring the high standards and expectations we have here at Saint Paul's Catholic High School.

Over the next few weeks, our Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams in preparation for their GCSE exams taking place in May. We appreciate that exams are a stressful time, we have therefore arranged help and support in school for our Year 11 students if needed. We wish all our Year 11 students every success with their mock exams.

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we welcome Year 8 parents to parents evening. The evening will commence at 16:00 and finish by 18:00. In order to avoid queuing on the evening to see teaching staff please can parents encourage their child to make appointments. We hope that you will be able to attend, however if cannot make the date please contact Mr Pyatt to make an appointment to attend school at a more convenient time and date.

### Easter Rewards Trip - Thursday 2nd April 2020

In recognition of the hard work, commitment and good attendance this term students will be invited to attend a rewards trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Qualification for the trip will be based on achievement points received, behaviour points awarded and attendance during the spring term.

There will be a cost to parents covering entry to the Pleasure Beach and transport to and from Blackpool. More details about the trip will be available soon.

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We look forward to building on the good practice taking place around school with reading. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to a young person's educational performance and is an essential part of physical and mental well-being. All Key Stage 3 students are now taking part in the Accelerated Reader Programme, and we are excited to be working with Portico Library where all of our students will have the opportunity to participate in their creative writing competitions. We are all looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March where students can engage in a variety of activities and competitions around school.

I am delighted to be working together with you to help our students reach their potential spiritually, academically, and socially. Working together in partnership with our parishes and communities, we nurture our life-affirming core values, encouraging each student's spiritual and academic development.

We already have a great deal planned for the spring term:

- 9 January Primary Schools Dodgeball
- 13 January Year 11 Mocks Week
- 16 January Year 8 Parents' Evening and SEND Drop In 4-6pm
- 20 January Year 11 Mocks Week
- 28 January Year 11 photographs
- 12 February Year 11 Mock Results Day
- 13 February Year 11 Parents' Evening and SEND Drop In 4-6pm
- 13 February School closes for Half Term holiday

Thank you as always for your support and encouragement and for your prayers. We benefit so much from these and face the challenges of this New Year with confidence together in the Love of God for each of us and for all.

We look forward to a happy and successful 2020.

Yours faithfully

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