



Bishop Douglass Catholic School

An Academy School in the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust

Headteacher: Mr Martin Tissot, MA, MBA, NPQH

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family have had a happy, relaxing and restful summer and that you are looking forward to the year ahead as your child begins Year 9 at Bishop Douglass Catholic School. My name is Mr O'Brien and I will be your child's head of year throughout Year 9, which means I will be responsible for their pastoral and academic progress. My role is to ensure your child's progress through their GCSE studies is smooth and successful, and you will be kept informed of all aspects of your child's school life in order to further support them at home. I am very excited and optimistic for the year ahead and I am sure you are aware that Year 9 marks the start of your child's preparation for their GCSE exams.

We are an excellent, high achieving school because we insist on high expectations. To this end, I wish to enlist your support. All pupils are to arrive on time and in full uniform to school, homework should be completed promptly and to a high standard, journals and equipment need to be brought to school each day and finally behaviour needs to be exemplary. As a parent, you can support your child by making sure they have their bag packed the night before, monitor that homework has been completed and is of a high standard and encourage your child to use the plethora of extra-curricular clubs that can aid your child's academic progress.

As a school, we endeavour to support your child with a range of excellent provision to ensure they make outstanding progress. Your child can access the following provision:

- Breakfast club (free breakfast provided for those who arrive before 8.20am)
- Specific homework support clubs for those who require assistance.
- After school prep in the form of Evening Prep: this runs from 3.10-5.40pm every Monday to Thursday. A free hot meal is provided at 5.40pm for those who have attended.
- Academic and Pastoral Mentoring.

I look forward to meeting you all to discuss your child's progress as the year moves forward. The first opportunity to meet is the upcoming Target Setting day which is scheduled for 6th October 2017. Please contact me at the school on 0208 444 5211 or by writing to me directly if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress in the terms ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr O'Brien
Head of Year 9