



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 trust that you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and that you share my enthusiasm and excitement for the forthcoming academic year. My name is Miss Wilkhu. I would like to introduce myself as your child's head of year throughout the Sixth Form, which means I will be responsible for their pastoral and academic progress. This role will involve ongoing monitoring of all aspects of your child's school life to ensure high expectations are always promoted.

Sixth Form can be an exciting, yet challenging, experience for students as they are one step closer to starting either university or entering employment. A key focus for this year will be achieving their target grades in their courses and preparing for their next steps.

It is therefore extremely important that your child is fully invested in their future aspirations with high effort and organisation levels at all times. As a school, we have provided excellent provision in order for each child to progress. This year, we will be offering the following support for students in the Sixth Form:

- Breakfast club (free breakfast provided for those who arrive before 8.20am)
- After school study 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.
- An after school and Saturday intervention programme

Please help your child by regularly checking their journals and equipment.

We are a school with Catholic values at the centre. Our expectation for all students is that they live each day within our community with the values of Christ at the forefront. I would like to remind you that there is a weekly mass held by our Chaplain, Father Kevin Ryan, on a **Friday morning at 8.25 am**. I believe that this will fully assist each and every child to reach their full academic and spiritual potential. Of course, for all of this to happen, we must ensure that we work in partnership as a community to overcome any barriers that may present themselves over the course of the year; this will mean regular contact between school and home, your role as a parent/carer is crucial.

The first key event for the academic year will be Target Setting Day which is scheduled for 6th October 2017. Further information will follow as you will be expected to attend a 15 minute appointment with your child's tutor or head of year on that date.

May I also take this opportunity to remind Year 12 parents of the £50 refundable book deposit which is now due. Payment can be made via Parentpay and your child will only receive their text books once the payment has been made. The 16-19 bursary fund will cover the deposit for students in receipt of free school meals and others demonstrating financial hardship.

If you like to discuss anything regarding your child's progress at Bishop Douglass School, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 0208 444 5211 or by writing to me directly.

Thanking you as always for your support,

Miss Wilkhu

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

