



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School

*An Academy School in the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust*

Headteacher: Mr Martin Tissot, MA, MBA, NPQH

7 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year. It has been lovely to see the children return refreshed after the summer break and eager to learn. Results have once again been outstanding at both A Level and GCSE, we are most likely to be placed within the top 100 schools nationally for GCSE progress. Well done and congratulations to all our students and staff who worked assiduously to secure these fantastic results.

We are a high-performing school and pursue excellence relentlessly. However, we are not complacent and will continue to consolidate our efforts. Our intervention and support programmes start again next week beginning with the 'Up the Ante' evenings: **Year 12**, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, **Year 11**, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and **Year 13** on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Our '**Year 7 Information**' Evening is on 19<sup>th</sup> September. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September **Evening study recommences daily, except Friday between 3.10 – 6pm.** This is an opportunity for students to study in a supervised environment and enjoy a hot meal at 5.45pm.

Overseeing homework is one certain way of maximising your child's chances of success. Please check their homework timetable in the Journal and also do a weekly check to ensure that all assignments that have been set are completed. To further motivate our students, teachers will now start to assess your child's level of effort for homework and a separate grade, ranging from excellent to unsatisfactory; will be written in their books to support them in raising their expectations.

Standards of uniform continue to be high and students will have a few days grace to correct any incorrect items, (deadline Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018). Some haircuts still need bringing in line with our regulations and need to be rectified. We do not wish to be side tracked by having to deal with avoidable issues. We urge you to keep all absences to a minimum, by making all non-urgent dentist and GP appointments outside of school hours. A reminder that no mobile phones are to be brought to school.

Prices in the canteen have been kept low for several years but some price increases have reluctantly been made. Please do look at our website for regular updates including our weekly parent newsletter.

Please note our **Open Evening** this year will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. In order to prepare for this evening the school will close early on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and students will leave school by 1.30pm. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, school will open later than usual; pupils are to be in school by 9.50am at the latest for registration at 10am.

Thank you in advance for your support and ongoing co-operation. We look forward to working in partnership with you this academic year.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

Mrs McLean-Boyd  
Associate Headteacher