



Bishop Douglass Catholic School

An Academy School in the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust

Headteacher: Mr Martin Tissot, MA, MBA, NPQH

10th September 2019

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 Mr Jason Hart and I am honoured and privileged to continue as your child's Head of Year throughout year 11 having worked with most since they began their journey at Bishop Douglass in year 7. This means I will remain 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 and your child reaches their full potential.

Year 11 can be an exciting, yet challenging, experience for students as they enter into the final year of their GCSE's. A key focus will be attendance to interventions held afterschool, on Saturdays and during half terms. Results from our exam analysis shows that students who failed to attend interventions, particularly on Saturday, underachieved. Intervention enhances your child's learning across a range of subjects enabling your child to complete their exams with confidence. It is also crucial that all students are dedicated to their learning and demonstrate high levels of application and presentation of work. In order for your child to meet their full potential, they must ensure that they consolidate their learning by completing all homework and coursework set, abiding by the deadline dates. All students must be punctual and attend School every day. Students should attend all interventions including those on Saturday and during half terms.

The school is committed to providing excellent provisions in order for students to progress and meet their full potential. We will continue to offer the following:

- Breakfast Club (Free breakfast provided for those who arrive before 8.20am)
- Homework support clubs
- Afterschool prep runs in room A.13 especially for Year 11 from 4.20-6.00pm every Monday – Thursday **after** compulsory intervention. A free hot meal is provided at 5.40pm for those who have attended
- Academic and Pastoral mentoring programme including for those students who need extra support
- Increased testing for English and Maths

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





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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 take fruition, 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 Year 11 Up the Ante Evening on Wednesday 11th September from 4.45-5.45pm. Following this, Target Setting Day on Friday 1st November 2019. Please ensure that this date is free on your own calendar, as you will be expected to attend a 15 minute appointment with your child's tutor or head of year on that date. Further information will follow.

If you would like to discuss anything of relevance to 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jason Hart
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