



Bishop Douglass Catholic School

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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 Mr Brian Lenane. I would like to introduce myself as your child's head of year throughout year 8, 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.

Year 8 can be an exciting, yet challenging, experience for students as they are one step closer to starting their all-important GCSE courses in year 9. A key focus for this year will be curriculum education, guidance and support in order to assist your child in their option choices for year 9. 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 year 8:

- 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 study: 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.

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 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/carers is crucial.

The first key event for the academic year will be Target Setting Day on 10th November 2016. 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. Please also note that the week beginning 17th October will be your child's first assessment week for year 8.

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,

Mr B. Lenane

Assistant Headteacher in charge of Year 8



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