



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 Miss Maria Townsend and I would like to introduce myself as your child's Head of Year throughout year 10. This means I will be responsible for both their pastoral and academic progress and as part of this role I will be monitoring all aspects of your child's school life to ensure high expectations are always promoted.

Year 10 is an exciting and challenging experience for students as all lessons are now in preparation for their GCSE exams. It is extremely important that your child fully engages in all their lessons, completes all set homework tasks and has high 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 10:

- Breakfast club (Free breakfast provided for those who arrive before 8.20am)
- 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.
- A programme of intervention in both core and option subjects afterschool, on Saturdays and during school holidays (attached).

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/carer is crucial.

The first key event for the academic year will be Target Setting Day on Thursday 10 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.

The second key event for the academic year will be the Senior Citizens Christmas party on Wednesday 14th December 2016. This is one of the school's most successful annual events and our year 10s have responsibility for raising funds as well as both the organisation and running of the event.

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,

Miss M Townsend
Assistant Headteacher



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