

Open Evening



# St Joseph's News

Roman Catholic High School  
& Sports College

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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

*Our theme this term is...*

*Living the Adventure God has planned for us*



The Adventure with God begins...

### Reflection

On our training days staff took up the challenge to begin an adventure for themselves and create an adventure for our young people. They were challenged to transform learning and transform our learning environment; to be 'Game Changers' and have a profound impact on the lives of our young people and on our world. In our welcome assemblies we shared the idea of our 'school adventure' being a journey and students were set the challenge to have the courage to make a U-turn when they get things wrong. We discovered the importance of tuning in to the voice of God through the helpful voices from parents, carers and teachers and learning to ignore the voices that take us off the path to success.

This year let us have the faith and courage to live life to the full. Whether we are excited or nervous about the new academic year, let's hang onto God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you...Plans to prosper you and not to harm to. Plans to give you a hope and a future. I will be found by you, when you seek me with all your heart".

## St Joseph's RC High School

This isn't just a school...it is an adventure waiting to happen.  
Join us for the Great Adventure with God.

"I know the plans I have  
for you says the Lord,  
Plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you"  
Jeremiah 29:11



Tuesday 26th September 2017 5-7pm

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Headteacher's address 5:15pm and 6:15pm



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## Headteacher's Corner

### **Welcome**

Welcome to a new academic year and to the Adventure that is now underway. A special warm welcome to the new students and staff who have joined us and to their families. We are delighted that you are now part of our community.



### **Facebook**



I hope that you have been enjoying reading about the tremendous achievements from members of our community over the summer on facebook. Well done to each and every one of you and thanks for allowing us to share in your successes. A big thanks is also owed to Mrs Flanagan who maintains our page. If you do not follow us on facebook, please follow the link on our website. It is a great way to keep informed.

### **Uniform**

We thank parents and carers for the attention to detail in ensuring that our students arrived to school looking really smart. May I ask for your support in ensuring that skirts are worn to the knee and that footwear continues to be a black 'polishable' shoe, with no coloured or white visible logos. It must not be canvas.

### **Online Homework Reporting**

In response to requests from parents and carers we have introduced an online homework reporting tool using Epraise. This means that parents and carers are able to monitor the home learning their child is doing using their Epraise login. It is not intended to replace the HW planner nor remove the responsibility of each student to record and take ownership of their own work.

### **New Student Support Centre**

We are delighted to launch our new Student Support Centre. This is on the second floor of the tower block and is home to Heads of Year, The SEN team, and our Student Support Managers; Mrs Hancock, Mrs Anderton and Mr Houghton. Our Student Support Managers will be available to take calls if you have any concerns and ensure that the HoY is given the relevant information.

### **New Behaviour System and the Blackpool reward**

All students have a fresh start and are invited to Blackpool in the final week before the October half term break. Good behaviour will be needed for students to keep their place on the trip. We have introduced a new electronic behaviour reporting system. Staff will log all forms of behaviour so that our form tutors and Heads of Year have the information they need to support students to improve and decide who has earned the right to enjoy the reward trip. This information is used in conjunction with our Epraise system through which students will be rewarded for good attendance and behaviour in lessons.

## Headteacher's Corner cont...

### **New staff**

Our recruitment team had been working hard last term to ensure that we are fully staffed with teachers that are skilled to offer the best education for our young people. We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Dadswell – English, Mr Cowie – English and Drama, Mr Holliday – Maths, Mr Hodgson – Maths, Mr Fenney – Maths, Miss Bleasdale – Computer Science, Mrs Tonge – Science, Miss Hon – Science, Miss Jiva – Science, Mr Jordan – Science, Mrs McDonnell – Head of MFL, Mr Smith – MFL, Miss Collier – Drama, Miss Jones – Textiles/Art, Mr Graham – Design Technology, Mr Houghton – Student Support Manager and Mr Mason – Site caretaker.



### **New Toilets and Dining Pod**

Finally, our newly refurbished toilets and our new catering pod have been appreciated by our young people. Our aim was to make our toilets 'hotel quality' and give students the dignity and respect they deserve. Please chat with your child about their responsibilities to look after these resources and ensure that we can continue to enjoy them.



### **Thank you**

Many thanks for helping us have such a positive start to the new academic year. We look forward to working with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for our young people. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Year or speak to one of our students support managers who will be happy to help.