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Catholic Academy

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**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the half term break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us in partnership to ensure we continue to provide the best possible educational experience for your children. School breaks up for half term on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and will reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.**

When we return, and in response to parent/carer voice, we will continue to publish 'This Is How We Do It Here' on a monthly basis to share individual and school successes and to share good news stories, but we will also publish a bi-weekly 'Fortnight Focus' which will detail what your child is learning, what our current key focus standards and expectations are, and it will also serve to give you advance warning of key dates for your diary.

We want our young people to maximise the fantastic curriculum and learning opportunities on offer at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy, but we also want to support them in the development of effective routines, resilience and other skills necessary to live fulfilled lives. Research tells us that formation of the whole child is most successful when school and home, work in partnership to support a child's development. As such, I hope that the bi-weekly 'Focus Fortnight' publication ensures that parents and carers are kept up to date with what their child is learning and serves as a home/school team reminder around the importance of maintaining standards in terms of attendance, punctuality, equipment and uniform, for the good of our whole school community.

Finally, it has been a busy term for all pupils, but particularly for our Year 11 pupils who have approached the start of their public examinations in a mature, exemplary way. We are very proud of their continued efforts and continue to do everything we can to support them and maximise their chances of getting the grades they deserve.

So, on behalf of Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy, can I wish all our families a restful half term and I look forward to our return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wilkinson  
Headteacher



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