

# St Michael's Church of England High School

## A Church of England Academy

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*Growing in Body, Mind and spirit*



Therefore, choose

10 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As my first full week at St Michael's draws to a close, I would like to start by thanking you for your support. It has been such a pleasure getting to know your children and they have so impressed me with their warm welcome and exceptional behaviour. Having introduced myself in assemblies, I encouraged pupils to come and talk to me when they saw me around school. So many have taken the time to greet me and to share something that they love to do. Amongst others, I've spoken to music lovers, football fans, gardeners and fell runners; what a wonderful range of interests!

I've enjoyed dropping in to lessons and visiting wider-curricular activities too. Year 7 have shown me some impressive baking in their RE classes, and I've spent lunchtimes singing with the choir and worship band, listening to steel pans and watching the debate club get set up for action. I know that the Year 7 and 8 girls' cricket team have had a successful week too. There is so much to see and do here; I think I'm going to need a few more weeks to experience it all!

One of the absolute highlights for me has been the morning worship led by Mrs Hooley. She spoke to us all about recognising those 'wow' moments in life that nourish our souls. I've had many of those this week at St Michael's and have felt so very blessed to be part of this special school community.

Next week we have Year 10 Consultation Evening on Thursday from 5:00-7:00pm. This will be my first real opportunity to meet parents/carers, so if you have a child in Year 10, I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. I firmly believe that investing in working together goes a long way to ensuring the time our children spend at school is happy and purposeful. You'll find a list of some other important events next week at the end of this letter.

I have spoken to pupils in assembly about how the choices we make each day can determine our future, and I love the school motto, 'therefore choose'. I'll finish by saying that I'm delighted to have made the choice to join St Michael's; it really is a very special school in which I can clearly see, "the Kingdom of God in action," and I am determined to continue the excellent work which is taking place here.

With kind regards,

Mrs Rachel Rongong  
Headteacher

### **Events next week**

- 6pm Monday 13 January in school - Iceland Visit - Parents'/Carers' Meeting (for parents/carers and pupils who are going on the visit)
- Year 8 exams continue Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 January
- Year 9 exams take place Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 January

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