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Roman Catholic High School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of the school year. As you can imagine, this year has been extremely challenging for us. However, I couldn't be prouder of both the staff and students for pulling together as a family. They have demonstrated yet again, why St Gabriel's is such a special school. I feel genuinely privileged to be the Head of such an amazing school, and I thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement through our challenges this year. It has made a huge difference to us as a team.

We can look to our Father when life gets hard, and we can trust Him. We have to remember to remain faithful in prayer during difficult times because He is our source of strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones this year.

Over the past year, despite our losses, many of our students have managed to gain the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award and are now moving towards focusing on gaining silver. We are the Year 11 Bury Football Champions (again), by a landslide victory and many of our Year 9's did us proud by completing the Confirmation Programme in our local Parishes. We give a huge thank you to Fr Paul Cannon and Sister Linda for all their support throughout the sacramental programme and to Fr Paul for being our pillar of strength throughout our tough times this year.

Sadly, after a long and hugely rewarding career, **we say goodbye to Jayne Roberts this week**. Mrs Roberts has supported literally thousands of families through some extremely challenging circumstances and has been a **shining light to us all** of Catholic servant leadership. We will miss her enormously, but feel secure that Mrs Turner and Mr Stewart, the former of who is an experienced Deputy Head and the latter has been Associate Deputy for a considerable time and has been Mrs Roberts' right hand man for many years, will carry us forward in the same spirit of patience, kindness and support.

School re-opens on Monday 5 September 2022 for Y7 and Y11 only, then on Tuesday 6 September 2022, all students must attend and be in school on time for 8.45am.

Over the summer holidays, we would like to reassure any struggling families out there, that there is still help at hand. Our website has the numbers of external agencies and safeguarding links, should there be any emergency you need support with.

May god bless you all. We wish you a lovely summer. Stay safe and pray for us on results day!

God bless

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