



23 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year it has been! We have managed to make it through a national lockdown (as have you with children at home 24/7!). We have tried our very best to ensure that your children received the best education we could during this challenging time and support our key worker families by remaining open. Thank you for all your support during this unprecedented time.

Sadly, we ended the year with a terrible loss to our St Gabriel's family, after Hattie Dixon passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. We pray for Hattie's family and friends at this terrible time, and we have honoured Hattie by live streaming her funeral service for students and staff to watch and organising a fund raising event at the end of term, for a charity nominated by Hattie's family.

We are enormously proud of the progress School has made over the past year. We regularly receive external scrutinies and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. This has been a real team effort and we include all parents and carers in this team effort, who have supported School through every challenge, every step of the way. We couldn't do it without you.

From September, we will be focusing upon self-regulated behaviour. This is to ensure we gain a minimally good grade in our next Ofsted inspection and to prepare our students for Key Stage 5 and the wider world. To this end, students may only have one temporary passport for one day per half term. If they forget their passport more than this, a call will be made home to bring it in, or they will receive a behaviour consequence. Also, from September, to support our students' organisation, equipment such as pens and pencils will be on sale with our student ambassadors before form period and at breaks and lunches in the dining area. Please ensure your child either brings the correct equipment or brings a minimal amount of money to purchase pens and pencils. A price list will be published in September, but School will not be making any profit from the sale of equipment.

All students will receive new passports in September. Extra codes have been added, so please take the opportunity to look through your child's passport when they have been issued with it upon their return.

Good news re buildings work

The John Banks Area will finally get a new high fence around it! Planning permission and funding are now in place for the old fence to be removed and a higher football proof and intruder proof fence will be put in place, as soon as permission is received. The main building will also have a new high fence with maglocks as soon as the roof is completely renewed and the roof work is currently being scheduled by the St Teresa of Calcutta Trust.

Strength, Service, Success

From September, we will be organising a number of ways our students can demonstrate service both to our St Gabriel's community by becoming, for example, ambassadors at breaks and lunches, or service to our Parish by raising money for our local Parish, serving the needs of the elderly or struggling families in our Parish and generally getting out into our community so our Parishes can see how far we have come. Look out for us in a community centre or Church near you soon!



Staff

To all our staff a massive thank you, as always, for going the extra mile in a very difficult year. To the staff retiring this summer, Mrs Jenkinson, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Heywood thank you for your many years of service. To Staff moving on to new positions and promotions we wish you every success in your new roles and again thank you for your hard work and commitment to St Gabriel's. Good luck on your new adventures. Mrs Thatcher, Mrs E Middleton, Mrs Philips, Miss Hafeez, Mrs Manzoori, Mrs Sidebotham and Miss Hague.

We wish you all a peaceful, safe and happy summer break and keep our Year 11s in mind for their GCSE results in 12th August.

“Once an angel always an angel “

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. B. Corrigan'.

Lisa Corrigan
Headteacher