



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As the School Chaplain, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and welcome your son/daughter to our school.

We appreciate that the step up to high school may be a daunting time and therefore I have arranged for pupils to attend a **'Retreat Day'**. In the past, our Year 7 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this day as it gives them an excellent opportunity to bond with their new Form Tutor, RE teacher and their peers. In addition, it provides an excellent vehicle through which pupils can develop their understanding of the Catholic Ethos that is so valued in our school.

The retreat will be run by myself and the theme for the day is based on our School Mission Statement **"Prepare the Way of the Lord"**. It is my hope that this retreat will help pupils feel like a loved and valued member of our school community.

We will take pupils on the short walk to Canons' Hall at St Oswald's Church and use their facilities; they will be accompanied by their Form Tutor, RE Teacher and myself. We will leave school after morning registration and will be back in school in time for the end of the school day. Pupils will be allowed to wear their own clothes, however they will need to bring a packed lunch for this day including a soft drink (juice/water). Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided a lunch from the school canteen, but they are more than welcome to bring their own if they prefer. If pupils have coloured pens/pencils they wish to bring then this would be helpful.

Pupils will attend on the following days:-

Date	Form	RE Teacher	Form Teacher		Date	Form	RE Teacher	Form Teacher
Mon 8 Sept	7W	Miss Olivier	Mr Sergison		Tues 23 Sept	7B	Mrs Jackson	Mrs Gilpin
Tues 9 Sept	7G	Mr Leather	Mr Leather		Fri 26 Sept	7L	Mrs Hooton	Mr Tickle
Fri 12 Sept	7H	Mrs Connelly	Miss Newman		Mon 29 Sept	7C	Mrs Whitlow	Miss Mahon
Mon 15 Sept	7S	Miss Olivier	Mrs Nuttall		Tues 30 Sept	7A	Mr Reardon	Miss Middleham
Mon 22 Sept	7M	Mrs Whitlow	Mr O'Donnell		Fri 3 Oct	7O	Mr Cullen	Mr Travis

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

**M RUANE**  
School Chaplain