



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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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. Pupils will attend on the following days:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>RE Teacher</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>
Tues 12 Sept	7A	Mrs. K Connelly	Mrs. K Connelly
Fri 15 Sept	7O	Mr M Leather	Mr K O'Callaghan
Mon 18 Sept	7M	Mrs S Jackson	Mrs C McGoldrick
Tues 19 Sept	7L	Mrs C Whitlow	Mrs S Hind
Fri 22 Sept	7C	Mr S Hill	Mr M Kennedy
Mon 25 Sept	7H	Mrs E Hooton	Mrs J Melling
Tues 26 Sept	7W	Mr E Hooton	Mr A Mazaleem
Fri 29 Sept	7S	Mrs K Connelly	Miss S Carroll
Tues 3 Oct	7B	Mr A Reardon	Miss E Challinor
Fri 6 Oct	7G	Mr B White	Mr B White

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

Yours faithfully

M RUANE (Mrs)
School Chaplain