



31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Sixth Form Mid – Year Update**

As we approach the mid-way point of the academic year, I thought it prudent to write to you to thank you for your continued support of the St Peter and St Paul Voluntary Academy Sixth Form and to take the opportunity to revisit some of our expectations and plans.

Our Sixth Form provision goes from strength to strength. The physical environment has been improved significantly with the addition of a new kitchen / café area and more suitable furniture. Early signs indicate we will have a much bigger Year 12 cohort next academic which is set to be repeated the following year as we seek to embed our 7 – 13 ethos. Our present sixth formers continue to be outstanding ambassadors for the academy and have widened their participation in all areas of Catholic Life and the wider community. Providing wonderful reading support for our Year 7 students and engaging very successfully with our business partners at Lincoln Football Club and Inzpire. Over half of our Year 13 cohort have successfully completed the UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) process and more offers of university places come in every day.

Ofsted recently described the Sixth Form as being ‘vibrant’ and we all seek to continue to create that feel good factor. To maintain this positive momentum, I would like to revisit some of our core values and expectations.

### Attendance

Attendance to tutor time is compulsory. This time makes up part of a students’ programme of study and is a vital part of the daily routine in the Sixth Form. Time is taken to support students individually and to pass on vital pieces of information. Moving forward we will be putting into place a series of steps to formalise our response to low attendance and lateness. Each week tutors / teachers will check attendance and communicate with the parents of students whose attendance falls below 95% in that week.

In the first instant an email home will be sent. If this does not resolve this issue tutors will make a phone call followed by a formal letter and finally an invitation to an attendance meeting with the Head of Sixth Form.

### Dress Code

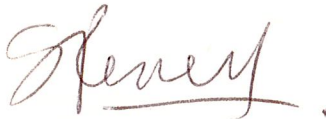
Our dress code remains the same as published and is based on the idea of smart office wear. Including a jacket and tie for male students. For female students we wish to maintain professional dress and students will be challenged about short and tight skirts, trainers, and boots. This list is not extensive, but the academy reserves the right to ‘challenge’ any clothing that does not represent the business-like approach we seek to create.

Post 16 Bursary

Following our move to the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust there have been some changes made to the bursary scheme. These are detailed on our website. However, I encourage students and parents to discuss any concerns about the new arrangements with myself or Mrs R Carter (Assistant Headteacher).

I am sure you agree that communication between the academy and families is fundamental to the success of our students, and this continues throughout a students' time with us from 7 -13. Expect a letter from me every half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Penney', written in dark ink.

Mr S Penney

Head of Sixth Form