



20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**End of the Academic Year 2022/23**

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support and prayers. The school community at St Peter and St Paul's has really grown over the last 10 months. Staff and students place the school virtues at the heart of everything, ensuring that young people are guided by the Catholic values which underpin all our actions and words.

It has been an incredibly successful year where we have seen our pupils continue to blossom into rounded individuals who take an active part in their academic learning and spiritual growth. Our pupils have had many opportunities to experience growth through the teaching they have received and also through the enrichment activities which have been available.

As a school we have really developed our partnership with the local parishes, enjoying the opportunity to take part in Sunday mass and other key events. Our choir was asked to sing at the Confirmation mass at St Hugh's church, where Bishop Patrick commented on their contribution. We have also been asked to take part in other key events such as the Inter-faith Holocaust memorial event and the Mayoral service of Thanksgiving. These are all exciting moments for our young people to be outward facing and demonstrate our values to those in the wider community. Our participation in the feast day mass for St Peter and St Paul brought many wonderful comments from parishioners.

Our Lay Chaplain, Miss Cafferkey, has been instrumental in the delivery of Mission Days for years 7-9; these days allow our pupils to take time away from the curriculum in order to focus on our faith. Like all aspects of education, our faith grows when we have time to focus and reflect. Each day has had a theme; Year 7 was on discipleship and Fr Eddy joined the pupils to talk about his mission; Year 8 focused encountering Christ and the idea of sacrifice and Canon Geoffrey was able to join pupils to discuss sacrifice in Lent; our Year 9 day was on peace and justice, and we were very lucky to have Hanneke Dye talk to our pupils about her experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

During this last term, our pupils have had the opportunity to go on a range of enrichment trips. Mrs Browne took 48 young people to France and Belgium on the Battlefields trip. This was a fabulous and moving experience, particularly when our pupils were able to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate and some of the group found the graves of relatives who had died in WW1. Mrs Derham went with students to Birmingham, for the Big Bang conference and had a wonderful time taking part in experiences and focusing on Science in action. Miss Hollands took a group of STEM students to Alton Towers, where they had the opportunity to not only go on the rides but also learn about the mathematical concept behind the construction of these mammoth structures. Finally, pupils have enjoyed rewards trips to Lincoln Bowl as a recognition of their hard work and commitment over the academic year.

The Performing Arts dept have been exceptionally busy with various events, including the summer concert. A small group of students have taken part in a 'Word of Mouth' project which the school was



invited to take part in. Box Clever have been working with our students over the last term, focusing on writing their own pieces for the stage. This culminated in professional actors then performing this work at the Riverhead Theatre in Louth. What a simply wonderful experience!

Two weeks ago, the English dept had the author Tom Bradford visit school. It is always so special when pupils get to meet authors and listen to their experiences first hand. Year 7 and 8 were able to take part in a range of activities, including a writing session.

Whilst Sports Day was cancelled due to the rain, our PE department have had a number of rounders and cricket matches this term. The SSPP Ashes was particularly competitive and was an opportunity for staff and students to enjoy sport together.

Our Academy mission is 'I came so that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10. It is evident that your children have been fulfilling this mission across the academic year.

We say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils, as they set out on their next adventure. We know that they have worked hard for their exams and we wish them every success.

The summer break is now an opportunity for both staff and pupils to rest and recharge, ready to return in September.

I wish all of you a safe, peaceful and restful summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C F Hewerdine  
(Headteacher)