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St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School

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Friday 16th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we reflect on Catholic Social Teaching and our shared responsibility to pursue justice. Anne Frank reminds us that, "No one has ever become poor by giving." Her words speak to the generosity and compassion that strengthen our communities, and to the importance of standing alongside those who experience hardship or injustice.

In Luke 18:1–8, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. The widow continues to seek justice, and eventually the judge listens. The parable encourages us to remain persistent in the face of injustice and not to lose heart. As a school community, we are called to put this message into practice: to act with courage, to treat one another with dignity and fairness, and to keep working towards what is right.

Phone Pouches

After half term, phone pouches will be distributed to all students and will become an essential item of school uniform, like PE kit. Students will be expected to arrive on site each day with their phone secured in the pouch, and form tutors will check this daily. This expectation is intended to help maintain a focused, respectful and safe learning environment by ensuring that phones are not used during the school day. The Department for Education's *Mobile phones in schools* guidance sets out that schools in England are to prohibit mobile phone use throughout the school day. T

If a student refuses to place their phone in the pouch or is seen using it on site, the consequence for a first offence will be one day in reflection. Persistent breaches may lead to further consequences, including suspension, in line with the school's behaviour policy. We ask for your support in discussing this expectation with your child and helping them to be prepared to follow it each day.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us maintain a focused, respectful and safe learning environment.

Yours sincerely,

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