

25/09/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity.** These words from Roy T. Bennett resonate with the spirit of our community and encapsulate the ethos we seek to cultivate at St Gabriel's RC High School. When we listen with curiosity, we do not listen with the intent to reply; we listen for what lies behind the words. Such attentive, reflective engagement fosters understanding, builds trust and sustains the respectful relationships that underpin successful learning.

This week I would like to reflect briefly on two complementary truths that guide our pastoral and educational purpose. The first is the Christian assurance found in Matthew 18:10–14, the parable of the Lost Sheep. Its simple, moving message — that you are never forgotten and that everyone is welcome in heaven — provides both comfort and conviction. It reminds us of our shared duty to seek out and support every young person, to celebrate their intrinsic worth and to ensure no one is left beyond the care of our community.

Thank you for your support with Open Evening. It was a genuinely positive occasion and a pleasure to see so many of you return to the school to support our students and staff. Your presence signalled a powerful partnership between home and school and helped to make the event informative and welcoming for prospective families.

On a practical note, the English department have been organising log-ins to the reading platform, BEDROCK, which will be a vital component of homework at Key Stage 3. This initiative is grounded in clear evidence: consistent engagement with reading materially improves literacy, which in turn enhances outcomes across the curriculum. We are confident that with your encouragement at home and the school's structured approach, students will benefit significantly from this provision.

In closing, let us continue to listen with curiosity, speak with honesty and act with integrity — together, stewarding a learning environment where every student is seen, supported and inspired.

Yours faithfully,



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### **You said...We did**

Several student have asked for a Culture Day so on  
**Tuesday 29th September** we are holding a.....

### **St Gabriel's Feast Culture Day**

- Students and staff can wear their own families' cultural clothes/attire, Sports Team Football/Rugby/Netball shirt or school uniform (Donation to the charity Water Aid)
- During this week there will be different lunch time food from around the world.
- Form Groups are to decorate around their form door with images which represent their unique form members identity. (Prize for the best display)
- Curriculum activities on different cultures in lessons.





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## **MOCK EXAMINATION INFORMATION EVENING**



**Thursday  
1st October**

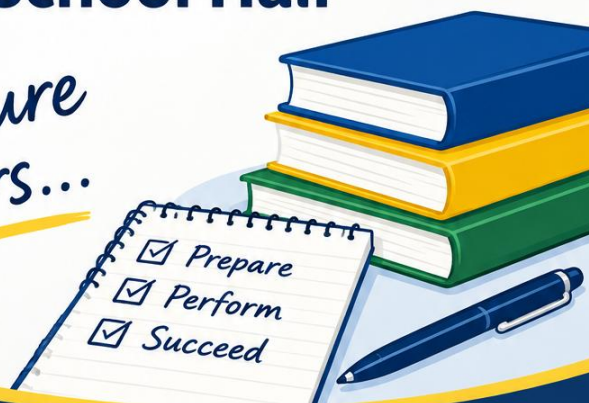


**5.30 – 6.30pm**



**School Hall**

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