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St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School

STRENGTH SERVICE SUCCESS

13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have reflected on Jesus' teaching to "love one another" and considered how this message calls each of us to treat others with kindness, compassion and respect. In John 13:34, we read: *"A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another as I have loved you."* These words have particular significance during Anti-Bullying Week, reminding us that every member of our community has a part to play in making our school a safe and welcoming place for all.

Benjamin Disraeli wrote, *"Courage is fine and bullying is smoke."* His words invite us to think about the courage it takes to speak up, seek help and stand alongside anyone experiencing bullying. We will continue to encourage our students to show this courage and to demonstrate, through their actions, the love and respect at the heart of our school values.

On 11 November, our students engaged respectfully in Remembrance Day commemorations. Those representing their forms at the service in the chapel did so with dignity and respect. Thank you to Mr Turner for organising this thoughtful and meaningful service.

During Interfaith Week, our Year 8 students visited Guardian Angels Parish to represent the school and support local primary students in their learning about different faiths. Their conduct, behaviour and knowledge were excellent, and were praised by all. We are very proud of the maturity and care they demonstrated.

Message from our students: We thought that it was very eye-opening and great opportunity to learn about the different religions in our community. To add to this, it was very inspiring and we all learnt something we didn't know that day which made us dive deeper into different people's religions. We all felt that human dignity was a very significant catholic social teaching in this trip. We are very grateful to have been able to attend this experience, thank you.

Message From Mrs Evers: Throughout the event, our wonderful students represented St Gabriels with remarkable maturity, respect, and curiosity. They engaged thoughtfully in the discussions, listened attentively to speakers from diverse backgrounds, and asked insightful questions that contributed positively to the day.

Several event organisers and staff members from other schools commented on how polite and well-mannered our students were. It was a pleasure to see them demonstrating our school values so naturally out in the wider community. I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

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PE Kit Changes:

Please see the attached message from our Head Student, Muhammed:

At Gabs, student voice is heard & listened to. This is why we, as the Student Leadership Team, are pleased to announce that **starting from Monday, Year 10 & 11 students will be allowed to leave school in their PE Kit if they have PE lesson 5**. We hope this change will make things more convenient for students and allow them to maximise their learning time.

This trial will be reviewed next half-term - if successful, we will look at extending the policy to Key Stage 3.

Lockdown. Procedure - O n Friday 20th We will be doing a lockdown practice. This is part of our safeguarding procedure



Thank you.

Mr S Braithwaite

Headteacher