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Catholic Academy Trust

St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today with a few important updates regarding our school community.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis. His Holiness was a beacon of hope and compassion, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all. As a Catholic school, and Parish community we gathered together at Guardian Angels for an uplifting mass celebrating the life of service of his holiness.

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word offer this prayer for the Holy Father:

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through our collective efforts, our students and the wider school community have raised an impressive £1,121.19 for Caritas. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the care and concern that our students have for those in need. I recently had the opportunity to visit the Cornerstone centre, which provides meals to the homeless every day, and I can assure you that your donations are making a real difference in the lives of those who rely on this vital service. On behalf of the school, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and generosity. Your contributions have not only helped to make a positive impact on our local community but have also instilled in our students the values of compassion, empathy, and social responsibility. As we move forward, I am confident that our school community will continue to demonstrate these admirable qualities and find ways to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

I am delighted to share that our Year 11 students have had a very rewarding experience with the walking talking mocks in Maths and English. These sessions have provided them with invaluable practice and feedback, and I am confident that they will prove beneficial as our students prepare for their upcoming exams. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the staff who have gone above and beyond by offering multiple revision sessions over the Easter holidays. I know that these sessions were well received by our Year 11 students, and I am proud of the dedication and commitment shown by our staff. As you know one of my own sons is also a Y11 student this year and I know how stressful supporting them in these final weeks and during the exams can be. As I say to the students it is only a few weeks of hard work and this simple perspective can help us through

I am pleased to share that our attendance year to date is 92.2%, which is 1.9% above the same period last year. This is a commendable achievement, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support in ensuring your child's regular attendance. Regular attendance is crucial as it directly impacts the outcomes and future choices for our young people. As a community, I kindly request that we maintain this positive momentum and continue to prioritise good attendance. By working together, we can ensure that our students have the best possible opportunities to thrive and succeed. I appreciate your ongoing commitment

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to your child's education and look forward to our continued partnership in supporting their progress and well-being.

Year 7 parents' evening will take place in our school hall on **Thursday 1st May from 3.45-6.45pm** and we look forward to discussing their progress and attitude to learning this year with you.

May I remind you our Year 11 students will be commencing their final GCSE exams from Thursday 8th May. To facilitate their Leaver's Mass at 9.00am on **Friday, 2nd May** with all staff joining this important community celebration, school will begin at the later time of **10.15am (Lesson 2) for students in Years 7-10**.

If there are any difficulties with your child getting to school at this later time, please contact their Head of Year to discuss alternative arrangements. When students in Years 7-10 arrive, they should **go directly to Lesson 2 to receive their morning attendance mark**.

I am sure you will join me in wishing our Year 11s every success in their upcoming GCSE examinations; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this important time.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Braithwaite
Headteacher