



**ST TERESA  
of CALCUTTA**  
Catholic Academy Trust

**St Gabriel's**  
Roman Catholic High School



6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. This week, our school community has been reflecting on a powerful message from the Gospel of John (17-20-26), centred on the profound theme "That all may be one".

This principle of unity resonates deeply with me, both personally and professionally. The 1964 Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism was a transformative moment for Christian understanding, recognising the shared communion that exists through our faith in Christ. My own spiritual journey reflects this beautifully - born into a Methodist household with both parents serving as ministers, I later embraced the Catholic faith. This experience has reinforced my belief in the power of Christian unity and interfaith understanding.

As we continue to break down barriers, I invite us all to pray together with these simple words: "Thank you Lord for the gift of faith, help me to share it with others."

I would like to extend warm wishes to our Muslim families celebrating Eid-ul-Hada. May your celebrations be filled with joy and blessings.

I must address our attendance, which this week has been our lowest of the year. While varying primary school holiday patterns have contributed to this, I urge you to continue supporting our collective efforts to maintain and improve student attendance.

Our Year 11 students continue to be exceptional in their examinations. From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, they will only need to attend school for their remaining exams.

### **Personal Development:**

Record numbers of Year 10 successfully completed their work experience placements in the week before half term. Students managed to find placements in almost 50 different sectors, from accounting, architecture and animal care to marketing, mechanics and media. Thanks to all those companies who offered a place helping our students learn vital work place skills and opened their eyes to future careers where they can use their god given talents. Remember if your workplace or family business can offer a placement next year please contact Mr Killion - [pkillion@stgabrielshigh.stoccat.org.uk](mailto:pkillion@stgabrielshigh.stoccat.org.uk)

As part of living out the schools' mission statement of 'making positive contributions to our school community and be valued members of our global society' we are asking students to complete the survey linked below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0DG3s8CYC0SHZY1kZKjtgS74bd6VKdFBg-CzAFr370dUOFIxRjQwR05RTkNOMjZMREUwUU5WOE5GRi4u>

Partners across Bury want to hear from young people about their views on knife crime and youth violence. In particular they are asking young people what they think causes young people to engage in knife crime and what they think services can do to improve the situation. The information gathered will be used to shape

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services and will of course be shared with schools too. Please encourage your young person to complete this.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Braithwaite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr S Braithwaite  
Headteacher