



10th October 2025

Dear Parents and carers

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." - Luke 11:23

These profound words from today's Gospel carry a powerful message about commitment and faith and this single sentence encapsulates an important Christian truth that resonates deeply in our current world. Jesus teaches us that neutrality is not an option when it comes to matters of faith and morality. By choosing not to actively engage and support His teachings, we are essentially making a choice that distances us from his message. This reflection reminds us of the importance of active participation and commitment in our school community; not just in our spiritual lives, but in our daily interactions and educational journey.

I am pleased to share some recent highlights from our school life. Our Year 8 Students recently participated in the B-SAFE event on Thursday, which proved to be an incredibly informative day. The event featured talks from various organisations including the Police, Fire brigade and Bury Youth team all of whom have provided our students with valuable insights and support mechanisms. Equally yesterday was our Y7 welcome Mass at Guardian Angels. It was a joy to celebrate the excellent start to St Gabriel's with families in church. Connecting school, home and parish as the team around each child to enable them to grow.

I would also like to share our current attendance figures, which are crucial indicators of student engagement and commitment:

- Overall school attendance: 92.5%
- Year 7: 97.3%
- Year 8: 92.4%
- Year 9: 92.1%
- Year 10: 92.7%
- Year 11: 89.8%

There is much room for improvement on attendance, and your support is critical. May we continue to support one another and remain committed to our shared educational and spiritual journey.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge organisers are a valuable tool that help pupils focus on the key facts, vocabulary, and concepts for each subject. Regular use supports memory, boosts confidence, and improves performance in lessons and assessments. The Knowledge Organisers can be used if students are absent from school and need to catch up with work. Please encourage your child to use them at home to reinforce their learning and build strong study habits. Knowledge Organisers can be found in the students' class books and the KS3 Hub, Year 10 Hub and Year 11 Hub which students can access via their Microsoft 360 account.

Family Forum

We would like to invite you to a **Family Forum Evening** on **Thursday 16th October 2025 at 5:00pm until 6:00pm** in **St Gabriel's School Hall**. This forum will focus on two important aspects of our school community: the current and future direction of the school uniform, and our expectations for how the uniform is worn.

Your voice is important, and we hope to see as many families as possible represented at the evening. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday 14th October via the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/GPEem1FRa7>

Yours sincerely

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

Mr S Braithwaite

Headteacher