



19th September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week, we reflect on a powerful and well-known passage from the Gospel of John: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

At St Gabriel's, these words lie at the heart of our Catholic mission and vision. They remind us of God's unconditional love for every person. A love that welcomes all students and families into our school community, regardless of background or circumstance. This passage also speaks to the gifts God has given each of us. We encourage our students to recognise their talents as blessings to be used in service to others, echoing our school value of Service. Through faith and resilience—our value of Strength—students are supported to face challenges and grow both academically and personally. Most importantly, Jesus came to save and bring hope, not to judge. This message inspires us all to contribute positively to our school community and beyond, striving for Success in learning and life.

Attendance Update

Our current attendance figures are:

- Year 7: 96.6%
- Year 8: 92.9%
- Year 9: 93.2%
- Year 10: 94.6%
- Year 11: 90.8%

These figures are higher than two years ago but slightly lower than last year. Year 7 and Year 10 are performing particularly well. We are especially focused on Year 11 attendance, which is crucial for building consistency and preparing for the upcoming mock examinations and summer success.

Year 11 after-school tuition programme

As we approach the crucial examination period for our Year 11 students, I am writing to remind you about the after-school tuition programme that we are implementing this term.

The aim of this programme is to provide additional support and resources to our Year 11 pupils as they prepare for their GCSE Mock and Public examinations. We believe that targeted tuition can be highly beneficial in reinforcing key concepts and enhancing students' confidence in their abilities.

The after-school sessions run every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:10 PM to 4:00 PM in a variety of subjects and the timetable of subjects can be viewed in the Arbor app. Our experienced staff members lead these sessions, providing tailored guidance to ensure that each student can achieve their full potential.

We strongly encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity, particularly if they are struggling in specific areas or simply to consolidate their learning. Having additional support can significantly enhance their understanding of the material and improve their examination performance.

If you have any questions regarding the after-school tuition programme or how it can support your child during this pivotal time, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Together, we can work towards ensuring that our students are well-prepared and confident as they approach their examinations.

Important Date for Your Diary

Please note that our **Open Evening** will take place on Thursday, **25th September**. On this day, students will finish at **1:30 pm** to allow us to prepare the school and maximise car parking for the evening.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher