



**ST TERESA  
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# St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we embark upon this new academic year, I find myself reflecting on the profound wisdom found in scripture that guides us forward. Proverbs 9:10 reminds us that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." This verse speaks to the very heart of our educational mission at St Gabriel's - that true wisdom begins with seeking God as our source of understanding throughout this academic journey ahead.

I have been speaking with our students about the importance of courage as we face the opportunities and challenges that this new year will undoubtedly bring. The words from Joshua resonate powerfully with me: "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." What a tremendous reminder this is of God's constant presence and strength, available to each of us as we navigate the path ahead. I encourage all our students to embrace this courage - to try new things, to step outside their comfort zones, and to trust in the support that surrounds them both spiritually and within our school community.

This week has been particularly special as we welcomed our new Year 7 students to the St Gabriel's family. Mrs Middleton, Mrs Cull and I had the absolute pleasure of conducting our welcome celebration, where we presented each Year 7 student with their school tie - a symbol of their belonging to our community. The ceremony was profoundly moving, and I was struck by how engaged and delightful these young people are. Their enthusiasm and bright spirits remind me why we do what we do, and I am confident they will flourish as they begin this exciting new chapter of their educational journey with us.

I am also delighted to share the exceptional GCSE results from 2025, which represent a significant milestone for our school community. Across all subjects, we have seen substantial improvement in attainment that reflects the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff. Our attainment score increased by over two points per student, which represents excellent progress and demonstrates the effectiveness of our educational approach.

The improvements at our key attainment thresholds are particularly encouraging - we saw a 5% increase in students achieving grades 4 and 5 in English and Mathematics, and an impressive 10% improvement at Grade 7. These results are testament to the commitment of our entire school community and the high standards we maintain together.

As our Year 12 students move forward to begin their journeys in college or the workplace, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes for their continued success. They carry with them not only their qualifications but also the values and experiences that have shaped them during their time with us. I want them to remember always that they remain part of the St Gabriels family, and we will continue to celebrate their achievements wherever their paths may lead them.

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## KS3 Parents Evenings

Students are welcome to attend all evening Parents Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
10th Oct (Am-Form Teachers) 30th April 3.45pm-6.35pm	12th March 3.45pm-6.35pm	5th February 3.45pm-6.35pm

KS3 Assessment Reports will be sent out at the end of every term via the Arbor App

### Year 10

17th December– Y10 reports sent home via the Arbor App.

15th January – Y10 parents' evening. NB: Students are expected to attend.

1st April – Y10 reports sent home via the Arbor App.

18th May-Y10 Work Experience week

W/C 8th June – Y10 Mock Examination Preparation week

W/C 15th June - Y10 Mock Examination weeks begin.

9th July - Getting ready for Year 11 GCSE Information and Revision Skills Evening.

10th July – Y10 reports sent home via the Arbor App. (To be used on College Applications).

### Year 11

W/C 20th October- Y11 Mock 1 Preparation week.

W/C 4th November- Mock 1 Examinations begin for two weeks

3rd December-Reports to Parents/carers via the Arbor App.

4th December-Y11 Parents Evening 3.45-6.45pm NB: Students are expected to attend.

W/C 9th February- Y11 Mock 2 Preparation week.

W/C 23rd February- Mock 2 Examinations begin for two weeks

25th March-Reports to Parents/carers via the Arbor App.

26th March-Y11 Parents Evening 3.45-6.45pm NB: Students are expected to attend.

7th May- GCSE Examinations Start. NB: NEA and Practical Components will start prior to this.

20<sup>th</sup> August - GCSE Results Day.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**