

# THE KEY STAGE 3 POST



## A message from your new Head of Year

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I have already encountered many of you in my lessons; however, for those of you who do not know me; my name is Mr Khan, your new Head of Year 8. While under usual circumstances, I would be delivering this message in the form of an assembly; given this unprecedented time, I felt that this was the best way to introduce myself. Having had a keen eye on the previous issues of the Year 7 newsletter, I see the values of hard work and integrity instilled in you as you conducted yourselves in a manner befitting the values of St John's throughout the entirety of Year 7, you strove for 'Excellence for All', you were 'Inspired by Christ', and you showed 'Service to others'. The message shared by Mr Steadman throughout the year has been 'always be the hardest worker in the room'. I do not want you to lose sight of this, throughout Year 8 and your ongoing St John's school life. To build upon this message; throughout life, you will encounter two types of people, those who are talented and those who work hard. A quote which has always resonated with me has been 'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.'

This quote has stuck with me just like the principle of being the hardest worker in the room. It is much to my dismay that I am not the most talented person on the face of the earth. But understanding that by working hard every day, I can excel to a level above and beyond those who are gifted has always pushed me to be better. While many of you showed your excellent attributes and talent in Year 7, I challenge you to work hard and take your ability to the next level. To those of you who haven't quite found that talent yet, always remember 'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.' It is understandable to see success and be envious. However, what I want each of you to take from this year is to see success and be motivated to be better. Yes, there is always someone that will be better than you. Take that thought and outwork that individual, do not throw away your shot at success. If you can do so, you will have achieved that success, and by the end of Year 8, that hard work will leave you in a fantastic position to begin Year 9. Although the immediate future remains unclear, you will have an opportunity to pick your options subjects this year which is always an exciting time for any student.

The hard work you put in will lay the foundation of your future success and directly correlate to the options you can access at the end of the year. Hard work does not go unnoticed; I am not merely asking for hard work for the sake of it. Through your hard work, you will receive the vast array of rewards that we offer at St John's as you are already aware. However, Year 8 is slightly different to other years. Your successes and hard work will be celebrated at the end of the year in a graduation ceremony. I am very confident that all your hard work throughout Year 7 and what you put into Year 8 will be recognised on this evening.

I look forward to each of you earning your place amongst your fellow graduating students.

Finally, I look forward to seeing each of you in September and welcoming you into Year 8.

Stay safe and have a wonderful summer break.

Mr Khan

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## Get READY for September...

### I will...



#### BE READY

- Learning kit
- Diary
- Reading book



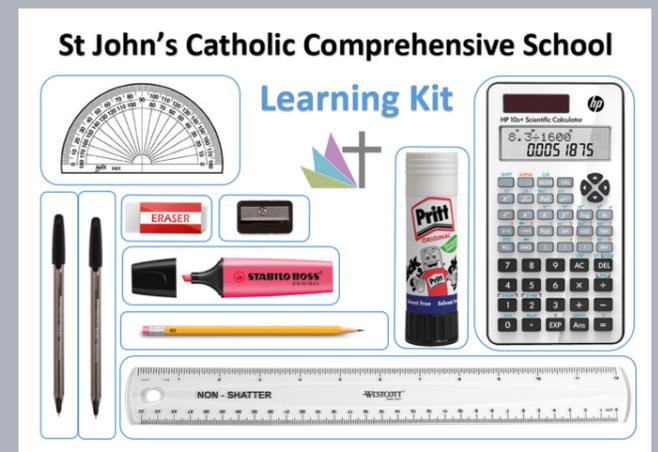
#### BE RESPECTFUL

- To yourself
- To others
- The environment



#### BE SAFE

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Responsible behaviour



Get READY for September! Check that learning kit and replenish this over the holidays. Ensure that uniform is checked and in place for your first day of term. We look forward to seeing you in September!

**Have a lovely holiday!!**

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