

# THE KEY STAGE 3 POST



## A message from your new year team...

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

**Head of Year 9: Mr Magee**

My name is Mr Magee, and this year I will be your new Head of Year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 9 and outline what you can expect from the pastoral team this year.

Year 9 has always been built on a strong foundation of routine and discipline aimed at better preparing you for success at GCSE, further education and the working world. The consistently high standards and expectations are complemented by a fantastic pastoral team in Mrs Buckingham, Mrs Green (your new Deputy Head of Year), your form tutors and I, who are here to help and support you as you integrate back into school and progress throughout the school year.

Year 9 is a key year in your development and, as you get older, we expect you to be more responsible for your behaviour, both in your relationships with other students and your academic achievement. I am a strong believer that all the students at St John's know right from wrong; this has been instilled in you through the help and guidance of your parents/guardians, your individual faith that you have been brought up following, as well as the values that we as a school have imparted – 'Inspired by Christ'. It is our role as a pastoral team to encourage good decisions through our comprehensive reward system while discouraging ones that don't meet our expectations.

I very much look forward to working with you all from September. I hope that you have a relaxing summer and that you continue to stay safe.

**Pastoral manager: Mrs Buckingham**

Welcome to the Year 9 family!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in September. As you know the Year 9 team have high standards, just like in Year 8, and we expect you all to be ready to start learning from day one.

We have all been living through very strange times and it has been difficult for everyone. Your parents, your family, your friends and your teachers. It's hard to be a teacher or a Pastoral Manager without students!

When we return to school in September, I will be available to all of you to answer any questions or help you with getting back into the school routine. Things will probably be a bit different, but we are all here to help you. As you move up the school, you become role models for the younger students so your uniform must be smart and your behaviour a good example to others.

I like to reward students with good comments and at the end of each term there is a Mrs B's prize, awarded to the student who has impressed me and that comes under the three mission statements, "Inspired by Christ", "Service to Others" and "Excellence for All".

Have a lovely summer. Enjoy your holidays whether it's in this country or abroad.

Stay safe. Take care.

**Deputy Head of Year: Mrs K. Green**

Welcome to your new academic year group! We are happy to be sharing this amazing journey with you. Starting your GCSEs will be an exciting experience as you transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4. It is at this juncture that you begin the crossing over process into being mature teenagers. :)

I want to encourage you to begin the year, having high expectations of yourselves and keep them there. These expectations must include being disciplined in your academics, behaviour and your day to day communications with all those who you interact with. Also remember that being ready, respectful and safe should govern how you conduct yourselves daily.

St. John's is an amazing school with amazing students and staff who embrace diversity. We celebrate differences and foster a community of love and care for others while operating in excellence. These values provide a learning environment that is truly inspired by Christ.

I am confident that the year ahead will be full of rewarding experiences as you embark on becoming your very best selves. Be blessed.

## Get READY for September...

### I will...



#### BE READY

- Learning kit
- Diary
- Reading book



#### BE RESPECTFUL

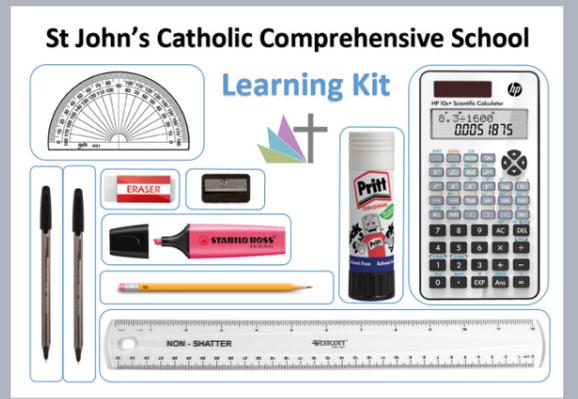
- To yourself
- To others
- The environment



#### BE SAFE

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Responsible behaviour

Have a lovely holiday!!



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!

Bringing the community back together...

