



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

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Dear Parent/ Carer

With tomorrow being the Feast of St. Thomas (often known as Doubting Thomas) I believe it is a great time to put aside criticisms and instead forgive the doubts Thomas had. It is a much more powerful message to focus on how God permits our faults and how valuable these are for the progress of our soul. The allowance of doubt and fear helps us to we realise our weaknesses and make improvements, just as Thomas did.

Unfortunately, there is a general sense of fear and unknown for what the future holds. I eagerly await the Government announcement, that is due today, regarding advice for schools returning in September. I hope that the announcement comes early, as we then have 11 school days to plan and communicate what September will look like.

For parents/ carers this unknown may be a scary thought but I want to be clear that I am confident that we will deliver a safe return to school. We will work within the Government guidelines and desperately want to get students back to school learning. There will definitely be hurdles but nothing that will be insurmountable if we work together. When the guidance is shared, and a thorough plan for our school concluded, I will then communicate in detail with you but this may not be until the last week of the term. I need you to allow us the time to get things right, in a careful way.

Parents/ Carers of Year 13 and Year 11 students will have received a letter this week about the respective results day on Thursday 13th August and Thursday 20th August. These include important guidance about how each results day will be organised.

Parents/ Carers of students who live and travel from Tamworth will also have had a letter today about transport for next year.

To finish on a positive note, it has been wonderful to see Year 10 and 12 students in school and attendance remains excellent and the progress being made in lessons is rapid. The conduct and drive shown by all is evidence that when everyone is supremely focussed we can take huge strides together.

God Bless

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