



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Newsletter - 28/05/2021

Faith message

With half term upon us, Year 11 and Year 13 students completing assessments today and then coming together to celebrate their time at SFA, it is the perfect time for me to reflect upon our overall message. As a community we strive for excellence and our motto 'Only the best is good enough' sets us the highest standard to aim for. With your support as parents/carers and the work of staff we are all aiming for greatness for our children.

I am reminded of a reading from the Book of Proverbs:

Listen, my child, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. My child, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, then you will understand the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

As a Catholic school our first aim is to get closer to God but we couple this with instilling a caring culture and a learned community. As students grow in faith, intelligence, hope and love we remember the prayer of St Francis. These words bring together everything we ought to strive for in life. Wherever there is a negative, we should be the positive- and that is how we get closer to God.

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.**

Please do turn over for important announcements.

Headteacher update

Deputy Headteacher appointment

I write on behalf of the Governing body to inform you of the appointment of Colin Barnes as Deputy Headteacher.

We had a high number of applicants for the post and there was a rigorous process over two days which the Diocese and Governors were involved in.

I am very pleased to welcome Mr Barnes to his new role and am excited about the progression and drive in the school. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him every success.

Face coverings

After half term face coverings will become optional for students and staff in class. In corridors they are highly encouraged but not compulsory either and we will not be giving out any more masks as of Monday 7th June.

The Government guidelines now state that face coverings are not recommended in classrooms or communal areas and so personal choice becomes the appropriate stance.

Covid Tests

I continue to urge everyone to be testing twice weekly at home. This is another way we can work together to stop the spread of the virus. If there is a positive result please contact covid@stfrancis.cc

Medication

If for any reason your son/ daughter needs to take medication during the school day then it needs to be handed into sick bay for safe storage and a consent form is then sent home for parents/carers to complete and needs to be handed in with the medication. This way we can then monitor what the pupil is taking and that it is the right amount at the correct time.

Literacy Words of the week

Sufficient

Definition:
Enough or adequate

In a sentence:
I need to complete sufficient revision to achieve a good grade.

Attribute

Definition:
To regard something as being caused by.

In a sentence:
I attribute my high grades to the work and effort I have put into my studies.

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Friday 28th May– Year 11 and Year 13 leavers celebrations
- Friday 28th May– Break for half term 15:30
- Monday 7th June– Return after half term
- Week beginning 21st June– Year 11 Transition to Sixth Form
- Tuesday 22nd June– Year 9 Parents Evening (Remote)
- Tuesday 6th July– New Staff induction day (ready for September)
- Friday 16th July– Break for the Summer holidays