

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to say how impressively your children and young people have started the new academic year. We know that the transition from holiday mode to five lessons a day can be difficult, and that some students would have been very anxious about September. A special mention must go to our new Y12 and Y7 starters, you are most welcome and bring new life to our school!

Over the last few days, I have had the privilege of delivering assemblies to all year groups from Year 7 to Year 12 and I look forward to being with Y13 for their assembly next week. All students have shown the highest levels of respect, listening intently, entering and leaving in the best possible manner. The assemblies have been an opportunity to share the mission statement with new students and refresh the minds of those with us last year; I include the mission statement below. A challenge I have set all pupils is going beyond the 5-period day and getting involved in extra-curricular activities. We will keep families updated about these opportunities in future newsletters.

Student uniform/dress code is excellent, and you can see that they are taking pride in their appearance, thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the school on this matter, it helps to maintain high standards and allows the community to focus our energy on our mission of 'life to the full'.

On Wednesday afternoon I visited some of our new teachers in History, Biology, Geography and English. All of them reported having an excellent first day and all of them gave glowing reports of the enthusiastic young people sat in their classes. We are proud of how pupils have started, and I am sure you are as well.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrate whole school Mass at the Cathedral.** It will be the last time Fr Sean will preside over our school Mass before he moves to Bury St Edmunds. He has been a rock to our community, and we will miss him greatly and we thank him for his service! We will try to provide you with some pictures of the celebration,

Best wishes to the entire community,

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher

## NOTRE DAME'S MISSION STATEMENT

**'I have come so that they may have life  
and have it to the full' (John 10:10)** ☆☆☆

We are a joyous and inclusive Catholic school,  
inspired by the love of God and the teachings of  
Jesus, specifically faith, hope, forgiveness and peace. ☆☆☆

Our community is committed to a rounded education  
that develops knowledgeable, morally informed and  
compassionate young leaders.



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