

ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome back all students this week, these are very exciting times at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School as we continue our journey of improvement as a whole school community.

Your support as parents/carers is imperative to our success and I ask that you take the time to read and/or view important information that we send.

Students wearing incorrect uniform or not meeting standards regarding appearance have on the whole been co-operative and we thank you for your support as parents/carers too. We are unapologetic regarding the high standards we have set and there will be no compromising of these, your support is expected.

Please see some important updates and reminders below-

Quality of Education/Curriculum

High quality teaching and learning **MUST** be at the heart of everything that we do. There has been some outstanding work undertaken to further develop and improve the educational experience of our students across the school and this remains a sharp focus.

Mr Moon, Interim Senior Vice Principal is leading the work in this area working closely with Mr McDonald, Assistant Headteacher, Mr Morris, Assistant Headteacher and our newly appointed Lead Teacher team.

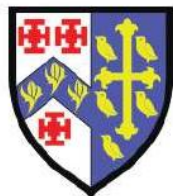
Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Mr Corrigan, Assistant Headteacher is our Senior DSL and will lead the safeguarding team. If you have any concerns about the safety of a child please contact school and ask to speak to a DSL.

Attendance and Punctuality

Students **MUST** attend school every day and on time. As we start a new academic year it provides a great opportunity to make a fresh start and ensure that being in school on time is a priority. As parents/carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your son/daughter attends school and we ask that you take this seriously and ensure they do, every day.

Mrs Burnham, Assistant Headteacher is the School's Attendance Champion and will be leading a team of staff who will be responsible for making sure students are in school on time and where there are barriers, they will be there to support and signpost so that they can be removed.



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The attendance of students at Archbishop Ilsley **MUST** improve and we need your support to make this happen, please work with us.

Uniform and Appearance

You will have seen the information sent out in July and over the summer with reminders of uniform and appearance expectations from the new term. There are useful video clips [HERE](#) if you have not seen them already.

We are unapologetic about the high standards we expect from September, and uniform and appearance expectations will be enforced without exception, and your full support is expected.

Standard for Learning/Behaviour- The ILSLEY Spirit

We have revised our behaviour policy; this is available on the school website.

We realise that it is important for students to be taught how to conduct themselves and so we have developed a strong etiquette curriculum. This allows us to avoid assumptions about how well our community understands the motivations behind expected behaviours, and whether everyone has the tools to flourish. Our etiquette curriculum is an opportunity to reward, teach and grow. It helps students understand why behaviours matter. While it sets out the behaviours necessary in school, it also reinforces common decency, respect, and responsibility. We believe deeply in preparing our students for future life.

Again, we are unapologetic about our high expectations, and your full support is expected.

SEND/Inclusion

Mrs Grant, Assistant Headteacher is the SENCo from September and will lead a committed team who will be working tirelessly to support all students. Mrs Grant will be writing to all parents/carers early in the new term with important information and to introduce the team.

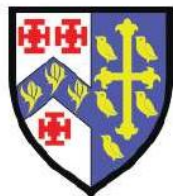
School Environment

Whilst students were having a well-earned rest over the summer, there has been lots of work going on in the school to improve the environment for our whole school community.

Areas of the school have been re-decorated and carpeted. Our school prayer, mission, motto, virtues and rules are also clearly displayed.

What was the LRC is now The Pope Leo Centre and what was known as Isolation and Re-focus is now The Pope Francis Centre, with separate provision for KS3 and KS4.

Thank you to Mr Hicks, Strategic Business Manager and our site team for all their work.



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Student Services

All student enquiries, uniform and equipment requirements and pastoral home/school communication will be through our new Student Services office. Students will be advised of this in their welcome back assembly.

New Staff

We said goodbye to some staff at the end of the summer term and we wish them all the very best for the future. We are fully staffed as we begin the new academic year. We welcome the staff listed below and hope they enjoy their time at Archbishop Ilsley-

Ms Smith - Maths

Mr Noad - Religious Studies

Ms Evans - Computing

Ms Frazer-Morris - English

Ms Chater - SEND

Mr Thompson - Science

Ms Badrane - MFL

Pastoral Care and Catholic Life

As we continue our journey of improvement, we have further strengthened the pastoral structure of the school. Mr Foley, Deputy Headteacher will lead a team of staff who will be responsible for the pastoral care of all students, he is also the Person in Charge of Catholic life (PICCL).

There is a member of staff with overall responsibility for Standards for Learning in each key stage-

KS3- Mrs Lynch

KS4- Mr Bruton

Mrs McMahon is Head of Sixth Form

The first point of contact for any pastoral queries is your son/daughter's year team as detailed below-

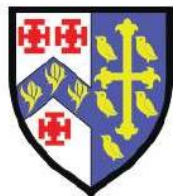
Year 7 - Mr Francioso (Head of Year) and Ms Kilroy (Pastoral Lead)

Year 8 - Mr Smith (Head of Year) and Ms Copage (Assistant Head of Year)

Year 9 - Ms Wafi (Head of Year) and Mr Brookes (Assistant Head of Year)

Year 10- Mr Kenyon (Head of Year) and Ms Patel (Assistant Head of Year)

Year 11- Ms Ruck (Head of Year) and Ms Chesterman (Assistant Head of Year)



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Thank you in advance for your support as we work together for the benefit of all students in the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Hearnden
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