



# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been particularly good to see parents engaged in the new parent Council which met in the early part of this month. The conversation was extremely productive and positive and we will be repeating these parent council forums in the new Year so please look out for an invitation. Following the tremendous success in our examination results in the summer which gave the College and our students the best results we have ever seen, staff this term have been working tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities in order to continue this positive achievement. We are very pleased that the Government Performance Statistics show that St. Joseph's is making very good progress for all of its students. At the end of this very long term, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all the staff at the College who constantly give so much in order to support and encourage our students. Just some notes for the New Year.

- Please remember that it is the end of term tomorrow and students will be finishing early. Tomorrow will also be a multi-day with a £1 donation for charity.
- I wish to remind you of the start time in the New Year for all students which will be 10.10am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This late start is in order to re-launch to both staff and students, our re-focused Behaviour Policy which has been under review since half term. I will be writing to you in the New Year in order to explain these changes and the positive evolution of this policy as we work hard to ensure the success and progress of all students. **PLEASE BE AWARE IT IS AN INSET DAY ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, so no students are in.**
- I would like to ask that parents dropping children off in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon are mindful of the traffic congestion that is created from the parking outside school. I am always concerned about the safety of our boys on this very busy road and the tragic death of one of our ex-students outside the College earlier this month has highlighted to me just how dangerous this can be. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.
- Please ensure that your son arrives on 7<sup>th</sup> January with the correct uniform, particularly the correct tie and shoes, as I noticed at the end of term that some of our standards may have been slipping in this regard.
- There are a lot of parents who have not paid into ParentPay and therefore their children's accounts are now in deficit. Can you please ensure that this is topped up for the start of term otherwise we may not be able to supply food to students who have got significant deficits on their account.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your family all a happy and peaceful holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year. Please look out for our newsletter which should be coming out on Friday.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

David Garrido (Headmaster)