



Newsletter

St Mary's Catholic School specialist Languages and Humanities College.

June 2008

From the Headteacher

A warm welcome back to staff and students as we enter the final term of the academic year. This is obviously a vital time for year 11 as they complete GCSE examinations and we keep them and their families in our prayers.

This short newsletter is intended to update our community with progress in four main areas, staffing, Specialist School, buildings and the proposed Joint Church School. A second more detailed newsletter will follow in the term.

R Mellows – Headteacher

Staffing

Three members of staff will be leaving us this year. Mrs Anderson (History) has moved to Boston and has been replaced by Mr Steven Dandy who joins us at the end of June. Mrs Clark (English) will be leaving us to go to Humberston School in September and Miss Bartlett will be filling that vacancy until we can advertise the post. Mr

Hunter (Resistant Materials) retires this summer and is being replaced by Mr Hamish Auld who should be with us in July. More information about Mr Hunter's retirement will be featured in the next newsletter.

We have also been able to appoint Mr David Esmond to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Peck (Mathematics) and add to additional newly qualified teachers to the staff Mr Scott Spencer (ICT) and Miss Cheryl Morgan (Science) both of whom completed successful teaching practices with us this year.

We welcome all our new staff and wish them well.

Specialist School Redesignation

I am delighted to announce that St Mary's School has been redesignated as a Languages & Humanities College which means we can continue to receive extra funding to develop "communication" across the school. I will be circulating an action plan of future

developments in the next few weeks.

Buildings

We are continuing to complete our programme of developments around the school. Hopefully we will complete the design of the stage, lighting and sound system soon and redesign our main entrance and administration offices.

We hope to add extra teaching mobile classrooms this summer and outdoor seating and teaching areas as well as other improvements to the outside of the school. We have also responded to the student voice and intend to redesign the toilets before Christmas!

Publicity

The Catholic Pyramid of schools in North East Lincolnshire are to produce a joint newsletter in the near future which we hope will become a regular feature to keep our community fully informed of our Catholic Schools. A

new joint website is being designed and a new joint prospectus will be available in the summer term. We welcome parental feedback with regard to this new publicity material.

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 7 May – Tuesday, 23 June	Main period of GCSEs
Thursday, 12 June	Year 6 Parents Evening
Tuesday, 17 June	Sports Day
Thursday, 19 June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday, 20 June	Year 10 Taster Day- The Grimsby Institute
Friday, 20 June	Year 11 Prom – Lucarlys
27 June	Year 5 – Techno Treats
Wednesday, 2 July	District Sports – King George
Thursday, 3 July	Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday, 4 July	Year 6 Induction Day
Friday, 4 July	Murder Mystery Evening
Monday, 7 July	Year 7 pilgrimage – Nottingham
Wednesday, 9 July	Year 9 pilgrimage – Lincoln
Friday, 11 July	Year 8 pilgrimage – York
Friday, 11 July	Year 9 & Year 10 – Crich
Friday, 11 July	Charity Balloon Launch – Joint Pyramid Schools
Monday, 14 July	School Performance
Tuesday, 15 July	School Performance

Wednesday, 16 July	School Performance
Thursday, 17 July	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday, 18 July	School Performance
Wednesday, 23 July	School closes for the summer – reopens for students on Wednesday, 3 September

Joint Church School

Contrary to what we might have read in the local press the final decision about the possible Joint Church School has still not been made. The dialogue at Diocesan level continues and provisional decisions which have been made include:

- The vision of the proposed Joint Church School
- The Christian nature of the Joint Church School
- The size (maximum 750) of the Joint Church School and that it will be a completely new building.
- That both St Mary's Catholic School and Matthew Humberston School will close in order for a new school to open in September 2012.

No decisions have been made about the site, name, curriculum, specialism, staffing or governance of the proposed school or about whether the school will be a Voluntary Aided or Trust School. **We** will keep you fully informed of all developments.

Bag2School – Free fundraising for school

Bag2School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing. All bags collected are weighed and they will pay us £200 per tonne (20p per kilo).

Following the success of the last collection in February where we raised £159.00. The Bag2School bags will be available from school on 2 June 2008. The more we weigh the more they pay so please return you bag2school bag by 24 June 2008 at 9.30am.

The following items are accepted: adult and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags.

Car Parking

May I remind all parents/carers and visitors to select parking areas away from the school entrance, particularly when picking up or dropping off students. Community Police Officers will enforce no parking regulations with fixed penalty fines.

Would parents please also refrain from dropping off students outside the school doors – this is dangerous when other students are crossing in the car park.

Parents evening and reports

	Reports sent home to parents	Parent's Evening
Year 7	10/07/08	17/07/08
Year 8	26/06/08	03/07/08
Year 10	09/05/08	15/05/08