

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parent,

Welcome back to the new academic year. It has been wonderful over the last few days to welcome all pupils back to school and to see the energy and positivity of our new Year 7. The summer has again seen great success for our Year 11 leavers. Particular inspiration for all our pupils can be taken from the large number who achieved top grades. 45% of all grades awarded were at levels 7-9 (the old A* and A) grades against the national picture of 22%. This reflects our commitment to everyone making progress and aiming high in all that they do.

Our focus this year is continuing to ensure that our badge is a living reality with our journey based on the pursuit of **virtue** and **knowledge** with the reminder that the Sacred Heart is at the centre of all that we do. The social unrest and riots over the summer reminds us of the importance of building our strong, inclusive community based on Catholic social teaching where all are valued and respected with an awareness of their human dignity. In short, we are stronger together and our pupils are a powerful force for good with a focus on tolerance, justice and respect.

Important Open Evening Arrangements

Already we are looking to admissions for September 2025. We will be running our two open evenings on Wednesday, 11th September from 6.30pm- 8.30pm and on Thursday, 19th September from 4pm-6pm. If your daughter is helping she will receive a letter with full details. If you have any friends who may be looking for a place then please share the dates with them.

Important information: To help with the arrangements the school day on Thursday, 12th September will start at 9.30am to allow time to get the school fully operational after the previous evening. On the 19th September school will close slightly earlier at 2.30pm to allow for the evening to be set up. Thank you for your understanding.

Mobile Phone use

This year we have introduced a new policy for the use of mobile phones. As always pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones in school. Our new system is that pupils will be issued with a pouch in which to store their phones throughout the day. These will then be opened as they leave school to ensure that they can contact you in an emergency. Full details have been shared with you in a letter last term or at our Year 7 induction evening. Please remind your daughter of the importance of using her phone safely on her journeys and not looking at it unaware of her surroundings as she walks down the road.

School safety

An extensive amount of work was completed over the holidays to improve the safety of our school site as a result of a successful bid for additional funding. CCTV has been updated, fire safety work undertaken and the introduction of a new reception area and security gates. As a reminder there is no parking on school premises. May I also remind you that there is no parking allowed on the yellow zig zag lines or in neighbouring private car parks. There is unrestricted parking in a number of nearby roads so please arrange for your daughter to meet you there.




Team Building activities

Next Friday will see a special day in the school with a number of activities planned for all year groups to help team building at the start of the exciting year ahead. Separate letters have been sent from your daughter's Director of Studies.

As we reach the end of this first week of the new academic year may I thank you for your ongoing partnership.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Geraldine Higgins'.

Geraldine Higgins
Executive Headteacher