

26th September 2025

Dear Families

On Monday this week it was the deadline for staff to have discussed UCAS grades with Year 13 students. If you have a child in this year group, I hope they have been discussing their grades with you. On Wednesday evening we enjoyed a fabulous KS3 Awards evening. It was a lovely occasion and I enjoyed congratulating all of our excellent students. It was also good to welcome back our former Headteacher Mr Michael Manley who spoke to the audience at the start of the evening and gave out the awards. I have been out of school at the Milton Keynes Catholic Schools' Annual Conference for the last two days. We were very productive, sharing improvement priorities and developing our school improvement strategy. On Thursday evening was the second round of Year 13 mentoring appointments and a Year 7 parents' meet the tutor evening. I hope parents found these meetings helpful and that Year 7 in particular are settling well.

We had three girls' football fixtures this week against Watling Academy. Year 9 won 4 – 0, Year 10 lost 5 – 4 and Year 11 won 3 – 0. Well done to all who took part.

On Monday we begin our two week 'Temperature Check' window. This is when senior and middle leaders 'take the temperature' of the school by visiting as many lessons as possible with a sharp focus on whether children are being asked to think hard and how well children are responding to this. I'm looking forward to this as early indications of the academic year are very promising. In fact, we had some feedback from Year 6 parents' tours on Friday morning. One parent felt that the tour was 'staged' because behaviour was so good! This is what behaviour is like in our lessons across the school and I can see our students rising to the challenge every day.

On Wednesday next week the English Department will be celebrating National Poetry Day with a poetry slam competition. On Thursday evening there is a Year 10 parents' information evening online. On Friday we have a non-uniform day, raising money for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – please remember to give your children their £1 donation. Year 7 to 9 have Flu Vaccinations. A reminder that if you haven't already done so please make sure you complete the online vaccination consent (or decline) form [here](#). Sixth Form Politics Students will be welcoming the MP Emily Darlington into school on Friday. It is a busy day as then our Student Leaders are attending the MK Youth Summit 2025.

On Monday 22nd September we received a letter from Emily Darlington regarding a survey which will be launched across Milton Keynes, asking young people about online behaviour, concerns about social

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media and healthy digital spaces. The link to this survey will be accessible to pupils in Years 10, 11 and 12 from Monday 29th September via ClassCharts and will remain open until Friday 27th October. The hope is that the survey will provide a real insight into the challenges facing our young people online today. Emily Darlington's letter to parents is attached for you.

The PTA would be very grateful for any donations of good quality nearly new blazers or any other uniform, as we are running very low. If you would like your blazer to be sold for you (with a small percentage of the profits going to the PTA) please contact Reception.

Just a reminder to all parents about our uniform expectations. If girls choose to wear skirts, then they must be of an appropriate length. Blazers should be worn at all times. No jewellery should be worn to school at all.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

The Mathematics Department would like to remind parents and guardians that pupils get one week to complete homework tasks, for pupils in Year 7 to 11, this will be set on MathsWatch. We encourage pupils to make use of the videos available on their tasks and to make notes in their exercise books.

Congratulations to Jamie Rial in 8 Vianney, a role-model to others and an exemplar of our school motto of *doing the best that is possible*. He has won 2 bronze medals over the last three weeks both in international events: Bronze in the BKF International Open and Bronze in the EKF International Open 2025. Following this success he has been invited to attend the NYDP (National Youth Development Programme) with the English Karate Federation, this is an amazing opportunity to develop his karate further and compete at the highest level.

Space Week takes place from 4th – 10th October and students are invited to create a poster showing how space helps us understand and protect our planet's climate. Use any material you like. Posters should be submitted to Mr Ruprai in H Block by 2.30pm on Friday 10th October. There will be prizes for the most creative and clear poster. Good luck.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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