

3rd July 2026

Dear Families

We have enjoyed cooler temperatures this week. We started the week with our school feast day which we celebrated with Mass. It was a lovely occasion. On Monday evening our Governing Board had a Curriculum and Teaching committee meeting. I will be writing to parents in September to ask if you would consider joining our Governing Board. Do please do think about serving our school in this important way. On Tuesday and Wednesday the English Department offered 12 students the opportunity to attend an NEA workshop. Also on Tuesday we welcomed new staff who will be joining us in September for an induction day. We have very few staff leaving us this year. On Tuesday evening there was a virtual Year 9 parents' information evening. Yesterday there was a retreat for our Ministerium students. We also welcomed our new Year 7 students and their families this week for an induction event. It was lovely to welcome them to our community. Today has been fabulous, celebrating Culture Day. Our rich and diverse community really shone! Other events today have included an Epic Marble Run winners' tournament in the DT department, the feast day of St Maximilian Kolbe and Year 12 went to the Nottingham Trent University for a visit.

This week in Mathematics we invited several Year 9 and 10 pupils to online talks provided by the Open University. These talks demonstrated how pupils could use their mathematics in a variety of different careers and offered opportunities for pupils to discuss where they may find mathematics in a career and how it can be used in critical decision making.

Congratulations to all our athletes who took part in MK Champs this week. We came second overall out of 16 schools! Special mentions to our Year 7 girls and Year 9 boys who won their year groups and were the best athletics teams in the city. On Monday our Year 7 boys 5 a side team travelled to Glebe Farm to compete against six other MK schools. The boys played really well and battled through the heat and quick succession of games. They went undefeated and managed to win the tournament. Well done to all of them and, hopefully, the start of many more wins for this year group. On Thursday Year 10 boys took part in a 7 a side tournament where they played against Walton High, Glebe Farm and The Webber Independent School. They too were undefeated in the tournament and won first place. Our PE Department, and all of us, are very proud of our students for these fantastic achievements.

Next week is the busiest week of our school year! Year 12 have a future destinations and work experience week. Year 10 will be working with students from other schools in our Diocese on Monday when they visit Slough for a Faith in Action day. It is also the feast day of St John Vianney so everyone in this tutor group in each year can come to school in non-uniform. On Tuesday afternoon we will be holding a sacramental celebration for everyone who has made their confirmation recently. That evening, we have the KS4 Awards evening. I'm looking forward to celebrating the achievements of all

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our students. On Wednesday we have our Work Related Learning Day for the whole school. There are some excellent activities planned for each year group. That evening we have the final Governing Board meeting of the year. On Thursday it is Educational Visits Day. On Friday it is supposed to be Sports Day which I am keeping under review.

The weather next week is going to be hot again by Wednesday. If temperatures do climb as predicted, then we will relax uniform rules again. I will keep you fully informed about this. Children need plenty of water, hats and suncream. We need to proceed with Educational Visits Day despite higher temperatures being forecast because we would be unable to recover ticket prices and coach costs etc to pay refunds to you if we cancelled. We will ensure that there is plenty of water on coaches. Please speak to your child about sun safety and ensure they have a hat and suncream cream with them. Sports day is a different story as there is very little shade on the field. If temperatures are too high, I will postpone until the final week of term. I have planned Tuesday 13th July as a contingency date. If the hot weather continues into the last week we will do sports day over two mornings so that we have finished before it gets too hot. Whatever happens, I will write to you to update you.

A poster giving details of a Milton Keynes University Hospital careers event is attached for those interested in employment, apprenticeships and volunteering.

One final point, I know that many of you will be planning to buy new items of uniform over the summer. Please check the uniform section of our website very carefully before you buy anything in order to ensure it meets requirements. Also, if your child plans to get piercings this summer, please ensure that these are done in the first few days so that everything is healed before we return to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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