

The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you and your family had a restful break. A particularly warm welcome to all Year 7 students and their families and to a small number of students who have joined us in September in other year groups. Year 7 was significantly oversubscribed and we have a significant number of children who are on our waiting list.

We have a number of new staff joining us this term, I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our community.

All year groups, Years 7 – 11 are now back in school and setting down to hard work and preparing for examinations. The 6th Form return later this week for their induction. As is usual we are running a series of year specific Curriculum Information/Aiming for Excellence meetings over the next few weeks. Heads of Year will invite you to the appropriate evening, the first of them, for Year 7, is Wednesday, 13th September, 2017. It really is essential to attend these important meetings.

I am pleased to be able to inform you of our excellent examination results again this year. Much more detail will be published in the first newsletter. I was delighted to be able to join Year 13 and Year 11 students when they received their results, we wish them well at University, 6th Form Study and in their careers. Many congratulations to all involved.

Of course, my priority is to work to ensure that this excellent picture is maintained and that all students are supported to achieve their potential. This requires real partnership and support from you for the school in its work with your sons and daughters. Supervising study and homework, ensuring full and punctual attendance, setting high standards and establishing good home routines and attending school events such as parent's evenings are key to your child's success. With God's help and hard work all students can achieve.

At the end of last term we held our inaugural House Awards and Celebration Evening, at this event the diverse achievements of students was celebrated. The evening really confirmed that all students in our school have many rich talents, the challenge for all of us is to ensure they can use them, aim high and achieve great things. This should be our collaborative priority for the school year.

Finally, many of you will be aware of the recent death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy – O'Connor. Cardinal Cormac gave great service to the Church and our Diocese and was very supportive of our school. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family and many friends.

Many thanks for you continued support

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Corish'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr A J Corish
Headteacher