

# The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School



## *Monthly Newsletter Issue 1*

Dear Parent,/Carer

A very warm welcome back to the new school year, I hope you had a restful Summer break. A particularly warm welcome to our Year 7 students who joined our school community last week and our Year 12 and new staff joining us this September. Everyone has settled back to school and we have a focus on the work and challenges ahead.

We have a series of Aiming for Excellence and Curriculum Information evenings over the next few weeks which will be helpful to you.. You will receive an email from respective Heads of Year with full details.

The summer break was a very busy one for us. The Site team and our contractors carried out great work constructing a new Sports court and Pupil Social space, it really is a great addition. As well as this our Site team are remodelling the former Design and Technology rooms on the Arrowsmith campus. This will be the new location for a central, well designed, Blessed Margaret Ward Pastoral Centre, replacing the current use of the former caretaker's house and a temporary classroom. I hope this will be completed by the end of November. As you can see this is part of a rolling programme renovating and modernising the whole school.

We were delighted with the exam results for Year 13 and Year 11. They reflect a real team effort. We had excellent results all round, students achieving A\*/A grades at A level, Distinction in BTEC and Grades 9 and 8 at GCSE; many congratulations to them. I was delighted with the outcomes for students who perhaps could not achieve these grades but achieved significantly above their projected grades and made great progress. I am proud of all of them, good luck to all in further studies or employment.

A summary of the overall results is included below, it shows that students at The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School achieve grades above the National average and make above average progress.

## Public Examination Results 2019- A Summary

### **A-Level**

Overall average grade per entry: C+ (an increase from C- 2018). Overall points per average 32.5.

81 students in Year 13. All students achieved the grades needed for university places, degree apprenticeships or employment. Btec and Applied A-Level subjects repeat similar outcomes.

### **GCSE**

Progress 8 (overall progress of students) +0.20.

0 references the national expectation. This result is significantly above the national figure.

English:	P8	+0.48
Maths:	P8	+0.33
Ebacc:	P8	+0.05
RE:	P8	+0.50

Grade 4+ En and Ma	79%	(National 67%)
Grade 5+ En and Ma	58%	(National 45%)

Grade 4+ English	87%
Grade 5+ English	78%

Grade 4+ Maths	82%
Grade 5+ Maths	62%

Grade 4+ RE	84%
Grade 5+ RE	70%

Can I also draw your attention to the school dates for this year and other key calendar dates. They are both on the school website with full details of school holiday dates and the school day. If you have a child joining us this year can I particularly draw your attention to the Easter 2020 Holiday dates which are different than many other schools.

Our objective this year is to provide outstanding Pastoral care via our commitment to 'Walk with me' and an outstanding Curriculum which aspires for all to achieve, this is "The Douay Way". Every child is special and I want every child to grow in faith, to build happy, meaningful, relationships and achieve the best Academic results they are capable of.

I am sure you join me in this aspiration, I look forward to working with you to secure this.

God bless and best wishes for the school year.

Mr A J Corish

Headteacher