



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students

I hope this letter finds you all well. We are approaching the end of a school year which has been like no other, and which for you personally has presented difficulties and worries you would never have expected. My own daughter is also completing Year 11 this year and I have witnessed at home some of the concerns, disappointments and preoccupations you will have been going through.

I do want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the resilience you have shown during this period and to wish you well for the next stage of your education or training, which hopefully will start on a more even footing than this one has finished. For the majority of you this next stage will be to return to us in the Sixth Form, but we are aware that some of you will be going on to courses or training elsewhere, and we wish you well with these plans. For those of you staying with us next year, we hope the bridging work has been helpful and I urge you to sample some of the taster videos over the coming weeks.

I would like to pass on various practical messages from Mr Bayne (Head of Post 16) and Mr McHale (Senior Assistant Head Pastoral).

GCSE Results Day Thursday 20th August

GCSE results will be available for students to collect on Thursday 20th August. This year arrangements will be slightly different. Due to the need to distance, students will be given arrival times in groups throughout the day. Each group will then have up to approximately one hour in school to receive their results and any guidance around Sixth Form or progression elsewhere. Once their allocated time slot is up, they must leave the site. We shall be sending out the allocated time slots for students in the coming days. We cannot change any student's allocated time. The slots will continue throughout the whole day. Parents or carers can accompany students to school, if they remain in their vehicle. If students wish to have a parent/carer accompany them on site, we will permit one parent/carer per student. However, the student will have to enter the building alone to collect their results. Parents/Carers will have to wait outside in a distanced fashion.

Following collection of their results, students can enrol for Sixth Form. There will be a number of Sixth Form staff available to discuss students' results and course choices and complete the enrolment process. If students need advice from parents/carers at this point, they will be invited into school. Students should ensure that they have completed all their Bridging Work tasks by the time that they enrol. In addition, Sixth Form staff will be available to enrol any remaining students on Friday 21st August between 9am and 3pm. If students have any queries regarding Sixth Form in the meantime, please email the school at sixthform@strobertofnewminster.co.uk.

Sixth Form uniform will be available to purchase on both the Thursday and the Friday. Uniform can be pre-ordered using the order form in the Sixth Form section of the school website, and collected on Results Day. Students should also return any school textbooks on Results Day, if they have not already done so.

Any result slips still remaining in school by the end of Friday will be posted out.



Record of Achievement, Yearbook and Leavers' Hoodies

Although the Record of Achievement ceremony was unfortunately cancelled the school still wishes to record each student's journey through St Robert's in some way. Record of Achievement folders have been prepared for every student in Year 11, as would have been done if the usual leavers' ceremony had taken place. These folders contain the certificates and merits students have been awarded during the last five years, which they have brought back into school. Once collected, the students can add any new awards or certificates they receive to their folders so that the document is always up to date.

The yearbook has been collated by Mrs Gittins and Miss Fowler, and is currently being printed. It will be available during the summer holidays. We shall update you on progress.

Year 11 Leavers' hoodies have arrived in school and are available to those students who have ordered one. Parents/carers or students can come to school to collect records of achievement, hoodies, and hopefully yearbooks from the student office on the following dates:

Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July between 10am and 2pm.

They will also be available:

Monday 24th August – Thursday 27th August between 10am and 2pm.

Only one person should come to the student reception. They will be invited into school to collect their items from the student desk. They will leave the premises via a designated route. If students arrive in groups, they will only be allowed in the building one at a time.

Locker Keys

Please could all parents and carers check that, if their son/daughter had a locker whilst at St Robert's, they have handed in the key. If a student still has their key, they should please bring it to the student office when they come to collect the above items, so that we can ensure the locker is cleaned and ready for the new students starting in September.

I hope you have a good summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you on Results Day. If we can be of assistance, please do contact the school. I wish you all the very best for your results and your next steps. Whether you stay with us or not in September, please do always consider yourselves part of St Robert's, and always do feel that you can come to us, should you need help or support in some way.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

