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Dear Parent/Guardian

Another successful year draws to a close. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the students, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts. We achieve so much because we work together as a team; this is one of the greatest strengths of the school.

We were delighted to host the Year 7 Welcome Mass. The feedback from parents was great.

We were delighted to continue attending Lowe House for the Year 8 retreats which the pupils really enjoyed as the input was peppered with fun activities that made learning about their faith enjoyable. This is an important stage in the spiritual journey of our pupils.

It's been another brilliant year for the Debate Mate group reaching the grand final in London. The team have attended the workshops each week to practice and debate with great energy and enthusiasm. The practice and work has proved extremely fruitful by winning the Liverpool competition. The boys enjoyed an overnight stay in London where they visited a number of historic landmarks. The team narrowly missed out on the final two places. The boys conducted themselves with great decorum and respect during the debates. The boys have promised they will return next year to the grand final.

Congratulations to Kostas Kuklys who came second in the Catenian Public Speaking Competition. Kostas's speech focussed on how addiction is not a choice. Kostas's speech drew wide praise from teachers from other schools who praised the heartfelt nature of his speech and how it linked to the community he lived in. Kostas is looking forward to entering the competition next year and hopefully winning.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Year 11. They started in September 2018 as fresh-faced children, but by the time they left, in July of this year, they were young adults. It is immensely gratifying to be part of their development and to see them reach their full potential. Staff, parents and governors came together last Friday to witness their graduation and to celebrate this through Holy Mass. This was a truly impressive and moving occasion. I trust that the students' hard work will be rewarded when the results are published on **Thursday, 24th August 2023**.

The Year 13 graduation Mass was a great success and made up, in some small way, for the cancellation of their Year 11 graduation. Good luck to all our A level students as they await their results on **Thursday, 17th August 2023**, we look forward to celebrating their success on that day.



This year has seen a lot of success across every year group within the school starting with our Year 7's who won both the Liverpool & Merseyside cups in football as well as making the national final at the Hawthorns. Our current Year 7's also made the Liverpool basketball cup final vs Bluecoat. Our Year 8's have always competed to the highest standard making it to the Merseyside cup final with our Year 9's winning the Echo shield. From an individual standpoint we had multiple city champions in our athletics team with Reilley Tambourini, Damian Colleran and the year 7 relay team being notable highlights. Our past pupils have also seen great success as Luca Connell, Callum Wright and Liam Coyle have all been regular started in League one this season as well as Matthew Apter and Daniel Maher having recently seen great development and success in India whilst on tour with Everton. Finally Jake Rooney has this week signed a three-year contract to continue his blossoming career with Derby, we wish all our current and former pupils success on and off the sporting field.

I am fortunate in having a hardworking and committed staff who share the same ideals and aspirations that I do. We want the very best for the children and we feel that every child only gets one chance at a good education and it is our express aim to provide that education. We are also fortunate in having committed parents who support us in all our undertakings. For this I am very grateful.

At the end of this term we bid farewell to a number of staff and wish them every success for the future and we thank them for their many years of service in the pastoral care of our pupils.

At the start of the new school year, Years 8-11 will be starting back on **Monday, 4th September 2023 at 10:00**. This late start allows the Year 7 pupils time to settle into school as they will start at 8:30.

Thus, as we approach the end of the academic year it is important that we reflect and give thanks for all of the blessings we have received this year. On behalf of all the staff, may I thank you for your tireless support. Have a wonderful holiday.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher