



# St Michael's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Coming to the end of my first year as Principal at St Michael's I have been reflecting on the experience. While I knew, having been here for the previous 10 years that the college was outstanding for many reasons, not least the excellent relationships that we have with our parents and our students, this year has confirmed for me that the value we place on these relationships is central to our success as a college. I have been intensely grateful for the support I have received from staff, students, parents and Governors that has made this year so rewarding and I would like to thank everybody for this.

There have been many wonderful events and experiences this year for me, however, chief among these has been the creation and implementation of the house system. It has been fantastic to see students making the most of the opportunities to demonstrate their faith in action through their active participation in house events and competitions. Over £2000 has been raised for the CCS Crisis fund to support families in Southwark as a result of the students' efforts and enthusiasm. The sense of community created throughout the college as a consequence of the House system has been uplifting as you will see for example from the photographs from Sports Day in the final edition of the Link which can be found on the College website.

We are fortunate to have excellent staff at St Michael's, therefore it is always sad to see staff leave at the end of an academic year, however those departing will be moving on to new challenges with the majority heading overseas or to promoted posts. I would therefore like to thank them for their service to the college and wish them well in the future.

Term starts again for the new Year 7 and new Year 12 students at 8:40am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and for all other students at 8:40 am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Students are expected to attend on time and in the correct uniform, please also see the reminder about the college rules with regard to uniform and haircuts included at the end of this letter.

As this academic year comes to its conclusion it is important to stop, reflect and give thanks for the positive experiences we have had as a college community and to think about the holiday that lies ahead. I would therefore like to conclude by sharing with you a prayer that enables us to do just that:

## **A Prayer for the End of the Academic Year**

O God of all beginnings and endings,  
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.  
The weeks, the months, the seasons and holy days,  
The exams, holidays, breaks, and assemblies,  
All have come forth from your hand.



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Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.  
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.  
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
And bless us, according to your will.

With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.  
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,  
And guide each day as you have done this past year.  
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow  
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace  
All the days of our lives.  
Amen.

I would like to wish all of you a fulfilling, restful and safe summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Ms. F. Corcoran  
Principal

