



19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

With school having returned for two weeks I wanted to write to you to welcome everyone back after what has been another successful year for our pupils in their GCSEs. In almost all areas, pupils' results improved on last year's impressive performance, despite the increased challenge of the new GCSE. The results will be published on our website when the official publication from the Department of Education are released in a few months' time. We will celebrate the Class 2018's achievements at our annual prize night on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The school's Open Evening for parents and children of Year 5 and 6, will take place on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**. To allow staff to prepare the school in time, school will close for pupils at lunch time (which is **11.40am** on a Tuesday). School buses have been ordered for this time. Any pupil returning to assist for the Open Evening will be given a letter for parents/carers to sign and must be in full school uniform.

The new school Calendar is published on our website with important dates, including parents' evenings. We also remind or alert parents through the Group Text system. However, this system is only truly effective if contact numbers are correct. I would ask that parents/carers inform school if their contact details have changed recently, including mobile phone numbers so that you can receive these texts as well as being contactable at other important times for example, a medical emergency.

Our new Year 7 pupils have settled into school life very well, partly thanks to the thorough three day induction in July. They will be taking part in a team building exercise later this month and their induction period will end with a Mass of Welcome in school on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Invitation for this Mass will be sent out in due course.

You can keep up to date with the many activities and events taking place across school through our Twitter feed (@StBedesRCHS) or view this through the school website ([www.stbedesblackburn.com](http://www.stbedesblackburn.com)). If you have any concerns then please do contact your child's Head of College to discuss how we can best support your child's learning.

Thank you for continued support

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