

21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year, and what a great start to the year it has been. Calm and purposeful, a real buzz of learning and excitement for what the year ahead will bring.

On the training days at the start of September I was reflecting with staff on the progress made by Thomas Becket Catholic School over the last three years. 2016 saw the best ever exam results at both GCSE and A level, a testament to the hard work of students and staff alike, supported of course by parents and carers. It was a time for celebration. I was also clear that I would drive forward on a relentless improvement agenda to secure a bright future for Thomas Becket as a great Catholic secondary school. My job is to unleash the school's potential, systematically securing its position amongst the very best.

Our student body is very capable. I believe that excellent teaching can inspire, excite and enthuse students to achieve great things in life. I have laid out my expectations and challenge to them. So Yes, a relentless focus on learning, progress, good learning skills, uniform, teamwork, pride, resilience and good old fashioned hardwork attributes that will enable them to succeed not only in school but throughout their adult life too.

Tomorrow, our Open Evening runs from 6.00pm to 8.00pm with presentations in the auditorium at 6.00pm and 7.00pm prompt. You are most welcome to come and visit the school and talk with my staff, my students and myself about what we are doing and where we are going.

Since April the school has been operational as an Academy under the auspices of the STCCAT; governance is still hugely important at school level. We are looking to expand our school committee. If you are a parent/carer or a member of our community who has a real will, passion, and of course some time to help at this important time in the school's forward journey, I would love to hear from you, please contact me via my PA, Alison Hewitt, via [alisonh@thomasbecket.org.uk](mailto:alisonh@thomasbecket.org.uk) or by telephoning the school.

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There a number of ways to be accepted onto the school committee, either as a foundation governor, a co-opted governor or an elected parent governor.

Please note that there is a requirement for foundation governors to be practicing Roman Catholics and to be approved by the trust board.

I am proud to be leading Thomas Becket Catholic School and I am confident that we are nurturing the climate and conditions that will enable our students, your children, to secure outstanding success and attain their deepest ambitions, but more than this, to explore and strengthen the faith and spirituality of our students for years to come.

We grow strong hearts and resilient minds. We build a better future and a brighter hope. We know that at Thomas Becket Catholic School, together, we will achieve great things.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Davis".

Mr J Davis  
Headteacher