



17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the first half term, I would like to share with you some of our recent highlights. As you may be aware, the latest set of GCSE results were fantastic, enabling our young people to successfully progress to the next stage of their educational journey.

The DFE results published today affirm that students at St Aloysius College have performed significantly above national average in terms of both progress and achievement. Our current year 11 students are working hard to perform even better in 2020.

Other highlights of this busy half term:

- Year 7 Welcome Evening and Bible Mass was well-attended and warmly received
- Year 7 and 8 retreats
- Year 10 students started their Teens and Toddlers mentoring project, working with a local nursery
- Year 11 Maths and English residentials
- The launch of the Reading Road Maps developed by our talented Year 11 students
- First Friday events for parents which were well-attended, facilitating constructive discussions between the headteacher and parents
- Successful Open Evening and Mornings (closing date for application is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019)

**Late Opening – Friday 1st November 2019 – All Saints Day**

Half term will start week commencing Monday 21st October 2019 and the students will return to school at the usual time of 8.30am on Monday 28th October 2019.

Friday 1st November 2019 is a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day, and students will be expected to attend Mass in their own parishes. Consequently, the school day will commence at the later time of 10.40am with registration at 10.50am and the first lesson will be period three starting at 11.00am.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – School Closed To Years 7-10**

Following the half term break, year 11 students will be completing mock exams as they continue to push for the very best outcomes. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 a special programme will run for identified Year 11, 12 & 13 students to complete coursework and to facilitate catch up testing. The school will be closed to all students in Years 7-10 however; they will be set work to do at home. Year 11, 12 & 13 students will receive a separate letter with details of the programme running on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

With best wishes,

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