



14th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

END OF YEAR LETTER & KEY DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

It has been a somewhat unusual term but we have managed to maintain a routine via our virtual school including culture week. The end of year progress reports are being out this week and I hope that you find the contents helpful in supporting your child. This last week has seen the continuation of our virtual school while the staff are in school preparing for the new academic year, which will bring its own challenges. It is difficult to predict what the landscape for September will look like. Staff are returning on Wednesday 2nd September with the Sixth Form, Years 7 and 11 returning that week for registration, Induction and timetable collection. Students are expected to wear full school uniform. We are staggering student returns to ensure that your child is safe and understands how the school is operating in their whole year group bubbles. This means that we are working very differently as a school as each year group will be located in specific base rooms. Logistically, this is a challenge for schools and I am grateful for your forbearance whilst we continue to provide an engaging and challenging education and experience in a safe and welcoming environment. Please find attached the key dates for the new academic year 2020/21 which are all subject to Covid 19 guidelines:-

Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/21

<p>Autumn Term Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020 <u>Half Term</u>: 26th-30th October 2020 Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020</p>
<p>Spring Term Monday 4th January 2021 <u>Half Term</u>: 15th - 19th February 2021 Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021</p>
<p>Summer Term Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021 <u>Half Term</u>: Monday 31st May – 4th June 2021 Term Ends: Friday 16th July 2021</p>

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your support. I would also like to thank staff for their exceptional contribution at this demanding time. We wish a fond farewell to staff at the school who are moving on and who are thanked in our Newsletter. A special thanks to Mr A English, Associate Headteacher who has been key in securing our improved outcomes.

I am grateful for your support and that of the Governors. I leave with fond thoughts of the boys and staff. I am delighted to hand over to Ms P Whyte, the Headteacher designate who has extensive leadership experience in outstanding Catholic schools, she will write to introduce herself in the new term.

I leave St Aloysius College confident that those that remain will continue to serve the young people at St Aloysius' College and that their lives will be richer for them being here.

Enjoy the summer break. May God continue to watch over us all.

Yours sincerely,

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER