

30th June 2017

RE: DULUX SMARTER SPACES competition 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Our school entered a national competition organised by Dulux, which asked for bids to have a space around school transformed into a positive learning space. We have been selected as runners up in the competition. We are one of six secondary schools in the country in with the chance of winning a £10,000 classroom makeover! We therefore, request your help and support with the next stage of the competition.

The winner of the competition will be selected by 'public vote.' This is where we request your help and support. We need you to visit the web-site www.schoolofdreams.co.uk to vote for the St Monica's entry! Our entry is powerful and very close to our hearts at the moment. The theme of the entry is 'words to change the world.' When you log on to the web-site, you will be able to see our bid but I have enclosed some of the details of it below:

'We are a Catholic high school situated to the North of Manchester city centre. Unfortunately, on May 22nd, our school community was shaken by the terror attack that took place in Manchester. Several of our students attended the Arianna Grande concert in Manchester and witnessed the tragic episode first hand...As a school community this week we are holding a cross-curricular week in school in which we will try to look positively at the episode that took place and we will be looking at how words can change and inspire us, by looking at words of hope from other faiths, other cultures inspirational leaders such as Martin Luther King and Yousafzai Malala.

*We would like to combine this work with the re-decoration of our library (the LRC) and would be grateful for your support in doing so. The library is a place that is used by ALL the students in the school. It is a place to complete homework at lunchtimes or after school. We would really like to transform the LRC into a positive learning environment by having positive words and messages of hope decorated on the walls. We hope that you will be able to help us with the re-decoration of the library; we would be delighted to have a new, brighter colour scheme with some calligraphy on the walls, some inspiring words. We would be really grateful for your support in making the library a permanent reminder of the importance of hope and optimism at all times. We hope that you would be able to inspire our pupils for years to come by decorating the library with **'words to change the world.'***

All details of the competition will be posted on our Twitter account and we would really appreciate your support with this as it will help students of St Monica's for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Leyssens

