

St Monica's R.C. High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

We have completed our first half term. Many exciting events have taken place both in and out of the classroom.

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at our Year 7 welcome mass. The Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start, they have settled in really well and are enjoying their new school. We enjoyed a great, colourful European Day of Languages and pupils have participated in many extra-curricular activities.

It was great to welcome so many Year 6 pupils, parents and carers to our Open Evening, 293 attended and took part in a wide variety of exciting activities across the curriculum.

We have adopted a new assessment policy to track progress against GCSE grades from Years 7 – 11. Please take the opportunity to sit down with your son/daughter and discuss their target grades on the front of their exercise books and the progress they are making in their books and assessment towards them.

Details of our new assessment system and key assessment dates throughout the year can be found here:

<http://stmonicas.co.uk/school/parents-school/letters-home>

Please continue to use our School Gateway App and Website to keep up to date with everything that is happening at St. Monica's. Our twitter feed is a great way to share in all our positive news.

We remain committed to continuing to improve our school. We have held our Next Steps Year 11 Evening and a Live N Learn session for parents. We have met with Year 11 pupils and their parents/cares to support preparation for their Mock examinations commencing on 5th November and applications for places to Post 16 providers.

Our attainment and progress improved last year. The publication of the DfE provisional tables for Bury Local Authority secondary schools indicates we are highest for Attainment 8 at 50 points and now third for Progress 8 at -0.04 (Average) moving up from -0.25 (Below Average) in 2017.

The link to the tables for your reference is:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase®ion=351&geographic=la&phase=16to18&for=secondary&basedon=Overall%20performance&show=All%20pupils%202017&datasetfilter=provisional&searchtype=>

We received a two day Ofsted Monitoring Visit on 30th and 31st October. Thank you to all parents /carers who completed Parent View. We value your comments. We will notify you and share the report with you on publication.

We continue to strive to ensure all our pupils are the best they can be and develop their God given talents to the full.

Thank you for all your support. We will continue to work together to drive the school forward.

Yours sincerely

A. M. Hainsworth

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Headteacher