

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Friendship Week

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term our school is going to hold a new event in school: 'Friendship Week' which will run from Monday 10th to Friday 14th February.

A key aspect of our mission as a Catholic school is to actively create a respectful and caring community where we encourage and strengthen our students' ability to form positive and supportive relationships with one another.

During Friendship Week students will be able to experience a range of activities and events to promote and celebrate kindness, tolerance and respect including:

- Friendship Awards in our half-termly House Awards Assemblies.
- Lunchtime activities including: making friendship boards; friendship bracelets; motivational messages cards.
- A student-led art installation displayed in the Juice Bar/Refectory.
- Friendship breakfast for Sixth-Form students fundraising for Hebburn Helps.
- Transition friendship workshop with students from Year 2 with Year 8 Buddies.

We are hoping with your support Friendship Week will provide an opportunity to celebrate the caring nature of our students. Please support us by discussing the importance of friendship, respect and kindness with your child and following the events of Friendship Week on our school's Facebook page.

If you do not currently follow our Facebook page, it can be found by searching for *St Joseph's Catholic Academy* or *@stjosephsca*. As well as daily updates during Friendship week our Facebook page allows followers to be informed of important dates as well as news of events taking place in school throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C. Hammill

Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral