



Dear students of St Joseph's Catholic Academy,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well and that you have been trying to remain positive and hopeful during such a challenging time. I know that you've been doing a great job of working remotely and I want to thank you all for the resilience you've shown in doing so.

School is a very different place without you all here, not least of all it's so much quieter! We don't yet know when we will be able to re-open to everyone, so we thought in the meantime it would be great to do something together as a school community.

We are going to make a virtual choir! Our choir at St Joseph's has brought so much happiness to so many over the years. Let's see if we can bring some more joy to our school community through our wonderful singing!

We are very lucky to have an extremely talented musician, Mike McGrother on board to help us pull this project together. The first song we are going to record is called '*We'll Meet Again*'. Many of you will know that the song, made famous by Vera Lynn during the Second World War, epitomised the pain of not seeing loved ones but also the optimism that the difficult times would come to an end.

Mike has written a letter to you all (which I have attached) providing instructions on how to record yourself singing and then how to send your recordings in to us. Read this carefully – we really want to hear your voices and I know that Mike can't wait to help us create something very special!

Until we see each other again, please remember to look after yourselves and your loved ones, be kind to those around you and keep safe.

Peter Mitchell

Headteacher

*Music gives a soul to the universe,  
Wings to the mind,  
Flight to the imagination,  
And life to everything.*

*Plato*