MEET THE HEADTEACHER

hoosing a secondary school is a big step - a choice that shapes the future of your child. This year, the decision is even tougher, as we understand that as well as quality teaching and a broad, engaging curriculum, parents want assurance that their child will be safe at school too.

We believe we can provide all of this at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, where your child can fulfil their potential and remain safe and happy in doing so.

At St Joseph's, everything we do is child centered. Faith, learning and respect lie at the foundation of our education. The culture of our school is based distinctively on gospel values which create a high achieving, disciplined and caring school community with a big emphasis on excellent teaching.

Supported by dedicated and motivated staff, we have a strong pastoral focus for our pupils enabling them to strive for the highest standards, preparing them for challenges we face in our modern day society and opening up future choices to help them achieve success. We've recently been awarded a top teaching accreditation in geography, one of only two schools in the region to secure such recognition, highlighting our success in engaged learning and impactful teaching. We offer Mandarin as a second language and our highly rated Sixth Form provides a wide range of traditional and vocational courses. We are also a partner school for Improtech Soccer, running academies at St Joseph's for elite footballers, boys and girls.

We are a highly inclusive school, welcoming children of all faiths or no faith, with an atmosphere of trust, spirituality and care for everyone in the community.

Normally at this time of year, I would be inviting parents and carers to join us for an open evening at the school so you can see our facilities, meet teachers and students, and learn how we instill lifelong beliefs and values within each child. Unfortunately, the current social distancing guidelines do not allow us to hold this event physically, so we are instead hosting a virtual open evening that we'd like to invite you to.

Taking place on Tuesday October 13 at 5.30pm, our open evening will consist of

a short video presentation. Key members of the Academy's leadership team will discuss responsibility for the curriculum and pastoral care. Our students will also be giving their perspective on life at school. At the end of the presentation, questions emailed to the school before the event will be answered.

Please visit our website for the Zoom link if you'd like to attend the virtual opening event. We will be placing a recording of the event on our website afterwards if you can't make it. Our school prospectus is also online as well as further information about the school, including what your child's typical day will look like at St Joseph's, details on the curriculum and our Catholic ethos. Please do visit our website and get in touch with any questions you may have ahead of the open evening or generally by emailing: **openevening4@stjosephs.uk.net**

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Best wishes, **Peter Mitchell** Headteacher, St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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