St Mary's Catholic Academy

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Dear Y9 families,

As the start of a brand new school year commences, I would like to personally welcome you back and introduce myself once again and the rest of your child's pastoral team to you with relevant email addresses.

As a reminder, If you have any queries at any point throughout the year, your first point of contact is their form tutor who will work hard to resolve any day-to-day questions or difficulties you may have.

In addition, you have access to the KS3 Pastoral Manager who will be able to provide extra support as they have a non-teaching role, such as risk assessments for children with injuries or ad-hoc intervention. They will also be able to provide advice on external support, for example Early Help Assessments or any necessary referrals.

I am here to help with more serious issues and to co-ordinate the year group as a whole. Please consider which option is the best support for your child and if you're unsure contact their form tutor in the first instance.

We can all appreciate that sometimes life at high school can be challenging for our young people and also for their families; therefore, it is important that the right person is contacted and they are given the opportunity to support our pupils appropriately.

Form Tutors:

9C - Mrs Lavis - jla@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9O - Mr Yates - dya@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9R - Mrs Yu and Mrs De-Gier Flood - gyu@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk & lfl@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9N - Miss Lewis - ble@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9E - Dr Knight - kkn@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9L - Mrs Wade - jwa@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9I - Mrs Mallinson and Miss Maden - hvm@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk & kma@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk
9A - Mrs Matene Ronyai - tmr@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

KS3 Pastoral Manager: Miss Warr - bwa@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

Assistant Head of Year: Mrs Thomas - kth@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

Head of Year: Miss Urquhart - fru@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk

Please note that all staff aim to reply to emails within 48 hours but will often reply faster depending on teaching commitments. If you require a more urgent response, contact our Pastoral Manager.

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If your child has any medical appointments, you can contact our attendance hub directly, attendance@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk and they will update their attendance record accordingly.

Year 9 is a pivotal year for students as they come to the end of KS3 and start to consider their options for their GCSE years. It is important that they make these decisions based on future aspirations alongside input from their teaching staff. In only six months time, they will be officially halfway through their compulsory education at SMCA although we are hopeful that many will choose to stay in our own sixth form.

With this in mind, I would like to share with you some of the key events we have planned for Y9 students this year:

Option evening

- Inter-form competitions
- New extra curricular opportunities
- Charity fundraising

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

F. Urquhart

Miss F Urquhart
Head of Year 9