

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on developments and news from Holy Cross.

As you will be aware I have been working with the school since September with a focus on supporting and developing school improvement across the school. Working initially with Mr Christian as interim Head of School and since January with Mrs Salter as the substantive Head of School I have been witnessing at first hand the dedication with which the school community is working towards delivering the highest standards for all the children in our care.



Working with the Head of School we have commissioned a range of external support for Holy Cross so that we are continually checking the quality of what we are doing and directing our energies towards attaining the best possible outcomes. We have engaged a new School Improvement Partner who has visited the school several times and given us both challenge and support in the work we are doing. We have also undertaken a review of governance to help the governing body to hold up a mirror to ourselves to assess how well we are challenging and supporting the school's work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of staff who work so hard to find ways to enhance our pupils' learning and to support them to achieve their very best. I would also like to thank parents and carers who continue to show such strong support for Holy Cross.

As we look ahead to the new term, the diary is no less full with clubs, music, sports, and chaplaincy events as well as our day-to-day core business of teaching and learning. We keep foremost in our minds that we have a strong mission as a school. Reflecting on our mission this year it is clear that the school really is a worshipping community which recognises the uniqueness of the individual and aims to promote the Gospel values of love and respect for God and one another.

On behalf of all at Holy Cross, I'd like to wish you all a restful holiday period.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hughes

Executive Principal