



Thursday 15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I look back over my first year as Head of School I would like to say a huge thank you to your wonderful children who have given me great joy this year and have made my job so special and worthwhile.

This year has been the steepest learning curve of my 24-year career and it has certainly thrown some challenges my way but I am absolutely honoured to be closing this academic year as Head of such a wonderful school.

I was lucky enough to go on our Year 6 retreat at the start of this week; we went to the beautiful Shrine to Our Lady in Osmotherley, The Lady Chapel. It is a stunning place, giving us perfect space to reflect. With the children, we talked about our worries, hopes and dreams for the future. The memories and joy the children shared were overwhelming and it was humbling to hear about the many and varied experiences staff have contributed to over the years.

The children asked me what my hopes and dreams were and I explained that mine were simple. I cannot wait to get our whole school community back together in the hall in September for assemblies and singing...virtual collective worship is just not the same! I also want all of our children to have wonderful, happy summers filled with family time and fun and see them all return safe and healthy in September.

As Head of School at St Augustine's, I would like to thank you as parents for handling this year with patience and positivity and giving all staff in school your support every step of the way. Finally, I would like to thank the staff who have been determined to do their best despite the external challenges and facing each day with a smile on their face. I think you will agree, they are a great team!

I would like to say goodbye to our year 6's and wish them well in their journey through secondary school as well as saying a fond goodbye to Mrs Coe, Mrs Severn, Miss Mackay and Mrs Mozdyniewicz; we send our love and prayers to them all.

Mr Macaulay's letter sent out earlier this week shared with you all of the arrangements for September as we return to some form of 'normality' (we hope).

Staff will be taking part in a PD day on 1st September so if you have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch on that day otherwise we will see you all on **Thursday 2nd September**.

I hope you all have a relaxed and well-deserved break.

Love and God Bless,

Mrs Rehbohm

Serve the Lord in gladness

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