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MLR/hr/Parent Letter
13th September 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter, planned as my general welcome to the new academic year, has been somewhat overtaken by the momentous events of the past week.

Having welcomed students, new and continuing, to school on Monday and Tuesday, we were already ready for an exceptionally busy week at St Joseph's College. In assemblies we reflected on our individual place in History in the context of the appointment of the new Prime Minister and the ongoing celebrations of our 90th anniversary with the Mass on Wednesday 28th September.

We prepared students for the first whole-school photograph since 2016, our 2020 slot having been cancelled amidst the restrictions of the pandemic and during the long photo session on Thursday morning students' behaviour was exemplary. When the news broke about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we flew our flag at half-mast and students were very respectful and reflective as we would hope.



SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR THE ROYAL FUNERAL:

As you know, we have now had confirmation that the Queen's funeral will be on Monday 19th September. School will be closed on the 19th and the Entrance Test planned for that date will be rescheduled to Wednesday 21st September.

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WELCOME TO NEW STAFF:

We welcomed some new staff to the St Joseph's College family.

Mrs O'Donnell	Head of Music
Miss Davies	Teacher of English
Mrs D'Avola	Teacher of Food & Nutrition
Miss Grice	Teacher of PE
Mr Pemberton	Teacher of PE
Mrs Lampard	Teacher of MFL (Mat Cover)
Mrs James	Sixth Form Secretary
Mr Khan	DT Technician (Temporary)

IMPORTANT TEAMS PASSWORD UPDATE

We have had some incidents of pupils' Microsoft Teams accounts being accessed. Please ask your child to change their password, to keep this password safe and not to share it with anyone else.

CELEBRATION MASS 28TH SEPTEMBER 5:00PM

Anyone who has ever been part of the SJC family, as student, parent, governor, colleague or friend is invited to a Mass to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school's founding on Wednesday 28th September in the school hall. Mass is at 5:00pm and there will be a chance to look around school from 4:00pm for those guests who haven't visited the school for some time. If you wish to come along, please contact the school on 90th@stjosephsmail.com or 01782 848008.



With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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