

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend the first meeting of St Patrick's Parents' Forum on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The meeting will take place in school.

The Parent Forum is one of many ways we communicate with our parents. The aim of the Group is to provide a platform for parental views. The Group meets each term and includes over 50 active participants. New members are always welcome, particularly new Year 7 parents.

We have a key member of the staff, Amanda Palmer, assigned to coordinate the group; Amanda communicates with parents through e-mail, in addition to organising meetings. A senior member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) always attends and is available to answer questions and liaise with SLT and the Headteacher.

We always have a packed agenda that usually includes a visit from a key curriculum leader, who makes a presentation to the group about their subject at KS3 and KS4. For example the Maths department have made a presentation to parents about My Maths, a software programme that pupils can use at home. Similarly, the English department gave parents key strategies to support their exam revision.

Parent Voice is vitally important to our School as we pride ourselves on being a listening School. The strength of the Parents' Focus Group is the quality of the feedback we receive about learning at St Patrick's and how that impacts on our children. This practical feedback has contributed enormously to our School success both academically and spiritually. The Parents' Forum reinforces the partnership between pupils, staff and parents.

We very much hope to see you on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please confirm your attendance by contacting Amanda Palmer on 0161 921 2300 or [amanda.palmer@salford.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.palmer@salford.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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