

13th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Information Evening – Houses Da Vinci, Gainsborough & Lowry

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new headteacher, here at St Patrick's. I feel very privileged and proud to lead such a fantastic team of professionals and hardworking, committed students.

I have a proven track record of school improvement, having worked in two other schools as a senior leader and I am confident that I can ensure that your child continues to get the very best education in this their final year.

In the summer, St Patrick's achieved another set of fantastic GCSE results, with **80% of our students achieving grade 4 (C+/B-) or above English and maths**. One of the ways this was achieved was through hard work and commitment from staff and students alike and parents and carers being fully involved in their child's studies. To assist you in this, we would like to invite you to spend an hour or so with us to talk about your child's progress and how you can help. It will also be a great opportunity for you to find out more about the new GCSE 9-1 grading system that your child will be graded on in the summer.

The Year 11 information evening for parents is being held on **Thursday 21st September**. Your attendance at this information evening is essential to your son/daughter's success. The evening will begin at **5:00pm** with a short presentation in the school hall focusing on parental involvement, as we want to help you with practical ideas for supporting your child in this important final year.

Following the presentation, there will be a meeting with your child's Form Tutor during which you will discuss your child's GCSE targets and have the opportunity to talk about their current progress. You will receive a parents' pack which contains a variety of resources to assist you in the coming months.

Your child's Form Tutor will be in touch soon to confirm your attendance.

Your contribution and involvement will make a huge difference. We know that by working together your son/daughter will be successful and achieve their full potential. We are proud of how they have risen to the challenge so far and working together now we will all be proud of their achievements in the summer.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Byrne
Head of School