



# The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Chair of Governors: Dr Pat Hurley

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of this first half term we also look forward to preparing for the next. We really appreciate the support that you continue to give our school in all sorts of ways.

We are still making progress in improving our attendance. It is up on this time last year. Every child must aim for 100%; anything less than 100% has an impact on achievement. After half term we will step up our push to improve punctuality both to school and to lesson.

Misbehaviour has an impact on student achievement. I will not hesitate in continuing to take strong action on the minority of students who, by their choices, show that they do not want to be members of our school community. In support of this, we would ask parents to resolve issues directly with us rather than resorting to social media.

Half term is a good time to make sure that uniform is replenished so please check our new website for details. Students must come to school fully equipped if they are to do their best. Many thanks to the Parents/Carers who paid £2 to cover the cost of new style school planners which are far more significant and hard wearing than those the school has previously used. They look great!

I would also like to thank those 169 Parents/Carers who have contributed to the voluntary 'Governor's Facilities Fund' which will fund facilities development for the benefit of your children. This currently stands at £4225 around 10% of what we could raise. There is still time to contribute the equivalent of around 50p per week via your Schoolcomms account to enable us to achieve our goal of updating the toilet facilities.

I would also encourage you to let me know your views on our suggestion that the finish time for the school day is brought forward. After this, and only if the suggestion is practicable after meeting with the bus companies, we will consult on specific proposals.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the support and encouragement you give to the work of the staff in school. The next chance to hear from school staff on our continuing improvement plans is February 26<sup>th</sup> 2019. We very much rely upon that partnership and involvement as we continue our journey together.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely

John Rooney  
Head teacher

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**"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10**

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