



St Andrew's
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St Andrew's Open Evening September 23rd 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope that despite the challenges of COVID you had an enjoyable summer break with your families and I am sure as your children have begun Year 6 they are raring to go! You must be pleased that schools have returned to some normality and that you no longer have to work, look after your family and try to teach your children simultaneously. I am sure that your children are delighted to be back with their friends and looking forward to the year ahead.

I am writing to invite you to our virtual Open Evening. I am disappointed that the current guidance stops us from having a proper face to face Open Evening and Open Mornings. I have always said that these evenings and visits are key to helping you make the best decision for your child's secondary education. St Andrew's Virtual Open Evening will take place on Wednesday the 23rd September 2020 and will go live from our website at 5.00pm and run until 7.30pm

There will be an opportunity to visit departments, hear from the Heads of Department as well as an opportunity to ask questions of teachers and of students. There will be challenges set in all subjects for your child to engage with and there will be live presentations throughout the evening on Learning and Teaching and on The Extended Curriculum. The evening will finish with a presentation from myself at 6.45pm outlining what to expect from St Andrew's and our vision for the students and the school. I am confident that the evening will give you a good flavour of what St Andrew's is like.

In addition, there will be downloads available on the evening providing you with information about Attainment and Achievement at GCSE and A Level over the past 3 years as well as further information to aid you with your decision and the application process.

We are hoping that it will be possible at some point to arrange tours of the school. For me seeing the school in action is one of our best selling points in terms of giving you confidence as a parent that the environment we have created for the students is safe and inspiring. At this point all the guidance suggests this is not the right thing to do and our current focus as you would expect is to keep all the students and staff at St Andrew's safe and not to do things that would compromise this and possibly result in significant numbers having to isolate and not attend school. This would not be good for them or for their families. When visits are possible, we will advertise this on our website and through your child's primary school.

We are proud of our school community and hope you will take the time to attend our Virtual Open Evening to see if you feel we can offer your child the first class education they deserve.

I look forward to welcoming you on the evening and when you visit St Andrew's Catholic School.

Yours sincerely

Alan Mitchell
Headteacher

"To live, to learn and to love in the light of Christ"