



Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School

A Voluntary Aided School

Specialist College for Mathematics & Computing



"You will have gained everything when you give children the desire to do well". Mother Saint Mary

July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

END OF TERM LETTER

I write to you to say thank you for the warm welcome I have received since starting at Virgo Fidelis and to let you know about changes that are happening here at Virgo Fidelis.

This is a really exciting time in the history of the school and the future we have planned is aspirational and fulfilling for all in the community.

Firstly, from September Mrs Fernandez will be in charge of academic studies at KS3, 4 and 5 at Virgo whilst Mrs Edwards will take the lead for behaviour and discipline across the school.

House System and Sixth Formers with responsibilities

The school will have a "house" system and all students will be allocated one of four houses, either Saint Agnes, Saint Bernadette, Saint Cecilia or Saint Dorothea.

The Head Girl, Grace Laryea, will be the sole Head Girl and there will be four House Captains, from the current upper Sixth. There will also be Prefects and Monitors in Year 11 and we envisage these teams working together more closely to help and direct the lower school.

The School Day

From September the school day will be from 8.20 – 2.50 Monday to Friday. This is to accommodate the time needed to deliver the curriculum fully so that our girls can reach their full potential.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are planning an extended provision of activities outside of school hours and will be publishing this at the beginning of the academic year but it will include more musical activities, sporting clubs, Duke of Edinburgh scheme, a model United Nations society, debating and public speaking to name but a few.

Virgo Fidelis Parents' Association

Thank you to those of you who have already agreed to regenerate this association. I am keen to hear from anyone who is also willing to be involved especially in the "Organise a Fete in a week" committee. This is firstly to help organise some stalls on 8th September at the school for an Autumn Fete.

Head Teacher: Mrs H Meyer
B.Mus., LRAM, PGCE, NPQH
147 Central Hill, Upper Norwood, SE19 1RS
Telephone: 020 8670 6917 Fax: 020 8761 4455
Email: office@virgofidelis.org.uk
www.virgofidelis.org.uk



Maths &
Computing



Healthy School



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



The ACF (Army Cadet Force) will be holding a display that day on the playing fields which will include demonstrations on First Aid, Drill, BTEC, Duke of Edinburgh scheme, Corps of Drums and archery. Please email my PA m.alford@virgofidelis.org.uk to let me know if you can help at all.

170 years of Virgo Fidelis

I am sure you may be aware of the fact that the school celebrates 170 years this year and we are planning some special events to mark this. Founders Day will be held in October and we hope to welcome Mother Catherine Deom from the Congregation in France to a Mass at our school.

After that we will have tours of the school with guides who can explain areas of historic interest, as well as archive material. There will be displays of materials and documents from the archives and it will culminate in afternoon tea in the Fidelis Hall served by current pupils. Throughout the academic year there will be other celebrations such as the 170th Anniversary Concert, Dance Display and a Victorian Fete and Fun day in July 2019.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mr Michael Wakely who will be teaching Geography. An alumni of Kings College London, Mr Wakely is a welcome addition to the Humanities Team. Some staff will be leaving us. We say goodbye to Dr Andreou, Mrs Budzynska, Mrs Kumar, Dr King and Sister Simmi. We thank them for their dedication and service to the school over the years.

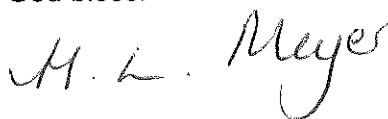
School Prayer

I would like to introduce a school prayer that the girls will say at the beginning of each lesson. A copy is to be found at the end of this letter and I would like you to help your daughter to learn over the Summer holidays. It is very simple but it sets the tone and atmosphere for what we are encouraging here at the school.

I realise I have been here for a relatively short while, but I am really looking forward to working with everyone in the future, and to growing and developing the school for the benefit of all.

I hope you have a wonderful and blessed Summer holiday and that your daughters can arrive back in September fully refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

God bless.



**Hilary Meyer
Head Teacher**

Virgo Fidelis Prayer

Into my will
Let there pour strength,
Into my feeling
Let there flow warmth,
Into my thinking
Let there shine light.

Amen