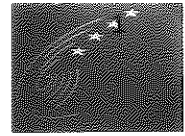


Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School

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

I write 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 in the Sixth Form at Virgo whilst Mrs Edwards will take the pastoral lead for this key stage.

Curriculum

Regarding the curriculum, I can confirm that, in addition to our existing offer and due to increased demand, the following courses will be offered from September 2018; A level Dance with Ms LeGrange, Health and Social Care with Mrs Iheancho and Vocational Business with Mrs Edwards. Also the A level RS course will be delivered by Ms Allen, Ms Akanho will teach more A level Science and there will be a Classical Studies A level taught by Ms Fernandez as a Twilight. We are also currently working with St. Josephs College to deliver History, Geography and French A levels between us.

Day to day issues

- The school day for the Sixth Form will be the same as for the other Key stages, which means that the school day will run from 8.20-2.50 Monday to Friday.
- 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.

Sixth Form Enrichment.

The enrichment programme is to be extended and developed and we will be having the following;

- an open lecture series with visiting lecturers across a range of disciplines such as Medicine, Law, Psychology and Criminology, to name but a few.
- Speakers will be presenting to the girls from organisations such as "Ambassadors for Women" and "Speakers for Schools" giving a series of motivational and inspirational talks.
- There will also be a Debating Society and a Model United Nations Society,
- a Sixth Form choral group run by the Headteacher and trips to the opera
- We will be joining with Universities including Kings College London, Royal Holloway and Goldsmiths in promoting their partnership with Sixth Form Students. This means that students apply to their programme and, when accepted, automatically receive enhanced offers from that institution, receive academic support and attend lectures in advance of taking up their university place.

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- We will also have a programme for young journalists.
- our students will have free access to the Financial Times.

Head Girl, House Captains and Sixth Form Events.

We will now have one Head Girl for the entire school with Prefects from Year 12.

There will be a house system with four houses – Saint Agnes, Saint Cecilia, Saint Bernadette and Saint Dorothea and we will have girls in Year 13 who will be heading up those Houses.

We will have a Year 13 Leaving Ball early in July 2019 we and would like to organise a barbecue for all in Year 12 and 13 in the first half of the Autumn Term to be held in the school grounds.

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.

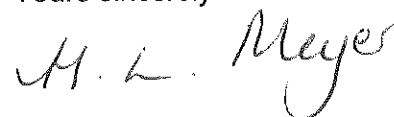
Some staff will be leaving us. We say goodbye to Dr Andreou, Mrs Kumar, Mrs Budzynska, Dr King and Sr Simmi and we thank them for their dedication and service to the school over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank all in the school for the very warm welcome I have received. 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 generally and the Sixth Form in particular.

We look forward to seeing everyone on results days and welcoming you back to Virgo Fidelis for Years 12 and 13.

Have a wonderful Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H L Meyer
Headteacher