



Harrytown Catholic High School

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

14th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In yesterday's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35, we hear Peter asking Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother, Jesus' response is simple "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." It can be difficult to forgive at times but without forgiveness the bitterness can eat away at us causing division and discord. It is only when we learn to forgive that we can be truly unified with someone else. Unity is one of our school virtues and working together is what breeds success, we are stronger as one unit than we are divided. May we learn from Jesus' words and find it in our hearts to forgive each other and move forward as one unified body spreading God's love wherever we go. It was lovely to see so many pupils and parents join us at Mass on Friday. Everyone is always welcome at 8.15am in our chapel every Friday.

Our Year 7s pupils have begun their retreat days led by our Head of RE, Mr Fisher, and they are having a wonderful time. I managed to visit one of the Forms last week and it was fantastic to see their high levels of engagement and enthusiasm and to witness what a positive start the newest members of our school family have made.

I have been impressed by the pupils' attitude since they have returned to school and the vast majority of them are wearing their uniform with pride, we hope they will maintain these high standards. We have high expectations of all our pupils and when we get the basics right, everything else will fall into place.

We are keen to set up an alumni network here at Harrytown and were delighted to be recently contacted by a former pupil to share their success as a published Doctor of Science. We are always pleased to hear about the successes and news of our former pupils, and how so many go on to great futures in college, university, apprenticeships or full-time employment. We would love to have the support of past pupils whether it be as guests at whole school events or helping out with our careers programme. If you know anyone who would be interested in this opportunity at reconnecting with Harrytown, please ask them to drop us an email at alumni@harrytown.stockport.sch.uk and we look forward to establishing an alumni display in our school.

We are aware of ongoing concerns regarding the school bus service, particularly around punctuality and reliability. Please be assured that we are actively raising these issues with TfGM and are continuing to work closely with them to seek improvements for our pupils and families. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all pupils of our expectations for behaviour when travelling to and from school. Pupils are ambassadors for our school and should demonstrate courtesy, respect and consideration towards fellow passengers, drivers and members of the public at all times. Safe and responsible behaviour on buses helps ensure a positive journey for everyone and supports our ongoing discussions with transport providers.

Each week Form Tutors and Heads of Year nominate children for Star of the Week, congratulations to the following children:

Year 8	Idris 8H, Deontae 8A, Edwin 8Y, Millie 8T, Saskia 8O, Sophie 8W, Besarta 8N. Head of Year – Christopher & Olivia
Year 9	Joseph 9A, Mohamedomar 9N. Head of Year – Felix
Year 11	Grace 11O, Jackson 11N.

If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the link on our website [here](#).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pickles', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.

Mrs C Pickles
Headteacher