



Harrytown Catholic High School

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

21st September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In yesterday's Gospel Matthew 20:1-16, the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, the landowner's generosity to latecomers challenges our human instincts about fairness, urging us to measure worth through love rather than mere output. Every pupil and colleague arrives at our gates with a unique story, journeying at their own pace. As educators, our call is to foster an environment where every individual feels valued and celebrated, regardless of when they join or start to flourish. May we lead with compassion, ensuring no one feels left behind.

We continue to have concerns about parking and driving around the school site, particularly at the start and end of the school day. The safety of our pupils, families and local residents must remain our priority. We ask all parents and carers to park considerately, avoid stopping on zig-zag markings or across driveways, and refrain from dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns or parking in locations that obstruct visibility for pedestrians. We appreciate your support in helping to keep the area around school safe and ensuring that our pupils can arrive and leave school safely each day.

We recognise that parents and carers play the most important role in supporting the wellbeing, development and success of their children. We are therefore pleased to share information about a free parenting programme that may be of interest to families of children aged 10–16.

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) is an evidence-based parenting programme being launched in Stockport this autumn. The programme is designed to support parents and carers in building positive family relationships and navigating some of the challenges that can arise during the teenage years.

Delivered over 13 weeks during term time by trained facilitators, the programme aims to help parents and carers:

- Strengthen family relationships
- Build positive parenting skills
- Develop a greater understanding of child and adolescent development
- Boost children's confidence and social skills
- Manage challenges and improve family wellbeing

The programme is free of charge and places are limited. Families who are interested are encouraged to register their interest as soon as possible using the QR code on the accompanying leaflet.

We appreciate that parenting teenagers can be both rewarding and challenging at times. Opportunities such as this provide valuable support, practical strategies and the chance to connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences.

A reminder that it is our Open Evening on Thursday 1st October and school will close early at 12.30pm. We have been informed that the following buses **will not run** and therefore please ensure your child has an alternative way to get home: 805, 807, 840 and 843.



Our Meet the Tutor Evening for Year 7 will be held on 22nd October, more information will follow but to confirm the timings are 4.15pm - 5.30pm.

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

Year 7	Isabella 7O
Year 8	Julienne 8H, Freya-Rose 8A, Melody 8Y, Rowen 8T, Denis 8O, James 8W, Jake 8N. Head of Year – Tilly-Anne & Rosie
Year 9	Annabelle 9H, Daniel 9Y, Leo 9T, Aoife 9O, Hugo 9W, Caitlin 9N. Head of Year – Alexa
Year 10	Ffion 10W
Year 11	Lorelai 11N

If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch, all contact details can be found [here](#) on our website.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Pickles
Headteacher

strengthening families strengthening communities

New for
Stockport
Families

FREE Parenting Programme

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities is an inclusive parenting course. Running over a 13 week period during term time. The 3 hour sessions are suitable for parents of children aged between 10 and 16 years.

Strengthening Families,
Strengthening Communities
Expression of Interest



To find out more and
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QR code

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- Build positive parenting skills
- Understand child development
- Boost children's confidence and social skills
- Manage challenges and improve family wellbeing



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