



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As you will probably be aware through the media, the face of education in this country is changing rapidly due to changes and new initiatives emanating out of the Department for Education. St Aidan's has always wanted to respond positively to these changes and to play its part in raising the quality of education within the area and to this end set up a Multi Academy Trust in March 2015 with Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School which will be extended to other schools in the course of the coming year.

I am also now able to inform you that St Aidan's has been selected to become a National Teaching School. This, in conjunction with St John Fisher which has been selected as a National Support School will mean that we will be taking a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, offering courses for the Professional Development of Teachers, identifying leadership and potential and supporting schools in challenging circumstances. St Aidan's will be working in collaboration with the Local Authority, the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, the Catholic Diocese of Leeds, several local schools and Teaching Alliances and a number of Higher Education Institutions to provide this service. This is a great honour for the school and indicates that both St Aidan's and St John Fisher are seen as centres of excellence with an outstanding academic performance and a proven track record of raising standards in the wider locality.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all parents that whilst undertaking this new and significant role, St Aidan's will not allow itself to be distracted from its key role in providing the outstanding education that you deserve as parents of the School and that this education will continue to be offered within the framework of our Christian foundation.

Yours sincerely

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