



4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I look forward to welcoming back our students after the summer break. I extend a special welcome to our new students in Year 7, and I hope to meet you all sooner rather than later. I would like to congratulate our students who sat public examinations this summer. We had some truly outstanding results, with 6<sup>th</sup> Form students going to Oxford, LSE and Durham amongst other top universities. At GCSE level students performed astonishingly well; one student achieved ten grade 9s; one achieved 8 grade 9s, one grade 8 and two grade 7s, another achieved 7 grade 9s and five grade 8s. These are just some of our students' remarkable achievements.

We are very fortunate to have such committed staff, who have the highest aspirations for our students and we all look forward to working with you as we strive for continued success for all of our students. By working together, we can ensure that students feel valued, develop a love of learning, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

This is a significant year for our School as we celebrate 50 years of Maria Fidelis; although the institution is much older (nearly 200 years), it was renamed Maria Fidelis in 1974. We shall be celebrating this on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September and we shall send you a letter with an outline of the day shortly. If any parents would like to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards, please contact my PA, Mrs Weston-Peters at [swestonpeters@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:swestonpeters@mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk).

The School's core purpose of academic excellence and success for all students within a Catholic community continues to be my focus, and I am determined that the school improves each year. I have high expectations for all students in terms of attitudes to learning, effort, behaviour and standards of uniform, in order that they can achieve to the best of their ability.

I look forward to meeting parents at our curriculum evenings at 4:30pm on the dates below:

Year 7:	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	(Parents only)
Year 11:	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	(Parents and students)
VI Form:	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	(Parents and students)

Parents should be aware of the following early finishes this term:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September: School will close at 14.00 to prepare for Year 6 Parents' Evening
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: INSET Day - School closed for students



- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Founder's Day – early finish from 13:30, as students return from the Sponsored Walk
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: School will close at 14.00 to prepare for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: School will close at 12:30 for the last day of term.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support. I am absolutely determined to do the very best for the students at Maria Fidelis and I shall always put the students of this school first in every decision I make.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. Anthony  
Headmaster