



# St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

22 December 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of another very busy term, I would like to thank all members of our school family for their continued hard work and commitment.

As you will have read in our school newsletters, there have been many highlights and it is fantastic to see our pupils showcasing their many talents, whether it be on the sports field or by taking part in events in their local communities.

Of particular note this term was the school being highlighted in the Sunday Times Parent Power report which is an authoritative survey of the country's best schools.

"A mention in dispatches goes to St Benedict's Catholic High School, in Alcester, the highest-ranked comprehensive in the region ..... the school achieves excellent IB outcomes. Very few state or independent schools embrace the IB as wholeheartedly as St Benedict's ..... So its attainment of a 77% pass rate at 7, 6 or 5 in higher level IB papers (up from 66.7% last year) is remarkable, given its non-selective intake."

St Benedict's was ranked the Top Comprehensive School in the West Midlands for 2017 which combined GCSE and Sixth Form performance; with the school's International Baccalaureate results placing the school in the top 5 non-selective state schools in the country.

We finished the term today with our Christmas Mass and I would like to thank you for the kind gifts, cards and good wishes sent to the school - they are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back in the New Year on Monday 8 January 2018.

It remains only for me to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gibson

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