St Andrew's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Colleagues and Friends across the Parishes and Diocese,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Andrew's Catholic School; although many of you may know me as I have worked at the school since 2011 and previously held the post of Deputy Headteacher.

Our Catholic Faith is the golden thread that runs through our school and as such I felt it important to reach out to you and establish a strong working relationship. As the Deanery secondary school, we aim to continue to build and strengthen our partnership with both our parishes and primary schools.

Our Mission Statement is "to live, to learn and to love in the light of Christ" and, as Headteacher, I will strive to fulfil this every day. The golden thread of Catholicism can be found in the curriculum of every subject at St Andrew's where our learning journeys allow students to engage and promote Catholic social teaching on a daily basis. This is supported by daily prayer time and our Theme of the Week which is rooted in scripture and the teachings of Jesus. I am committed to continuing this work and ensuring that our Catholic faith remains the foundation of every part of school life.

In addition, our Liturgical Calendar offers opportunities for regular collective worship throughout the year for example through our Welcome Liturgy for Year 7 families and our Advent and Easter Liturgies for the whole community. Going forward, we will invite you to join us for these events and you will always be very welcome.

Outside of the school day, we are proud that many of our students choose to grow their faith and this summer we had 28 purple shirts and 4 blue shirts take part in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which was a record number for St Andrew's. Similarly, we saw a record 132 students taking part in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Spring. We are delighted to see these numbers, but I know that working together, we can continue in our mission to Build the Kingdom of God and encourage even more young people to explore and grow their faith in the years to come.

Character Education is a fundamental element of our curriculum at St Andrew's with our lower school students taking part in fortnightly enrichment sessions and our sixth form students taking part in weekly enrichment and a Religious Education programme. These sessions are designed to enrich and grow the whole child and include a range of guest speakers on topics such as Faith, Forgiveness and Stewardship. If you know of any inspirational guest speakers who we can add to our programmes of study then we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Charity is also important to our community. We hold charity weeks for each year group as well as whole school events throughout the year. We were proud to have raised over £12,000 last year, which has supported our school charities, Action in Africa and Lourdes, as well as our year group charities are chosen annually by students and staff. Please do get in touch if you know of a charity who would benefit from our support.

Should you wish to contact me or foster a link with our school then please don't hesitate to get in touch via email abrooks@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk. I look forward to working with you as I embark on my new role.

God Bless

Adam Brooks
Headteacher