28th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7

We are delighted to announce that Mr Sylvester has been appointed as the substantive Head of Year 7, to take over on Tuesday 4th May. Mr Sylvester has a wealth of experience in pastoral care and has been working closely with Y7 during their time at St Joseph’s, so already has a headstart in getting to know your child! This will also provide consistency and continuity for your child. Mr Sylvester is passionate about the vision for ensuring that every child in Y7 is safe, happy and successful in their academic studies and in life beyond school. He is excited about taking up this position and making a difference in the lives of our young people. He wishes to pass on this message to students:

*Dear Year 7,*

*I have seen how incredibly determined, positive and resilient you have all been over the last eight months. It is nothing short of amazing, especially under such difficult circumstances.*

*It gives me great pride to be stepping in as the Head of Year 7. I am really excited to have the chance to work with such a wonderful Year group, to help you grow and watch you flourish.*

*Mr Sylvester*

We take this opportunity to thank Miss Dougan for her leadership as a Head of Year for many years at St Joseph’s as she focuses on her new curriculum leadership post. We also thank Mr Hodgson and Mrs Yorke-Robinson who have been overseeing the year group during this time of transition. You will be pleased to know that Mr Hodgson will continue to work alongside Mr Sylvester as he takes up the new role.

Finally, we all look forward to the day when we can meet face to face and get to know you all better (and I hope that this day will be here soon when the risk of Covid is further reduced!)

Until then, take care and God Bless!

Mr T McCabe

Headteacher