

Parents, Carers, and Pupils
St Augustine's RC High School

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils

Important Information

I wrote to you before the end of last term to advise that the Acting Headteacher post would be recruited and I am delighted to confirm that Mr Antony O'Doherty was successful at interview last week. Mr O'Doherty has worked in promoted posts in various schools in the city including Holy Rood RC High School, Castlebrae Community HS and is currently Acting Headteacher at Craigmount HS. Pending final checks, Mr O'Doherty will take up post on 1st February. Until that point Mrs Crystal and Mrs Baird will continue to assume leadership of the school and I am very grateful for their support during this period of transition, at such a challenging time. The Acting post will run until the end of session, with the recruitment for the permanent Headteacher post taking place in the summer term. I know that Mr O'Doherty is extremely keen to get started and will be in touch with you before then. He is known and respected for his commitment to working with parents and building strong relationships. I am sure you will find this out in due course.

I was hoping to provide you with more details about the investigation into racist incidents which has been ongoing. I had hoped that this would all be concluded and reported in December but we are still waiting on some final information before we can meet with the young people who have raised the complaints and provide them with personal feedback. We will also publish a school report. I will confirm the dates as soon as I have them. I am conscious that this process is taking longer than any of us wished and I do want to thank you for your patience and support, if you have been involved.

If anyone wants to discuss either of these issues, please contact me directly, or you can approach our partners ELREC, should you prefer.

Yours sincerely



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