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Dear Parents,

I was delighted to be able to congratulate our pupils and their teachers upon achieving another record set of exam results. Our 5 A*-C is 70% and is our best ever, and our 5 A*-C including English and Maths is 50% which equals our best ever result. These results are both impressive and significant because Salford City Council is still insisting that they want St George's to close.

The main reason for writing to you however is to urge you all to attend a public meeting next week with the **School's Adjudicator, Canon Richard Lindley**. The purpose of these meetings is to enable Canon Lindley to be able to listen to our concerns about the school closing. The School's Adjudicator is completely independent and he will make a ruling upon whether St. George's will close. I have included a letter from Canon Lindley which sets out the various times. I am sorry for the relatively late notice for these meetings but arrangements were only made during the school holidays.

As a school community we strongly believe that St George's is a good school, serving its local community well and is oversubscribed in every year. We believe that St. George's School should be given the same opportunity currently being offered to all the other secondary schools in Salford and that it is rebuilt/remodelled and its future should not impact on the development of other schools. It is unfair that the building of other Catholic High schools is dependant upon the closure of St George's school but the development of the state schools remains unaffected.

I urge everyone to attend one of these meetings and also to write to Canon Lindley to express your concerns. This is almost certainly our final opportunity to overturn the decision to close our school. I am extremely confident that we have a fair and just case but the support of all our community is essential and will play a decisive role in keeping our school open.

Yours sincerely

P J Harte
Headteacher

Meetings on Thursday 10 September

**At 6.00 pm for Years 7 - 8 Parents, Staff, and Governors.
At 8.00 pm for Years 9 -11 Parents, Staff and Governors.**

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