

Sacred Heart proposed Free School

We are still awaiting the new criteria from the DfE in order to complete our Application Form. It has been suggested that this will be available in Spring 2018. It is therefore assumed that the authorities would not be able to process our application by September 2018. This is completely out of our control, but we anticipate the earliest that a Free School would open at Sacred Heart would be in September 2019 and even then that is not a foregone conclusion. We are in the hands of the DfE. We continue to pray for a speedy outcome.

Many new parents have taken a gamble and sent their children to Sacred Heart in September 2017. There has been a 50% increase in our role since September 2016. Some of those parents have been unable to pay full fees so have requested Bursary Forms. These forms are available after an initial interview with the Headteacher. Bursaries are offered after a completely honest revelation of a family's financial situation. The school is a Charity no 237760 and forms may be scrutinised by the Charities Commission.

For entry into Senior School at Year 7 scholarships are also offered for the Academic subjects, Music, Art and Sport. Our Assessments take place in January. We are keen to offer places to pupils who are willing to work hard and want to make a difference to the community in the future. We want to encourage young people to belong to our school family who can follow the motto 'Service before Self'.

It is suggested that parents interested in joining Year 7 in September 2018 make an appointment to view the school and talk to the Headteacher if a Bursary is required. It is also suggested that Norfolk County Council forms regarding choice of secondary school is completed at this stage. There is an Open Day on Saturday 6th October, but please ring for an interview earlier if you are interested in a Year 7 place for the next academic year.

Please be aware that we cannot promise that the school will become a Free School but we are doing everything possible to achieve this goal.

Sr Francis