



It is a pleasure to introduce you to St. Martin's School. Although relatively new to the school, I can already say that I and the staff, pupils and governors are very proud of our school and its community.

You will see that the standards our pupils attain are consistently well above the average for Caerphilly and far exceed Wales averages at the end of Year 9 and in the Sixth Form and we have seen real value added improvement in results at GCSE. These, and all aspects of our pupils' achievements are a cause for celebration. Our teachers are enthusiastic about teaching and learning and work to encourage and inspire young people to achieve their best - not just in terms of academic qualifications, but in all aspects of their personal development. We pride ourselves on being a caring, disciplined and happy school which provides a secure learning environment for all who learn and work here. Our commitment to developing the talents and expertise of each individual at St. Martin's is reflected not just in the pastoral and academic support of students, but also in the value we place on maintaining our award of Investor in People status.

We are proud of the quality of relationships within the school and the warm and friendly atmosphere that visitors to the school comment on so frequently. We also have very good relationships with the local community and work actively to foster an understanding of and concern for others. It is a tribute to staff and students that we contribute significantly to such a wide range of charities every year. We are always delighted to see our students respond so maturely to the many opportunities we give them to assume responsibility and exercise initiative.

In the spring and summer terms before pupils join us in Year 7, we take care to get to know our future pupils and we make sure there are lots of opportunities for Year 6 pupils and their parents to meet staff and to visit St. Martin's School. However, we are happy for parents to arrange visits at other times if they think this would be useful. For pupils transferring to St. Martin's from further a field or at a different stage in their secondary schooling, I strongly advise such a visit. Should you choose to send your child to St. Martin's, I am confident you will have made the right choice. We strongly believe that each of our pupils needs to be encouraged to believe in themselves and aim high and would consider it a privilege to welcome your child into our school community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mrs K Davies'.

Mrs K Davies  
Head Teacher