

Dear Year 10 pupils

Firstly, I hope that you have had a great Year 10 at St Damian's studying your option subjects and in particular that any one of you who sat any 'external' exams, for example, Science, achieve what you deserve.

This year has been arguably one of the most successful in the history of St Damian's which culminated in the Section 48 report which concluded that we are '*an outstanding Catholic school*'. One of the prime reasons for this great accolade is simply down to YOU, the fantastic pupils of St Damian's. You are considerate, behave well, work hard and every external visitor, without exception, comments upon the calm, welcoming environment. This is due to the great relationships between the pupils and staff within the school.

The purpose of this letter is to informally invite you, our great Year 10 pupils, to write a letter of application to become a prefect. This is an important role within St Damian's and vital in the continuation of our success. Further details will follow after the Science exam but in general, to become a prefect, either a Blue Tie or a Black Tie, **you must accept** the following simple points;

- It is an *honour* to be a prefect and a position you must uphold by continuously displaying good behaviour
- *Good behaviour* is the expectation and includes an *excellent attitude* towards all your subjects
- If you do anything that contravenes our simple rules, then *your tie may be withdrawn* immediately
- Being in a position of Leadership and authority should *not be 'abused'* by any prefect
- If unsuccessful, for example due to attendance, there will be another chance to become a prefect as we want to instil ongoing success and promote inclusion by ensuring fairness in the system

Finally, Year 10 is a very special year group with dozens of potential candidates to be the Head Boy and Head Girl. It is an honour to hold this position and you must accept that the decision to apply does not mean you will necessarily get it. It will be a very very tough decision that we will have to make.

Pupils will be informed in an assembly of the outcomes of Head Boy/Girl, Senior Prefects and Black tie prefects

On behalf of the St Damian's Community, GOOD LUCK!

Mr Logue

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Headteacher

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