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Welcome to my first newsletter as your new and very proud Head teacher. Although not officially taking up post until September, I will be working between McAuley and my present school until the end of this school year.

Good communication is absolutely essential if parents, staff and students are to feel that they are an vital part of our school community. A regular newsletter which focusses on ethos rather than just a record of past and future events will also give you some idea of what the Governors have charged me with doing.

I came across this image at home when my young son had finished a game of Jenga (without succeeding). I noticed that he had written 'free!!!!' on one of the blocks. I was struck by how we often build structures in aspects of our lives but fail to consider what the real design is.

There is a grand and eternal design for each and every one of one of us which includes realising our God-given talents including excellence in exam grades but includes much more than that.

To realise the design demands a deep human calling to be the best we can be; to respond to God's plan for us.

When we listen and open ourselves to that plan we can be truly **free** from the shackles of materialism and immediate gratification and begin to be true to ourselves and others in finding real and everlasting peace and happiness.

Good Catholic schools like McAuley will always focus on this for all members of the community. As Head teacher I intend to do this too.

In building this Catholic community I intend to gather information from all of its members.

I would very much like to meet parents and would like to invite you to an open meeting from 7 to 8pm in the lower school theatre.

**Parents and carers of Y7-9
Tuesday 6th June.**

**Parents and carers of Y10-13
Wednesday 7th June.**

I do hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to explaining something about my ideas for this fantastic school.



**John Rooney
Head teacher**