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Dear Parents,

Confirmation night was a beautiful, prayerful and reverent occasion which summed up all that is so good and so rich between our school, our families at home and our parish. Bishop John came to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 25 candidates and we pray that they will always listen to the guiding voice of God's Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

As Bishop John said, many thanks to everyone who has walked with these young people during their preparation at school, in the parish and especially at home. Thank you also to their prayer partners, to Sharon Clarke and team who worked so hard with the refreshments and to Mrs Major for another wonderful cake! We were blessed with beautiful music by Helen Walker and group who give so generously of their time. The children also received **great support** from our staff at school on the night and again their presence spoke far more powerfully than any words. This was also true at first Holy Communion and is so impressive.

Finally, a very kind message from our Chair of Governors I would like to share with you :

'I have had the privilege and pleasure of being present on both occasions to see the children of Holy Rood School be given the most precious gifts one can receive, following their Baptism, that of receiving Our Blessed Lord for the first time and being confirmed by Bishop John.

These gifts bestowed on them, if nurtured by the receiving of The Body of Christ throughout their lives will strengthen and sustain them in times of Joy, in times of Difficulty and times of Sadness.

The gift of Faith is something to cherish always. May God and his Blessed Mother shower them with every Grace and Blessing.'

(Derek Skitt)

Sabbatical Course : As you are reading this I should actually be starting a 3 week 'Sabbatical Programme' run by Trinity and All Saints for head teachers in this and the North Eastern Dioceses. As such I will be out of school (but still contactable in an emergency) from today until July 10th. I will be here however for the Summer Fayre as this is just too good to miss!

Fortunately I have the best deputy head teacher around and Louise Mullany will do an outstanding job in looking after the school and also gain some valuable experience of her own. Others on this course include Peter Davison (head at St.Michael's Wombwell) and John Hutchinson (head at St.Teresa's in Leeds) whom some of you may know. I am most grateful to the governors for giving me this unique opportunity and won't waste a minute of it.

The aims of the course include :

- * To work on a specific project either individually or collaboratively to take back into school.
- * To visit other Catholic schools and learn from the way they do certain things.
- * To have that space and time to think through and reflect about the direction and ethos of one's own school which just isn't possible in the busy everyday life of a school.

Louise Mullany will be writing the next three newsletters and probably do a much better job than the current editor!



**Thought For The
Week**

*'Love gives beauty
to everything it
touches...'
(Tagore)*