



ABINGDON

From: Rev Dr Simon Steer : School Chaplain

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Dear Parents

Confirmation Class

I am delighted to inform you that we will soon begin a Confirmation Class for those boys who would like to consider the possibility of becoming full members of the Church of England. Classes are open to all boys in the third year and above and will take place every Friday from 1.10pm – 1.50pm, beginning on Friday 24 February 2017. I will teach the class (with input from other staff) and we will meet at the Chaplain's house, 29 Park Road, which is just 30 yards from the school gate. A light lunch will be provided.

The sessions will be informal (and hopefully enjoyable!) and we will use the excellent book, *Faith Confirmed*, by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright, a copy of which will be provided to each member of the group. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and interaction. The classes will run for 6 weeks.

For those boys who decide to seek full membership of the Church of England, there will be a wonderful confirmation service on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 6pm, when boys will be confirmed by Bishop Colin, Bishop of Dorchester. The service will take place in the school chapel and Abingdon confirmands will be joined by confirmands from St Helen and St Katharine's. Parents and other family members are warmly invited to attend this service and the reception that will follow.

In order to be confirmed, boys will need to have been baptised. For those boys who have not been baptised, this can be arranged as part of the Confirmation service.

I would be grateful if you would discuss with your son whether he would like to be a part of this process. It is important to say that there is no obligation on the part of those who attend the classes to proceed to confirmation. It is quite acceptable to begin the course on an exploratory basis and to make a final decision regarding confirmation later on.

If you have any questions about any of this, please email me, simon.steer@abingdon.org.uk. I would be grateful if you could let me know if your son intends to join the course. The boys are, of course, welcome to contact me as well.

We look forward to a stimulating and enjoyable class.

Yours sincerely

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