

## A MESSAGE FROM THE LAY CHAPLAIN

Dear New Year 7s,

Welcome to the St. Ursula's Family! At this important and exciting time of your life I am sure you are wondering what the next year will have in store for you. We are disappointed not to be able to welcome you into school in the usual way but try not to worry, once you are here you'll be surprised at just how quickly you feel at home!

As we welcome you to our school, we invite you to join us in being people who are faith-filled and hopeful. To this end St. Angela Merici has words to encourage us all:



*"At times you will certainly encounter difficulties...But all these will soon pass and be turned into gladness and joy." (5th Counsel)*

*"Have hope and firm faith in God, for He will help you in everything."  
(Prologue to the Counsels)*

*"Do something, get moving, be confident, risk new things, stick with it, get on your knees, then be ready for Big Surprises."  
(Prologue to the Counsels)*

Over the next few weeks, we invite you to take some time to reflect upon your journey in faith in a prayerful colouring activity. Thinking back over your time at primary school, what do you thank God for? What are your hopes for KS3 and beyond? Share these, and any other thoughts which come to you, with God. Ask Him to guide you in all that you do and listen to Him in the silence of your hearts. As you do this, colour in the stained glass window template below. Once it's finished, cut it out, write your name and form on the back (faintly or in pencil so that it can't be seen from the front) and bring it with you on your first day at St. Ursula's Convent School.

I look forward to meeting you in the new school year. In the meantime, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Marie*

