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Dear Parents

Orchestral Debut

Following successful auditions recently, flautist Lauren Walters, Year 10, and clarinet player Hannah Garnett, Year 11, have been invited to join the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra (CLYO), one of the leading ensembles of its kind in the country. With nearly 100 members aged 19 and under, the orchestra offers young musicians the unparalleled experience of a full symphony orchestra, enjoying repertoire that ranges from full symphonies to concertos, overtures and popular film music. Regular performance venues include Leeds Town Hall, residential courses and tours in Europe. Congratulations to our outstanding young instrumentalists.

International Selection

Four Cardinal Heenan pupils are representing Great Britain at the *International Sports Federation for Catholic Schools (FISEC)* Games in Malta this week. Our photo shows, from left, Megan Driscoll, Year 10, (athletics); Zara Paniagua-Gutierrez, Year 8 (swimming); Conor Hopkinson, Year 10 (athletics); and Jonathan Nyantou, Year 11 (football) at the opening ceremony of the games on Thursday. All four compete regularly up to county and to national level in their respective disciplines. They will contest for gold, silver and bronze medals against the best representatives from Austria, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Palestine, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, USA, Brazil and Croatia. Nominations for the national squad are made by catholic schools and colleges across the whole country: times are compared to select the strongest performers. The FISEC Games is a well-established event going back some 65 years. Many competitors have gone on to achieve success at Olympic and Commonwealth level. The event is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Papal Office. It will be one of the foremost 'age group' multi-sport events this year.



School Calendar 2015-16

Please find the school calendar for 2015-16 attached. Please note that the school year begins on Thursday 3 September 2015 for all pupils. In the autumn term the school will be closed to pupils for staff training days on Monday 12 October and Monday 30 November. Parent Evenings are as follows:

- Year 7 Tutor Evening - Tuesday 24 November 2015
- Year 7 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 12 April 2016
- Year 8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 3 February 2016
- Year 9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 3 March 2016
- Year 10 Parent's Evening - Tuesday 22 March 2016
- Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 12 November 2015

Year 9 Music Concert, Tuesday 14 July

Our Year 9 musicians will be entertaining pupils and parents in the school hall on Tuesday 14 July at 7.00pm. All welcome.



Years 7, 8 and 9 Reports to Parents, Tuesday 14 July

Please note that this year's reports for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sent home to parents on Tuesday 14 July. A printed copy of the school calendar will also be issued.

Sports Day, Wednesday 15 July

The entire school will decamp to the John Charles Centre for Sport next Wednesday, 15 July, for our annual Sports Day. Transport to the venue will be provided. Large numbers of pupils will take part in the full range of athletic events in what promises to be one of the most enjoyable days in the school year. Parents please see the letter sent to you recently for full details. If you have not already done so, please complete the Consent Form and return it to school without delay, giving permission for your child to attend the Sports Day and to wear non-uniform clothing on Wednesday. We look forward to your support and another successful sporting occasion.

Outdoor Challenge 2015

Congratulations to our Year 9 Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) challenge team who were victorious in this year's Leeds event. The pupils completed challenges involving kayaking, canoeing, raft building and mountain biking. They were ahead of closest rivals by an impressive 17 seconds. The athletes involved were Dominic Coverley, Louis Connell, Nathan Brady, Matthew Kerrigan, Darragh Kennedy, Joe Laverty, Ella Craggs, Bethany Tatler, Magdalene Robinson, Olivia Young, Hannah Walton and Anna Harrison.

West Yorkshire School Games 2015

Well done to Daniel Walsh, Year 8, Eleanor Redding, Ales Banderenka and Jacob Gatenby, all Year 7, who finished fifth in the new age kurling event at the West Yorkshire School Games. This represents an achievement for their first attempt at the sport.



Visite à Paris

A large number of Year 8 pupils now study both Spanish and French and many pupils continue with both languages to GCSE in Years 9 to 11. A group set off for a four day visit to Paris very early this morning. Their itinerary included visits to the Musée D'Orsay, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur and Montmartre as well as the opportunity to see the city by night from a cruise on the River Seine. Our young linguists are relishing the opportunity to enhance their language skills and to experience French culture at first hand.



Lourdes 2015

Today we welcome back our Lourdes pilgrims who have survived the 700 mile journey home after nine wonderful days as part of the 2015 Diocesan Pilgrimage. The theme this year was *Lourdes, the joy of mission*. Congratulations to Katie Angstmann, Imogen Bellamy, Hannah Blinston, Niamh Burke, Aoife Conlon, Sophie Dezso, Joseph Fahy, Patrick Ferguson, Ashling Folan, Amy Forbes, Charlotte Fox, Rebekah Gallagher, Sally Greaney, Kitty Grenham, Lauren Hamilton, Lucas Ingleson, Ellie Jeffers, Luke Jobson, Charlotte Jordens-Harris, Oliver Keeney, Amy Leech, Paiton Lennon, Annabel Magaji, Megane Siakeu, Ruari McBride, Lucy McGuire, Kate McLoughlin, Malachy McWilliams, Ciera Melody, Sam Morris, Cora Murphy, Chelsea Nyamhunga, Edmond Nyantou, Eleanor O'Brien, Brendan O'Reilly, O'Neil Ouinsou, Richard Owen, Abigail Pollard, Emily Pollard, Daniel Rowley, Matthew Ruud, Charlotte Smith, Marek Stasiak, Lewis Suggitt, Makaza Tembo, Amelia Tierney.



They were accompanied by Mrs Holmes, Miss Whitford, Mrs Clarke, Mr Richmond, school governor Mrs Woliter and Fr Michael Doody, School Chaplain.

Assertiveness for Parents

This short course on *Assertiveness for Parents* at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, is designed to help parents to learn skills to avoid both aggression and passivity and instead to be firm, friendly and respectful with children and with others. It will be held on Thursday evenings starting in September. Contact Breda Theakston (07761 715101) to find out more.

Try It On!



We are heartened by the response of parents and pupils to the new school uniform. Many parents have attended our recent viewing evenings and have ordered for September so that their children can wear the uniform next term. (It will be compulsory for new Year 7 pupils). New school uniform (burgundy blazer, plaid school skirt, school tie and PE kit) is available from APC school outfitters. APC's school uniform shop is based in Tadcaster. Orders may be made online.

APC will be in school for purchases of uniform at the Year 7 Enrolment Evening on Monday 13 July from 5.30 pm onwards and Monday 20 July from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. This is another

opportunity for parents and pupils to try on and order all sizes of the new uniform. The APC shop is based in Tadcaster. Orders may be made online.

Pupils currently in Years 7 and 8 must wear the new school uniform by September 2016. Pupils currently in Year 9 have the option of wearing the new school uniform should they choose, but this is not a requirement. Year 9 pupils must, however, buy and wear the new school tie (priced £4.99) by September 2016. APC, the suppliers, will be in school for purchases of uniform again on the last day of the school holiday, Wednesday 2 September, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm to distribute orders, display and take new orders. (It's a Staff Training Day).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox', written in a cursive style.

E A Cox, Headteacher