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**CARDINAL HEENAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*Putting Our Faith in Education*

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Dear Parents

### Remembrance Day



November is the month of remembrance. Our school's Book of Remembrance, which lists the names of pupils and staff who have died, lies open in the School Chapel throughout the month as a constant reminder of all the deceased who studied or were employed in our school. Services to remember the deceased members of our community, members of the armed forces and all those who have died in armed conflict, take place in school every Remembrance Day. Today the names of deceased pupils and staff were read aloud and

remembered in the prayers of the entire school on this special day. May they rest in peace.

During the services pupils and staff said traditional prayers for the dead, including the *De Profundis*, and sang hymns led by our school orchestra and choir. Pupils Daniel Clement and Frankie Ryan-Casey performed *The Green Fields of France*. Tessa Duffy, James Dalzell and Cameron Bradbury devised and led a reflection on our pupils' recent visit to the battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium. Jessica McCartney, Peter Bowdin, Daisy Richardson and Carmel Allinson read from the letters of Horace Iles, a blacksmith's apprentice from Woodhouse, Leeds, who enlisted at the age of 14. He was 16 when he died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916. The behaviour of all our pupils during the solemn services was exemplary throughout.



### Year 11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 17 November

Parents of Year 11 pupils have an opportunity to discuss their children's progress at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17 November (4.00pm to 7.00pm). The overwhelming majority of our Year 11 students are working hard in preparation for their GCSE mock examinations which begin on Thursday 24 November and run until Friday 16 December. Year 11 students have been reminded of the need to plan their time effectively in order to complete a programme of revision activities. Statements of proposed public examination entries will be sent home in January. Full reports will follow on Thursday 2 February.

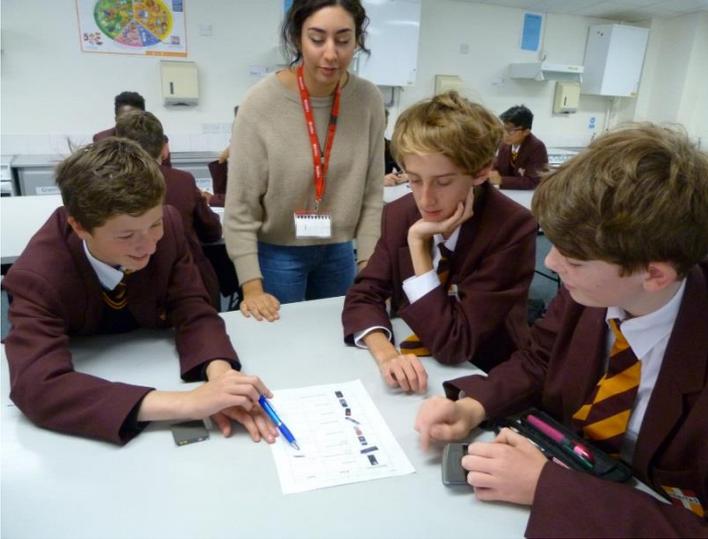
### Parents' Forum, Wednesday 23 November

A Parent Forum takes place each term and provides opportunity for parents to raise questions, provide feedback and meet members of school leadership team. The next forum, to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23 November, will



focus on the current School Development Plan. All parents are invited to attend. Please email school [info@cardinalheenan.com](mailto:info@cardinalheenan.com) if there is a particular topic that you would like the forum to discuss.

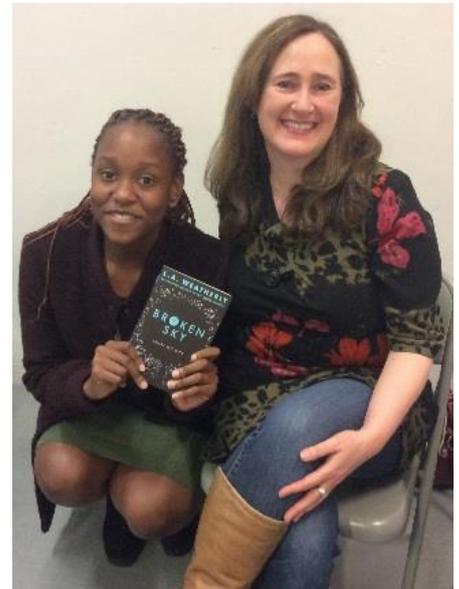
### Mobile Phone Technologies



This week our pupils have been involved in a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) project in partnership with postgraduate students from the Engineering Department at The University of Leeds. Activities included an exploration of the technology of the mobile phone, handsets, networks, optical and satellite communications, data transmission, security, the internet and digital broadcasting.

### Book Signing

A group of students from Years 10 and 11 visited Leeds Central Library last week to meet the popular young adult author Lee Weatherly. The American author answered pupils' questions about the writing process and signed copies of her books. Weatherly's 'angel trilogy' is very popular with Cardinal Heenan students. Those pupils who attended helped to arrange the visit, demonstrating leadership and organisational skills. Many thanks to Miss Burns and Miss Blanc for accompanying our pupils.



### Medical Visit

Year 9 History students enjoyed a visit to Thackray Medical Museum this week. They enjoyed using the interactive galleries to explore the world of medicine from the Victorian age to the present day. The focus was upon surgery and how breakthroughs in science have changed all our lives for the better.

**Preparation for Confirmation**

Pupils in Year 8 or above who live in the parish of Our Lady of Kirkstall (churches of Holy Name, Cookridge, St Mary's, Horsforth, or The Assumption, Kirkstall) are invited to take part in a programme of preparation for Confirmation. The course will begin with a meeting for candidates and parents on Sunday 4 December at 4.00pm at St Mary's Primary School. Further sessions will follow. If you wish to enrol for the confirmation programme, please complete an application form and hand it to the priest at the end of Mass or at one of the parish offices. The forms are available at the back of each church or may be downloaded from <http://www.ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/>

**Training Day**

Please remember that Monday 28 November is a staff training day when there will be no school for pupils. School begins again on the following day at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely



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