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

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Dear Parents

### Champions

The Cardinal Heenan Year 7 girls' football team won the Leeds Girls' Under 12 Five a Side Champions trophy this week. The Heenan squad were unbeaten in a very strong competition, winning their games against Ralph Thoresby, Royds and Temple Moor and drawing with Horsforth. The girls will now represent the City of Leeds in regional finals. Congratulations to Oliwia Cieslak, Amelia O'Brien, Lauren Brannan, Imogen Nichols, Abigail Simpson, Caitlin Fox and Emily Cawthray on a fine achievement. Special thanks to team coach Mr Gaffey.



Stephen Lawrence  
EDUCATION STANDARD

### **Year 8 Directed Choices**

The process of selecting courses of study at Key Stage 4 begins in earnest for Year 8 pupils next week. Letters to parents, recommending one of the three pathways to public examinations, were given to Year 8 pupils today. A series of meetings in the coming weeks provide opportunities for advice, guidance and discussion.

#### ***Monday 16 January: Options Fair***

An options fair for pupils will take place during the school day on Monday 16 January. Year 8 will have the opportunity to meet older pupils already studying the various KS4 courses and to ask questions of the learners themselves.

#### ***Thursday 19 January: Year 8 Options Information Meetings 5.00pm and 7.00pm***

Information meetings for Year 8 parents and pupils about options, presented by Mr Gibbons, Deputy Headteacher, will be held in the School Hall on **Thursday 19 January**. The first meeting, at 5.00pm, will be for parents of pupils recommended for Pathway 1 (a vocational course and nine GCSEs, including Combined Science). A second meeting for parents of pupils recommended for Pathway 2 (10 GCSEs including GCSE Combined Science) and Pathway 3 (11 GCSEs including GCSE Triple Science) will take place at 7.00pm. (Please note the different start times.) These occasions will provide an opportunity to find out more about courses on offer and to discuss which of these may be best suited to your child. Information will also be given about significant changes to GCSE and other examinations which will affect Year 8 Pupils. Senior staff will be available to discuss curriculum choice with you on the evening.

#### ***Options Booklet 2017***

A booklet setting out details of each core and option subject and a Directed Choices form will be issued to Year 8 pupils on Tuesday 24 January.

#### ***Wednesday 1 February: Year 8 Parents' Evening, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm***

This is an opportunity for Year 8 parents to meet with their children's subject teachers. Senior staff and the teachers who will be delivering KS4 courses will be available to discuss curriculum choices with parents and pupils on that occasion.

### **Year 11 Mock GCSE Results Day**

Year 11 pupils will have a foretaste of summer next week when they take part in a mock GCSE Results Day. On Thursday 19 January they will be handed the subject grades attained in the recent mock examinations in sealed envelopes, to replicate GCSE results day. Overall, the results are encouraging and this will be a good news day for most of our pupils. Following special assemblies, various small groups will be offered personalised support which reflects outcomes attained. Some pupils will have meetings with senior staff to review their results and make action plans for improvement.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher