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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

New Iconography in School Chapel

Pupils and staff visiting our School Chapel this week have been greeted by new iconography including an altar crucifix, candleholders and The Stations of the Cross. This Lent it has been wonderful to see pupils attending Mass on Thursday lunchtimes, The Stations of the Cross on Fridays and our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and 'Light Fever' service today. Thank you to all pupils and staff who are supporting the school's Lenten appeals for St Vincent's and Catholic Care.



Wellbeing

I am really pleased to announce that Cardinal Heenan has begun the process of working towards a Wellbeing Award. This initiative helps to develop effective practice to promote pupils' emotional wellbeing and good mental health. It will help us to understand different emotional and mental health needs across the school so that we have systems in place to respond appropriately. We will work in partnerships with other schools, agencies and specialist services to support emotional wellbeing. We regard mental health as the responsibility of all.

GCSE Examinations

It was a pleasure to welcome large numbers of Year 11 students and their parents to our Examination Preparation Information Meeting last evening. Our examination candidate were given much important information to help them make good use of the forthcoming Easter holiday. There are 29 school days left before the first GCSE paper on Monday 14 May.



Year 8 Options

Our rescheduled Year 8 Options Information Meeting for pupils and parents takes place next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. Option choices forms will be issued to pupils on Monday next week. Completed forms should be returned by Monday 26 March.

Achievers' Award

Congratulations to Keyano Heyliger, Year 11, who has been invited to the House of Commons next week for an insight in to the workings of Parliament led by our local MP, Fabian Hamilton. The event is part of the Black Achievers' Wings Award.

Book Reviews

Each week we include a book recommendation from a member of our school community. Pupils who would like to see a favourite book featured in this column should see Miss Burns, School Librarian, for an application form.

This week's reader is Year 10 pupil Ella Brownbill, a reading buddy and student mentor. She recommends *13 Minutes* by Sarah Pinborough. Ella writes, "This is an exciting thriller in which you never know which characters to trust. It's clever and gripping from start to finish. Try it. You won't be disappointed."

Dates for The Diary

Tuesday 20 March Year 8 Options Information Meeting for pupils and parents at 7.00pm

Thursday 22 March Year 9 Parents' Evening from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 22 March Issue of Progress Reports for pupils in Years 8 & 10

Monday 26 March Year 10 Parents' Evening from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Tuesday 27 March Year 9 Young Shakespeare Company performance of Romeo & Juliet

Thursday 29 March End of Spring Term for Pupils at 1.20pm

Yours sincerely



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