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Dear Parents

Mark Butterfield



Pupils staff and governors attended the Requiem Mass for Mark Butterfield last Tuesday. Pupils in Mark's tutor group represented the school with dignity, love and respect. They read the epistle, psalm, bidding prayers and communion reflection. Other pupils were ministers of welcome and of the offertory. Mark's tutor, Miss Dias, gave the eulogy at the Requiem Mass. Here is some of what she said: *'He was taken from us too soon. But even though we did not have him for long, he has forever changed us. We should learn from his selflessness and be supportive and kind to others. We should learn from his bravery and face our days with good humour and smile. So even though right now we can't part from the pain, the loss, the sadness or the anger, we should remember that these are not the feelings Mark would have wanted us to have. He would have wanted us to show the strength that he showed against adversity. He would have wanted us to have the determination that he brought to everything he did. He would have wanted us to hope, as he did, for a better tomorrow. He would have wanted us to feel the joy with which he lived his life.'*

Here at school on Tuesday all pupils and staff school stood in silence to remember Mark and prayers were said for the repose of his soul. A service of prayer and reflection took place at lunchtime. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Mr Butterfield has asked me to convey the family's gratitude for the love and support shown to Mark throughout his time here and especially in these difficult days. Arrangements are being made for a service of remembrance. It will take place in school next term.

School Uniform

Standards of uniform have improved greatly since the introduction of the new burgundy school blazers last September. Pupils across all year groups have opted in to the new uniform and it is clear that pupils are also proud to wear the new PE kit. I am grateful for the support of parents and the hard work of school staff in achieving these standards. Parents and pupils are reminded of the school's rules on uniform, make-up, trousers, skirt lengths and jewellery. Please note that trainers and plimsoll style shoes are not permitted. The school's expectations and uniform requirements may be found on pages 23 to 25 of your child's planner and in the *Dress for Success* booklet on the school's website. <http://www.cardinalheenan.com/index.php/about-the-school/uniform>

As you are aware, it is a requirement that all pupils other than those in current Year 10, wear the new school uniform by September 2016. Our uniform suppliers are *APC Clothing* and *Jo Brand Plus*. Further details may be found on the school's website.

Holy Week and Easter 2016



Throughout the season of Lent, our pupils have been encouraged to develop their relationship with God and to deepen their faith. It has been pleasing to see them making the effort to get to the voluntary lunchtime prayers and



reflections in our school chapel. A Holy Week liturgy will be held in school next Thursday to help pupils reflect on the Lenten themes of **Pray, Fast, Give** and to prepare for the Paschal Triduum which will be taking place in parishes over the following three days. Our aim will be to help pupils think about their experience of Lent and to prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter services in their parish communities. Thank you to all pupils and parents who supported our *Choose your Footwear for Catholic Care* fundraising yesterday. Pupils were invited to leave their school shoes at home for the day and to make a donation of £1 to Catholic Care, a charity which provides much support for children and their families in our diocese.

Feedback from Parents

Thank you to parents who attended the recent Year 9 Parents' Evening. Responses to the questionnaire indicate high levels of parental satisfaction. Parental views on the work of the school are always welcome. Please contact us by telephone 887 3240 or email info@cardinalheenan.com.

Feedback form Year 9 Parental Questionnaire						
Statement	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Don't Know %	Total %
My child is happy in school	43%	54%	0%	2%	2%	100%
My child is making good progress at school	38%	58%	4%	0%	0%	100%
Pupils behave well in school	26%	63%	4%	0%	6%	100%
Teaching is good	29%	70%	1%	0%	0%	100%
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best	46%	53%	0%	1%	0%	100%
The homework given builds well on what my child learns at school	26%	53%	10%	4%	7%	100%
My child has adequate amounts of homework	22%	57%	14%	7%	0%	100%
Staff treat all children fairly and with respect	30%	61%	1%	1%	6%	100%
My child is encouraged to be healthy and to take regular exercise	19%	64%	4%	1%	12%	100%
My child is safe and is well cared for at school	33%	64%	2%	0%	2%	100%
Bullying incidents are dealt with effectively in school	16%	60%	7%	0%	17%	100%
I am kept informed about my child's progress	24%	68%	6%	3%	0%	100%
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions/suggestions or a problem	37%	61%	1%	1%	0%	100%
I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints	25%	58%	4%	1%	12%	100%
My child knows who to go to if there is a problem	37%	56%	3%	1%	3%	100%
The school welcomes the views of parents	34%	58%	0%	3%	5%	100%
There is a good range of activities including trips or visits	20%	56%	14%	8%	3%	100%
The school is well run	37%	60%	3%	0%	0%	100%
The school's proposal to replace the headteacher's weekly letter with the frequent news items on the school website will keep me better informed	25%	48%	14%	7%	7%	100%

World Championships

Five Cardinal Heenan pupils have won places to compete at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow next week. Congratulations to Year 10 pupils Niamh Maloney, Aine O'Hara, Sinead O'Hara, Shona Martin and Caitlin Graham on fine performances in a series of regional rounds. We wish them every success at the highest level.

Be Curious

Our pupils have been enjoying visits to the Festival of Science at the University of Leeds this week. Parents and pupils are invited to a free fun day out at the university tomorrow. *Be Curious* is an exciting, free, interactive event, suitable for everyone with an interest in health, wellbeing and the human body. If you have ever been curious about what studies and research are taking place in Leeds, this is an opportunity to go and see. *Be Curious* is for adults and children of all ages and is entirely free. It takes place at the Parkinson Building, University of Leeds, tomorrow, Saturday 19 March from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

See more at: <http://www.stem.leeds.ac.uk/events/lfos/#sthash.v5kQIWwv.dpuf>

Walk for Water

A group of Year 10 pupils will join forces with other diocesan schools on the CAFOD Walk for Water next Tuesday, 22 March. This annual event enables young people to reflect on what life is like for those who have to walk for miles each day to collect clean water. The walk begins in Leeds City Centre and finishes with a liturgy at Kirkstall Abbey.

Rugby Success

Our Year 9 boys' rugby team scored 15 tries in the *Sky Try 9* tournament yesterday evening, overcoming Crawshaw Academy and drawing with Leeds West Academy. Congratulations to Cameron Robinson, Isaac Coleman, Ben Cawthray, Archie Craggs, Dyla Charlesworth, Ben Boam, Emmanuel Yeboah, Hoa Phan, Ciaran Dickinson and Joe Hicken.

End of Term

School buses will depart earlier than usual at 1.25pm next Thursday afternoon, 24 March. The summer term begins on Monday 11 April at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely



E A Cox
Headteacher