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**CARDINAL HEENAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

### **Moving On**

Our Year 11 pupils were praised by Notre Dame Catholic Sixth form College, Leeds, this week. Pupils visited the college for taster sessions on Wednesday and staff from the college were in school on Friday to interview the 120 Year 11 pupils who have applied for places to study A-levels there.



### **Year 8 Options**

#### **Thursday 1 March: Year 8 Options Information Meeting for Parents and Pupils at 7.00pm**

Letters to parents, recommending one of three pathways for studies at Key Stage 4, will be given to Year 8 pupils in the coming weeks. A group of pupils will be recommended for Pathway 1 (Nine GCSEs, including Combined Science, and a vocational course). Other pupils will be advised to follow Pathway 2 (10 GCSEs including GCSE Combined Science and GCSE Spanish, leading to the English Baccalaureate). Another group will be directed to Pathway 3 (11 GCSEs including GCSE Triple Science and GCSE Spanish, also leading to the English Baccalaureate). An information meeting for Year 8 parents and pupils about options will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 1 March at 7.00pm. This occasion 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.

#### **Options Booklet 2018**

A booklet setting out details of each core and option subject and a Directed Choices form will be issued to Year 8 pupils before the options information meeting.

#### **Options Fair**

An options fair for Year 8 pupils will take place during the school day on Monday 5 March. Year 8 will have the opportunity to meet older pupils already studying the various KS4 courses and to ask questions of the learners themselves.

#### **University Day**

Year 9 pupils gained experience of higher education on Thursday 1 February Day, when they took part in an interactive, taster day at the Headingley campus of Leeds Beckett University. It was designed to raise aspirations, to give pupils an introduction to higher education studies and to explain something about university life and course options. Pupils attended a lecture and a campus tour. A choice of various



workshops was offered, including those relating to degree courses in nursing, psychology, architecture, sports science and dietetics. The event was led by university staff and student ambassadors.

### **Ski Trip to Sestriere, Italy**

A group of pupils and staff are making final preparations for their Ski Trip to Sestriere, Italy, next week. Visit Leader Mr Edney reminds pupils involved and their parents that departure will be from St Urban's car park, Tongue Lane, at 4.30am prompt on Thursday 8 February, prior to setting off for the flight to Geneva. Please arrive no later than 4.00am. The group expects to return to St Urban's car park at approximately 5:00 pm on Thursday 15 February. The time is subject to change, depending on possible delays at airports and traffic conditions on the journey back to Leeds.

### **Visits Overseas**

Bookings from Year 8 pupils are now being taken for the 2018 visit to First World War battlefields of France and Belgium which takes place from Friday 19 October to Tuesday 23 October 2018. Letters were sent to parents of Year 8 pupils this week. Further details are available from Mr Wild. The Geography Visit to Iceland is scheduled from Friday 25 May 2018 to Tuesday 29 May 2018. Information about the 2019 ski trip will be available in March.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday 8 February:	Ski Trip to Sestriere, Italy (until Thursday 15 February)
Friday 9 February:	School Closes for Half Term
Sunday 18 February:	Year 11 Retreat to Ampleforth until Tuesday 20 February
Monday 19 February:	Staff Training Day: School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 20 February:	School Re-opens after Half Term

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher