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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear Parents

Visit to the First World War Battlefields

40 pupils and four staff have just returned from a four day residential educational visit to the First World War battlefields in northern France and Belgium. They visited the site of the Battle of the Somme, the Passchendaele Museum, Thiepval Memorial, the Tyne Cot and Langemark cemeteries and took part in a ceremony of the last post at the Menin Gate, a moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell. The memorial bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The photograph shows Alistair Henderson and Alice Hobson with a wreath, laid on behalf of the Cardinal Heenan community. This valuable educational visit enabled pupils to engage in historical enquiry about different aspects of the war. It was led by Mr Wild, Curriculum Leader for History, accompanied by Mrs Langan, Miss Gallagher and Mr Milner.



*And through some mooned Valhalla there will pass
Battalions and battalions, scarred from hell;
The unreturning army that was youth;
The legions who have suffered and are dust.*

Guide to Courses for Year 9

Thank you to the Year 9 parents and pupils who attended our Information Evening last Wednesday. Advice was given on how parents can provide support for pupils preparing for the new GCSEs and other examinations. The school's *Guide to Courses at KS4* was distributed at the meeting. The booklet gives details of the main topics to be covered in each specification, tips for parents and useful websites for research and revision etc. Copies have been given to all Year 9 pupils. The booklet and the presentations delivered may be seen on the curriculum page of the school website:

<http://www.cardinalheenan.com/index.php/curriculum/curriculum-overview>



Year 11 Skills Building Day

All our Year 11 pupils enjoyed a day of skills building activities last Monday. It included a focus on study skills and revision strategies in preparation for mock examinations, assistance in making post-16 education applications, writing personal statements and interview preparation. Pupils also participated in *Restart a Heart Day* and received training from Yorkshire Ambulance Service in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Special thanks to Mrs Welbourne who coordinated it all.



Stephen Lawrence
EDUCATION STANDARD

Achievement

Our school's new system for recording pupil achievement was launched successfully last month. Achievement points are issued for: high standards of oral contribution, written work and effort in lessons; upholding the school's Catholic ethos and values, in and outside the classroom; and participation in extra-curricular activities such as clubs at lunchtime or sports after school. Congratulations to the pupils listed below on being awarded high numbers of achievement points this half term:

Year 11

Victoria Besa, Molly McWilliams, James Lewis, Jennifer Harrington, Ruby Joseph, Cindy Moyo, Shona Martin, Niamh Cassidy, Lillie Joseph, Christian Tchokogoue, Isabelle Webster and Christopher Ghosal

Year 10

Ange Siakeu, Federico Lythe, Khushi Seegoolam, Cameron Bradbury, Dominic Laverty, Charlotte Usher, Carmel Allinson, Lily Smith, Jack Land, Mason Todman, Tessa Duffy and Darren Asare-Bediako

Year 9

Ruben Hamilton, Jaikaila Benjamin, Evie Lock, Filip Morus, James Connell, Mellentin Ikoé Itale, Wiktorija Szczygielska, James Preston, Joanne Harrington, Ellen Thomas, Angelyka Sedano and Alannah Ward

Year 8

Cristian Mellett, Henry Langton, Caoimhe Cassidy, Michael Aveyard, Daniel Jenkinson-McLaughlin, Harry Thompson, Callum Dyson-Dalby, Anthony Heffernan, Caitlin Fox, Iven Miles Maac and Kirsten Zoleta

Year 7

Tare Itie, Maria Lopes-Cruz, Anna Cookson, Louis Pearce, Gorgeous Paka, Eve Thorp, Niamh Birks, Max Crompton, Alexandra Sedano, Aine Mccarthy, Jamie Broadhurst and Abigail Santillan

Feast of All Saints

Our priest chaplain, Fr Josh Hilton, will celebrate Mass for pupils at 1.00pm, just before lunch on Wednesday 1 November, the Feast of All Saints. Those attending will be giving up part of their lunch time. Pupils who do not volunteer to attend at lunchtime in school will be encouraged to join their parish communities at Mass on this Holyday of Obligation.

Presentation Evening for the Class of 2017 on Thursday 2 November

Former Year 11 pupils and their parents, members of staff and governors will be attending our annual Presentation Evening on Thursday 2 November in the School Hall. Our former pupils are asked to register from 7.00pm onwards to enable a prompt start at 7.30pm. This year's guest speaker is also one of our former pupils: Richard Burgon, now MP for Leeds East, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice and Shadow Lord Chancellor. Richard was a pupil here from 1992 to 1997. He read English at St John's College, Cambridge.



Half Term

I would like to thank everyone in the Cardinal Heenan community, pupils, staff, parents and governors, for the warm welcome I have received over this half term. It is a great privilege to be part of a school which is built upon an ethos of achievement, support and care for all.

The school closes for the autumn half term break this afternoon and re-opens to pupils at 8.55am on Monday 30 October. Enjoy the holiday!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Whelan'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

P Whelan
Headteacher