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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Ampleforth Visit

A number of our students participated in a retreat to Ampleforth under the guidance of Mrs Holder and Mr Milner. This is what one of our students Victoria Besa had to say about it:

"I thought that the retreat to Ampleforth was very beneficial as it allowed me to take a break from the outside world and reflect on my relationship with God. One way in which this relationship improved was through the insightful prayer sessions that took place at Ampleforth. These sessions that took place gave me a new insight into prayer especially the stories that accompanied these sessions that were taught by Father Bede. One particular thing that stuck in mind Father Bede said was that: a prayer doesn't necessarily have to be long; you only need to think of the person in order for it be a prayer- something that I had never considered before as it has always been words. Overall, I thought the retreat was amazing, and I wouldn't hesitate to go again."



Ski Trip

Mr Edney led a trip for 32 pupils (24 beginners) for a week of skiing in Sestriere, Italy from 8 to 15 February. Pupils enjoyed fantastic skiing conditions and made the most of the après ski which included sledging and ice skating. All 3 ski instructors commented on the excellent attitude and application of the students whilst on the slopes. I am grateful to all the staff who gave so freely of their time to provide this opportunity for our students.

As the trip was such a success, we will look to launching it again next September to run in February 2020.



Appointment of Deputy Head

During a two day process this week Governors appointed a new Deputy Head to replace Mr Gibbons who is retiring at the end of the Academic Year. The successful candidate was Miss S Barnes who is currently working in Derbyshire. Six members of the Student Council were involved in the appointment process all of whom were superb in the way that they conducted themselves and left me feeling very proud of all of them. Governors have shortlisted for the role of Headteacher. The interviews will take place the week after next.

Year 8 Key Stage 4 Options Evening

This year's Options Evening for parents will be taking place on Thursday 1 March at 7.00pm. This occasion will provide an opportunity to find out more about courses and to discuss why these may be best suited to your child.

Pupils in Year 8 will be bringing home a letter on Monday including a form to indicate whether or not parents will be attending the evening. If you are a parent of a pupil in Year 8 please look out for the letter and return the form to school no later than Wednesday 28 February so we can get an idea of numbers attending.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



P Whelan
Headteacher