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Dear Parents

Welcome to a Former Pupil

Former Cardinal Heenan pupil and Head Boy, Gareth Davies, will be returning to his old school next Friday, 1 May, when he speaks to our GCSE Business students. Gareth is now a Director and Head of Global Strategic Relations at *Threadneedle Investments*, a global investment management company based in London, where he is responsible for the company's private banking activities. Gareth was a pupil here from 1995 to 2000, our last years in the old school buildings. He then moved on to Notre Dame Sixth Form College and the University of Nottingham. The last time he was here Gareth gave the vote of thanks as retiring Head Boy at our Presentation Evening in October 2000, just after the school moved to its current accommodation.

Gareth has advised the UK Cabinet Office and HM Treasury and in 2014 was invited to The White House to brief and advise Jonathan Greenblatt, Special Assistant to President Barack Obama. In July he will be taking a year's sabbatical in order to attend the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in the United States, to complete a Masters of Public Administration.

Prize for Scarlet

Congratulations to Cardinal Heenan pupil Scarlet Rowe, Year 9, on being a prize winner in the Yorkshire Evening Post's spring story competition. A panel of judges selected Scarlet's winning story to be published online and to be read by children's author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst at a special event in Leeds Central Library on 10 April. The competition was organised by the YEP and the Leeds Library and Information Service as part a *Get Leeds Reading* campaign. Here's the opening of Scarlet's story:

It really felt like the first day of spring. Amongst the snow drops I saw something sparkling on the grass.

At last, they've finally rung! I pressed the flashing button hurriedly and a deep husky voice boomed out:

"Receiving, agent 656?"

'Yes, SIR,' I replied.

'Meet at the headquarters immediately,' he ordered.

Read more at <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/latest-news/top-stories/young-writers-put-pen-to-paper-to-share-spring-tales-1-7194032>

Kate Pankhurst is the author of the *Mariella Mystery Investigates* series of books.

Big Games Ahead

Our Year 9 footballers have reached the county cup final for the second successive season. In 2014 they were the first Cardinal Heenan team for almost 20 years to win the trophy. (Mr Gaffey, our Careers Coordinator, played in the side in those 'glory days' of the 1990s!) The Year 9 squad of 2015 could become the first Cardinal Heenan team ever to retain the title next Wednesday, 29 April, when they play North Halifax Grammar School. The road to this year's final has included victories over Temple Moor, Bruntcliffe, Heckmondwike, Holmfirth, Thornhill and Minsthorpe schools. The big game takes place at Ossett Albion FC at 4.15pm. Large numbers of parents and pupils are planning to travel. The address of the venue is Queen's Terrace, Dimplewells Road, Ossett WF5 8JT. Two days earlier, on Monday 27 April at 5.30pm, the team face St Mary's, Menston in the Leeds schools cup final at the John Charles Centre, Middleton Grove, Leeds LS11 5DJ. Your support for this special team would be gratefully received at both cup finals.



Book Fair

Many thanks to parents for your support at the Book Fair during Year 7 Parents Evening. The fair runs until Monday 27 April. Over 200 titles, suitable for the ages and abilities of our pupils, are on sale, priced from £2.99 with a variety of discounts. Please play your part in encouraging our pupils to read for pleasure.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox', written in a cursive style.

E A Cox
Headteacher