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Dear Parents

Music for Mark, Tuesday 28 June at 6.45pm



Parents, pupils, family and friends are invited to enjoy high quality entertainment in an informal atmosphere at a concert in memory of our pupil Mark Butterfield. *Music for Mark* takes place in school next Tuesday, 28 June, at 6.45pm. Mark died in Leeds General Infirmary, on Tuesday 1 March, at the age of 15. He had been suffering from cancer. Funds raised from the event will be donated to *Candlelighters* in memory of Mark. *Candlelighters* helps support children with cancer and their families. The charity, founded in 1976 by families and medical staff at Leeds General Infirmary, funds research and study of children's cancer. It provides family holidays, grants and essential additional services within the hospital, bringing support and hope to ordinary families who are facing extraordinary circumstances. Come and be entertained by our talented pupil performers. A collection will be taken for *Candlelighters*. There will be no admission charge for this event. Everyone is welcome.



Changes to ParentPay

ParentPay have made a number of changes to their online payment system. Please note that when topping up *My Account*, the funds are held in the basket. To transfer the funds to the item you wish to pay for, click *Pay for Items*, then *View Details and Pay*. If these actions are not carried out, funds sit in the *My Account* basket and are not transferred to the item you wish to pay for.

School Uniform

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*. 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>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016

Over forty Year 10 pupils, accompanied by staff, are taking part in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which departs for France next Thursday, 30 June. The Youth Section are there to care for sick pilgrims, to acknowledge their faith and to spend time in the healing atmosphere of Lourdes. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they take upon themselves the responsibilities of caring for others.



Reflection for Year 8

Two groups of Year 8 pupils took part in residential religious retreats at Myddleton Grange, Ilkley, this week. The programme included many opportunities for them to reflect on the theme of *Faith in Action*. Pupils were involved in discussions, devising and performing a play and a long moorland walk in glorious sunshine. In the evenings they were led in prayer and meditation and on the last morning they prepared a marvellous Mass of Thanksgiving.



The retreat was an opportunity for our students to reflect, pray, make friends and to think about their futures. Many thanks to Miss Whitford (Visit Leader), Mrs Holmes, Mr Richmond, Miss Clarke, Mrs Flaherty (Visit Leader), Mrs Keinhorst, Mr Hartwell, Mr Milner, Mrs Donkin and Mrs Trigg for spending nights away from their families to share such a special time with the pupils. The retreat directors at Myddleton Grange praised our pupils for their high levels of commitment and excellent behaviour throughout the visits.

Sports Day

On Friday 15 July all pupils and staff will be taken by school buses to the John Charles Centre for Sport (South Leeds Stadium) for the school's annual Sports Day. Everyone will be assigned to a team 'representing' a South American country. The South American sporting theme has been chosen to coincide with the Rio Olympics. Teams will be made up of one tutor group from each of Years 7, 8 and 9 and will compete for medals in various sporting events. Pupils not participating in sports will be there to 'cheer on' their team. Staff will supervise the pupils and activities. Stadium marshals and first aiders have been employed to enhance the security and safety of our pupils. It is recommended that pupils bring a drink and a snack for the morning and a packed lunch for the return to school at approximately 2.00pm. No food may be purchased at the stadium. The dining room at school will be open on pupils' return but will serve only fruit, biscuits, cakes and drinks.

On Sports Day we are asking all pupils to dress in the colour assigned to the team which they will represent. We hope pupils will enter into the spirit of the occasion. Parents, please ensure that your child wears sensible and appropriate clothing, taking into account the weather forecast for the day. Pupils participating sports must bring PE kit appropriate for the event, with a T-shirt or top in team colours.

Pupils are asked to bring in a minimum voluntary contribution of £2.00 in cash. The proceeds will be used to support the activities of *Health Awareness Week* and to send donations to The Sylvia Wright School for the Deaf, India, and St Gemma's Hospice, our chosen charities. Donations may be made by placing cash in an envelope (with your child's name and tutor group written on the front). Please return envelopes to the school payment box.

Please complete the consent form that has been sent home and return it to school no later than Monday 4 July, giving permission for your child to attend the Sports Day and to wear non-uniform clothing on that day.

Prizes for Joseph Ruane



Congratulations to 18 year old former Cardinal Heenan pupil Joseph Ruane on being awarded prizes for English, History and Endeavour by Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire. Joseph won a sixth form scholarship to Ampleforth as he was completing his Year 11 studies here. He left us in 2014 with seven GCSE passes at grade A* and four at Grade A. Next term he moves on to St Benet's Hall, Oxford, to read History. Joseph is the current holder of the *Catholic Young Writer Award*, a prestigious national award sponsored by the Catholic Union of Great Britain. His winning essay was published by *Faith* magazine in February. St Benet's, pictured above, is a Permanent Private Hall of The University of Oxford.

Training Day, Wednesday 29 June

Please remember that Wednesday 29 June is a staff training day when there will be no school for pupils. It is, of course, also the feast of St Peter and St Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation. We hope that all our pupils will avail themselves of this opportunity to attend Mass with their families in parish communities. School begins again on Thursday 30 June at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of E A Cox

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