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Dear Parents

### **Year 11 Easter Revision**

Year 11 pupils will be making good use of the forthcoming holiday to prepare for GCSE examinations. The Examinations Guidance and Revision booklets issued and the presentations used at the recent Year 11 information evening meeting may be accessed on our school website. All our Year 11 pupils now have free access to two PiXL apps for smartphone and tablet to help them identify their strengths and area to develop in these subjects.

#### ***PiXL English Literature App***

<https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/>

#### ***PiXL Maths App***

<https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>

Details have been given to pupils by their teachers. Please encourage your child to make use of these excellent resources.

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening: 4.00 – 7.00pm Monday 27 March**

I look forward to meeting parents of year 10 pupils at the Parents Consultation Evening on Monday 27 March (4.00pm to 7.00pm). This is a timely opportunity to review student progress prior to Year 10 examinations at the start of next term. Please bring your list of appointments with you to the meeting.

### **Live Shakespeare Theatre for Year 9 Pupils: Tuesday 28 March**

On Tuesday we welcome the Young Shakespeare Company to school for what promises to be a vibrant performance of *Romeo and Juliet* to Year 9 pupils.

### **The Durham Schools' Debating Competition (residential) - Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 March 2017**

Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Doyle are accompanying ten Year 11 pupils to the annual debating competition this weekend at Durham University. It provides an opportunity for our pupils to experience university life and meet pupils from other debating teams across the country. We look forward to hearing about their successes and experiences next week.

### **Music Technology**

Pupils visited **Leeds Beckett University** recently to learn about the many roles and careers within music technology. Our pupils enjoyed using the impressive recording studios, post-production rooms and portable recording and audio analysis devices.

### **Lent Observation**

To mark Lent in school, each year group will be involved in an extended assembly next week. Lenten prayer takes place each morning in tutor groups and pupils are being encouraged to attend Lenten devotions in the Chapel at lunchtime, to come to the Masses on Thursday and to support fundraising for Catholic Care. Thank you for your support of the school's Lenten activities.



**End of Term Friday 31 March**

Please note that school will finish early on the last day of term, Friday 31 March. School buses will depart at the earlier time of 1.25pm on Friday afternoon. The summer term begins on Easter Tuesday, 18 April at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

E A Cox  
*Headteacher*