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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear Parents

Book Fair



Our book fair is on! It opened at lunchtime today and runs until Thursday 1st December, as part of our continuing drive to encourage pupils to read for pleasure. Over 200 titles will be available including fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more. Prices start from £2.99. There will be opportunities for parents of Year 7 pupils to review and buy new books at the Tutor Evening on Tuesday 29 November. Every pupil who purchases a book will be entered into a prize draw for free books and asked to nominate books they would like to see in the library. There is an opportunity to win a further £10 for the best book review. Details have been explained in English reading lessons. Please support the initiative and encourage your child to read a book for pleasure.

Just a thought:

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.
Then fill the shelves with lots of books."
Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

School Development Plan 2016-17

It was a pleasure to welcome parents to this term's Parents' Forum on Wednesday. Mr Briggs spoke on the new accountability measures for secondary schools; Mr Gibbons told parents about the new School Development Plan and our programme extra-curricular activities. The meeting focused on the implementation of this year's key priorities which are that the school will continue to:

- Impact on the progress of *all* disadvantaged pupils, particularly boys.
- Improve the progress for all pupils across all subjects in order to secure the highest standards.
- Improve consistency and accuracy of predictions for academic outcomes across all year groups.



Many thanks to the parents who attended and for the kind offers by volunteers. A summary of the new development plan may be found on the school website.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 11 students made an impressive start to their GCSE mock examinations which began yesterday and run for the next three weeks until Friday 16 December. They have been reminded of the need to plan their time effectively in order to complete a programme of revision activities. Statements of proposed public examination entries will be sent home in January. Full reports will follow on Thursday 2 February.

Lost Property

Items of lost property found in school are displayed in the school foyer every Friday during term in the hope that owners will reclaim them. The pile of unclaimed items is growing exponentially. Several items have been waiting for their owners since the first week of term. Items currently awaiting collection include blazers, jackets, coats, pullovers, shirts, shorts, rucksacks, holdalls, boot bags, football boots, shoes, trainers, watches, purses and much more. Lost property wastes a great deal of parents' money, pupils' time which should be spent learning and teachers' time which could be better spent in teaching. Whenever an item is labelled with a name it is returned directly to the owner. Unfortunately, few items are labelled. Pupils, please take greater care of your belongings. Claim found items from reception. Too many Year 7 pupils are very forgetful of expensive items of clothing and equipment. Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.



Training Day

Please remember that next Monday, 28 November, is a staff training day when there will be no school for pupils. School begins again the following day at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox'.

E A Cox
Headteacher