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**CARDINAL HEENAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*Putting Our Faith in Education*

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Dear Parents

### UK Maths Challenge

Cardinal Heenan mathematicians were ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the country earlier this week when they took part in the finals of the *UK Maths Challenge* in Westminster, London. Congratulations to Chloe Facun, Chaewon Park Shim (both Year 8), Eamon Boyle-Smith and Sean Carey (both Year 9) on winning the Leeds Maths Challenge earlier this year and on competing superbly with the 88 schools invited to the final. More than 1,700 schools nationwide entered the competition which was won by Westminster School. Mr Mangan, coordinator of this year's challenge in school, accompanied our team to London with Mrs Willock.

### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition



Congratulations to Year 9 pupils on their success in achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, after completing the expedition last weekend. The winners of this prestigious accolade are Aimee Tarpey, Alexandra Dickinson, Bethany Tatler, Charlize Muziki-Madilo, Darragh Kennedy, Dioni Murphy, Dominic Coverley, Ella Craggs, Finn Rea, Jack Mercer, Katie Rose Crowe, Louis Connell, Magdelene Robinson, Matthew Kerrigan, Nathan Brady, Scarlett Rowe, Sean Carey and Sinead King. These pupils have completed a variety of tasks in learning new skills, volunteering in the community and responding to physical challenges. They have gained and evidenced skills in self-management, problem solving, team working, communication, as well as having developed a positive approach to work. Achieving this award has given them skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. They have made a difference to other people's lives in our community; they are fitter and healthier; and they have had a lot of fun. Many thanks to Mrs McBrinn and to our team of staff who have generously given of their time to coordinate the programme.

### Years 7, 8 and 9 Reports to Parents, Tuesday 14 July

Please note that this year's reports for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be issued a day earlier than scheduled on the school calendar. Reports will be sent home to parents on Tuesday 14 July.



### Year 11 Prom



Year 11 pupils celebrated their final event of the school year last night when the annual Prom Night at Mercure Leeds Parkway Hotel, Bramhope, was very well attended. Dresses, suits, shoes and limousines were a sight to behold! See the *Yorkshire Evening Post* next week for more professional photographs.

### Road Safety

Our pupils have been reminded this week of the need for sensible behaviour when walking to and from school. A passing motorist reported earlier this week that an accident was narrowly avoided when a pupil stepped in front of a car without looking, causing an emergency stop. A concerned member of the public stated that pupils have been seen walking in the roadway and crossing Tongue Lane without looking, whilst chatting to friends. All pupils should cross the road using the new pedestrian crossing outside our school gates where a crossing patrol warden (lollipop man) is on duty before and after school each day.

### Year 10 Pilgrims Prepare

It is often said of the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes that it does not begin when you arrive in Lourdes but on the day you sign up! This has certainly been the case for the pupils and staff who have spent time preparing for their pilgrimage very actively through fundraising, catechesis, prayer and music. They travelled to St Joseph's, Bradford, to join other schools from around the diocese for a Lourdes pilgrim Mass. Our pupils will set off next Thursday, 2 July. We hope that they have a safe and holy pilgrimage and will be keeping them all in our prayers. Mrs Holmes is this year's leader of our school pilgrimage, assisted by Miss Whitford, Mr Richmond, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Woliter, School Governor, and Fr Michael Doody, Priest Chaplain. They will be returning on Friday 10 July.

### Sports Day, Wednesday 15 July

The entire school will decamp to the John Charles Centre for Sport on Wednesday 15 July for our annual Sports Day. Transport to the venue will be provided. Large numbers of pupils will take part in the full range of athletic events in what promises to be one of the most enjoyable days in the school year. Parents please see the letter sent to you earlier this week for full details. Please ensure that your child can participate by completing the Consent Form and returning it to school, no later than Monday, 6 July, giving permission for your child to attend the Sports Day and to wear non-uniform clothing on that day. We look forward to your support and another successful sporting occasion.

Yours sincerely

E A Cox, Headteacher