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Dear Parents

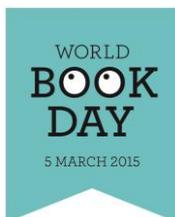
### Top of the Class

In today's issue of the Yorkshire Post our school is once again highlighted as one of the top performing schools in the county, based on information from the Department of Education. This follows the publication of leagues tables and the school's high percentage of pupils achieving five or more good GCSEs (at grades A\*-C) including English and Maths in 2014. Congratulations to pupils and staff on this continued success. A copy of the Yorkshire Post feature is attached.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Today is CAFOD Family Fast Day. All our pupils are being encouraged to do some fasting and to make a donation to CAFOD, the Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, which works to alleviate poverty and suffering in developing countries. Collections will be taken at break and lunchtime in school today. The money raised will go to CAFOD's Lenten appeal for the victims of floods. This Lent, every pound given will be matched by the UK Government, up to the value of £5m. This means that a gift to CAFOD will have double the impact, helping even more of our sisters and brothers around the world whose lives are being affected by storms, droughts and floods. The Fast Day prayer below has been said in tutor groups today:

*Creator God,  
who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us  
for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life  
affects our neighbours.  
Inspire us  
to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your people may flourish. Amen*



### World Book Day

Next Thursday, 5 March, is World Book Day. As part of our celebrations at Cardinal Heenan, we are asking all pupils and staff to bring the book they are currently reading into school on the day. Pupils will have the opportunity to read the chosen book during tutor time next Thursday morning. They will be also discussing books they have enjoyed during their English lessons on Thursday and Friday.

### Information Evening for Year 11 Parents, Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7.00pm

Parents of pupils preparing for GCSE examinations next summer are invited to *Helping GCSE Students to Do Their Best*, an information evening to be held in our school hall on Wednesday 11 March, beginning at 7.00pm. Teachers here have been working with pupils on a number of initiatives to raise achievement. At the meeting we hope to outline strategies that parents can use at home to support their sons and daughters and to assist them to make the most of



their abilities and efforts. An information booklet will be issued at the meeting. Whilst the meeting is intended primarily for parents, Year 11 pupils are welcome to attend, provided that they are dressed in full school uniform.

### **Jazz Concert**

On Monday morning next week we welcome The Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra. The LYJRO is led by Mr Brendan Duffy, one of our visiting peripatetic music teachers. The group are coming to perform and to lead a workshop for pupils. A number of Cardinal Heenan pupils who play in the LYJRO will be performing. Pupils and staff eagerly await this wonderful opportunity!

### **Invitation: An Idea for Lent**

Parents, pupils and family members are warmly invited to *A Celebration of the New Evangelisation*, an event at Leeds Trinity University on Tuesday 24 March at 6.30pm. The evening includes: sung Vespers of the Vigil of the Annunciation, presided over by Bishop Marcus Stock; a lecture by Michelle Moran of the Pontifical Council of the Laity on "The New Evangelisation: our unfolding mission"; and a specially commissioned film on how students and graduates are living their faith.

Book a free place: web: <http://new-evangelization.eventbrite.co.uk>; telephone: (0113) 283 7240.



### **School Admissions Appeal Panel Members and Appeal Clerks Wanted**

The Catholic Schools Appeal Service wishes to appoint people who are interested in joining the team of Appeal Panel Members and Appeal Clerks for school admission appeals within the Diocese of Leeds. The roles are open to anyone who is interested in education, who can be objective and impartial, independent of the education functions of the Local Authority and can work well in a pressured environment. Full training will be provided. For more information please contact Angela Fieldhouse by email: [evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org) or telephone: (0113) 261 8040.

### **Vacancy**

A School Crossing Patrol Warden is required on Tongue Lane, outside St Urban's Catholic Primary School and Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School. Duties are for seven and a half hours each week, at school starting and finishing times. Similar posts in other Leeds areas are also available, with variable hours. The rate of pay is £6.47 per hour. Please telephone Leeds City Council on (0113) 378 1829 for more information.

Yours sincerely

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