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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear Parents

Visit of Author Cathy Cassidy

The bestselling children's author Cathy Cassidy was here in school on Wednesday 27 April. She spoke to pupils about the process of creative writing and read from her recently published novel *Broken Heart Club*. Cathy was received enthusiastically by a packed hall consisting of pupils from Cardinal Heenan and visiting schools: St Teresa's, St Urban's, Sacred Heart, St Augustine's and Meanwood C of E primary schools, Roundhay School and The Co-Operative Academy. Pupils were able to chat with Cathy. A great deal of book signing ensued!



This author visit was one of a series of events in school to inspire a love of reading. Many thanks to the pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 who took care of our visitors, to Puffin Books and to *Authors Aloud UK* for their assistance in facilitating this event, a wonderful way of engaging children and encouraging them to become keen readers.



Stephen Lawrence
EDUCATION STANDARD

Good Shepherd Fundraising

A group of Cardinal Heenan pupils will present a cheque for £1380.66 to Bishop Marcus at a ceremony in Leeds Cathedral next Friday, 6 May. The sum was raised during Lent by a variety of imaginative ventures. Many thanks to all pupils and parents who contributed. The monies will help *Catholic Care* to look after disadvantaged families, especially children, in our Diocese.

Parent Forum, Wednesday 4 May

A Parent Forum takes place each term and provides opportunity for parents to raise questions, provide feedback and meet members of school leadership team. The next forum will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 May. Topics for discussion include the use of mobile phones in school and the school's communication of pupil achievements. Please email school info@cardinalheenan.com if there is a particular topic that you would like the forum to discuss. All parents are invited to attend.

Bank Holiday, Monday 2 May

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 2 May. Classes resume as normal at 8.55am on Tuesday 3 May.

Mr Forbes

The school governors have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr N Forbes, Curriculum Leader for Physical Education since 2004. He has decided that the time is right for a change of direction and fresh challenges. Throughout his time here, he has shown considerable commitment to the school, playing a leading role in enabling pupils to achieve national and international sporting successes. Cardinal Heenan pupils have competed regularly up to county and to national level in several disciplines. Mr Forbes has given of his time generously in coaching sports and attending fixtures and tournaments in the evenings and at weekends. In 2015 he led a group of Cardinal Heenan pupils who represented Great Britain at the International Sports Federation for Catholic Schools (FISEC) Games in Malta. They returned with four medals. He took part in educational visits in this country and abroad frequently. As team manager for the Great Britain Catholic Schools under 17 football team, he was responsible for organising national trials, squad selection and coaching duties which resulted in tournament gold medal success on several occasions. We thank Mr Forbes for his service and wish him every success in future.

Yours sincerely



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