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Dear Parents

### Year 10 Departure for Lourdes



After a delay due to the French ferry workers' strike at Calais, 46 pupils set off on the 700 mile journey to Lourdes yesterday. They were accompanied by Mrs Holmes, Miss Whitford, Mrs Clarke, Mr Richmond, school governor Mrs Woliter and Fr Michael Doody, School Chaplain. The theme for the 2015 Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Marcus, is *Lourdes, the joy of mission*. Regrettably, the party will not arrive in time for the Youth Mass. They will, however, be able to join in all other events in a busy schedule. Our pupils are asked to be courageous and share their faith with others. We wish them a fulfilling week. They will be working closely with sick and able bodied pilgrims from our Diocese. We have asked them to keep all members of our school community in their prayers. The group will return on Friday 10 July. Follow their progress on Twitter @CHCHSLeeds.

### Academic Awards

Congratulations to Year 10 pupils who have been shortlisted for academic awards on the basis of high standards achieved in each school subject. The pupils concerned were nominated by curriculum leaders. Please see the list attached. The prize winner for each subject is printed in bold.

### Keeping Our Children Safe

In light of shocking scandals in Rotherham, Rochdale and Peterborough the government recognises that schools are well placed to teach pupils how to make positive choices and informed decisions in their relationships, so that they can protect themselves from sexual exploitation. To this end a number of support agencies have been working with pupils in schools across Leeds to make them aware of the potential risks relating to the sexual exploitation of young people. Over the past two weeks *Basis* and *Blast* have undertaken works with girls and boys separately in all year groups, to raise awareness, sensitively and age appropriately, about adults who are intent on grooming young people. All our work is undertaken in line with guidance from the Leeds Children's Safeguarding Board and the Department for Education.

### Triumph for St Paul's

On Wednesday Cardinal Heenan hosted the finals of the Bishop Roche Primary Netball Shield. Teams from St Patrick's, St Paul's, Our Lady's and St Francis' primary schools battled it out in the sunshine to produce a winner. St Paul's emerging triumphant. Over 40 pupils from Leeds Catholic primary schools took part in the competition. Special thanks to Mrs Welbourne and Mrs Willock for umpiring and ensuring that arrangements went smoothly.



### **Athletics Finals**

Three Cardinal Heenan teams competed at the Leeds Schools Athletics Finals at John Charles Stadium yesterday evening. Junior girls (Years 7 and 8) were placed fourth of 32 Leeds high schools, as were our intermediate girls (Years 9 and 10). The Cardinal Heenan intermediate boys (Years 9 and 10) gained the bronze medal for finishing third. Cumulatively Cardinal Heenan finished second in the city, trailing only The Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL). Credit should go to all our competitors who trained hard and competed strongly. Well done to our junior boys, mainly a Year 7 team, who missed the finals by one place.

### **Lawyers in Schools**

Staff from the law firm Addleshaw Goddard were in school again this week to run a workshop with pupils in small groups on various aspects of the law. Year 9 are accrediting themselves well: Leandra Chaitonga, Alessia Da Costa, Darragh Kennedy; Olivia Wilson, Dioni Murphy, Amir Khan, Simone Cunha E Costa, Elizabeth Henderson, Natalia Lesiak, Ciara O'Reilly, Joseph Dee, Joseph Laverty, Lucia Partridge, Hannah Facun, Patricia Ranninger, Paige O'Reilly, Alex Cserna, Scarlet Rowe, Michael Ruane, Zane Ahmed, Dom Coverley, Louis Connell, Megan O'Reilly, James Harland and Finn Rea. Yet again it provided a valuable opportunity for practising and trainee lawyers to engage our pupils in discussions about legal issues relevant to the lives of young people. Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Rutherford, Dr Bradley, Miss Gallagher and Mr Teggart for their continuing support for this initiative.

### **Experience for Year 10**

Over the next two weeks staff will travel throughout Leeds (and beyond) to visit Year 10 pupils on work experience. Placements begin on Monday 6 July and finish on Thursday 16 July. Many thanks to all parents who helped our pupils to find 180 placements and to Mr Gaffey, Careers Guidance Coordinator, who is organising this valuable learning experience.

### **School Calendar 2015-16**

The school calendar for 2015-16 will be available shortly. A copy will be sent home with all pupils on Monday next. Please note that the school year begins on Thursday 3 September 2015 for all pupils. In the autumn term the school will be **closed** to pupils for staff training days on Monday 12 October and Monday 30 November. Parent Evenings are as follows:

Year 7 Tutor Evening	Tuesday 24 November 2015
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12 April 2016
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 03 February 2016
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 03 March 2016
Year 10 Parent's Evening	Tuesday 22 March 2016
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 12 November 2016

### **Try It On!**

Our uniform supplier, APC, will be in school on Tuesday 7 July from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. This is another opportunity for parents and pupils to try on and order all sizes of the new uniform.

### **New Date for Year 9 Music Concert**

Please note that the Year 9 Music Concert has been postponed until Tuesday 14 July at 7.00pm. All welcome.

### **Parents Forum Postponed**

Please note that the *Parents' Forum* schedule for Wednesday 8 July has been postponed until next term due to the unavailability of a speaker.

**Mr Nelson**

Today we say farewell but not good bye to Mr Nelson who is moving on to a post at Woodlands Primary School, Leeds. He has been a Year Manager at Cardinal Heenan since 2010. He has managed pupil behaviour in various different year groups for the last five years with kindness, good humour and an insistence on good manners and high aspirations for academic achievement. As the school's e-safety coordinator, he has piloted numerous safeguarding projects and initiatives to help pupils stay safe online. We are delighted, however, that the school will not be losing Mr Nelson's expertise: he will be staying on as a co-opted school governor. We thank him for all his hard work on behalf of our pupils and wish him well in his new post.

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