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

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Dear Parents

### Performing Shakespeare

Pupils in Years 7 and 9 have reached the regional finals of the English Speaking Union's *Performing Shakespeare* Competition. ESU judges have selected the performances of Cindy Moyo, Caitlin Graham, Ruby Joseph (Year 9), Liam McCartney, Chelsea Oyeboode, Michaela Rabano (Year 7) for live performance in the regional final. Our young thespians will travel to Polam Hall School, Darlington, next Tuesday, 9 February. They have given up their free time to learn and rehearse monologues or duologues from the plays of The Bard. The performances are pupils' own interpretations and choices, using text and context to reach decisions about characters. Thanks to Mrs Rutherford for coordinating this richly rewarding experience of celebrating Shakespeare's genius.

### Oxbridge Offer for Joseph Ruane



Congratulations to 17 year old former Cardinal Heenan pupil Joseph Ruane on being offered a place at St Benet's Hall, Oxford, to read History. Joseph won a sixth form scholarship to Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire, as he was completing his Year 11 studies here. He left us in 2014 with seven GCSE passes at grade A\* and four at Grade A. He is the current holder of the *Catholic Young Writer Award*, a prestigious national award sponsored by the Catholic Union of Great Britain. His winning essay was published recently in *Faith* magazine. St Benet's, pictured above, is a Permanent Private Hall of The University of Oxford.

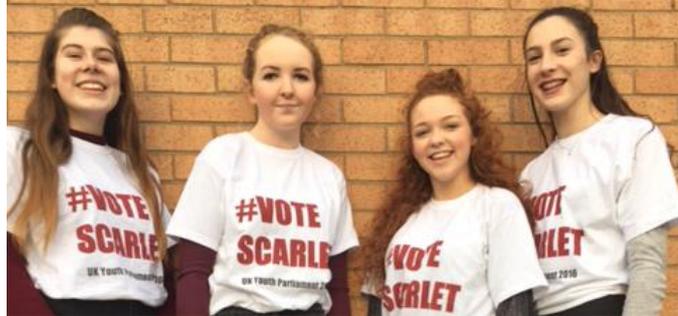
### Early School Closure for Pupils on Tuesday 8 March

The school will close to pupils at 1.20pm on Tuesday 8 March. School buses will collect pupils from school at 1.30pm after an early lunch. Parents, please contact school without delay if this early closure causes you childcare problems. Pupils who are unable to get home may remain in school, supervised by staff, until 3.15pm. Normal lessons will be suspended. The time gained will be used by staff in training for raising achievement as part of the school's strategies for attaining consistently high levels of pupil progress.



Stephen Lawrence  
EDUCATION STANDARD

### Vote Rowe for UK Youth Parliament!



There is just one week remaining to vote for Year 10 pupil Scarlet Rowe for the *UK Youth Parliament*. Polls close next Friday, 12 February. Scarlet is campaigning for free bus travel for all 11-18 year olds in Leeds. You can hear a recent interview that she gave to Andrew Edwards of Radio Leeds by going on the school website.

The parliament provides opportunities for young people aged 11-18 years old to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change. Four new MYPs will represent the young people of Leeds from 2016 to 2018. Voters must be aged from 11 up to 19 and either attend school in Leeds or live in a Leeds postcode area. To vote visit <http://www.breezeleeds.org/HaveYourSay/Pages/UK-Youth-Parliament-Leeds.aspx> or search @ukyp voting Leeds.

### Spring Half-term Holidays: Friday 12 February until Tuesday 23 February

Please note that the half term holiday begins at 3.15pm next Friday, 12 February. School re- opens to pupils on Tuesday 23 February. Monday 22 February is a staff training day when pupils are not in school.

Yours sincerely

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

E A Cox, Headteacher