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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear Parents

Advent Fundraising

Many thanks to parents and pupils for your generosity in supporting the school's advent charitable fundraising. The Carol Concert raised £300 for St Gemma's Hospice. Over £600 was collected for the St Vincent's appeal and monies are still coming in.

Year 11 Mock GCSE Results Day

Year 11 pupils will soon have a foretaste of summer when they take part in a mock GCSE Results Day. On Thursday 18 January they will be handed the subject grades attained in the recent mock examinations in sealed envelopes, to replicate GCSE results day. Overall, the results are encouraging and this will be a good news day for most of our pupils. Following special assemblies, various small groups will be offered personalised support which reflects outcomes attained. Some pupils will have meetings with senior staff to review their results and make action plans for improvement.

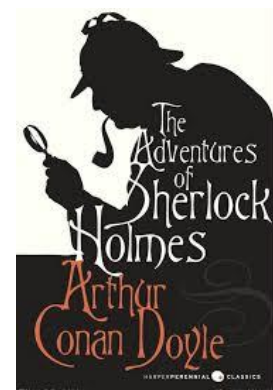
New Date for Year 8 Options Evening: Thursday 1 March 2018

Year 8 parents, please note that the Year 8 Options Evening will take place on Thursday 1 March 2018 at 7.00pm. This is a change from the January date published in the School Calendar.

Book of the Week

In each week's letter this year I will be featuring a book recommended by one of our pupils.

This week's recommendation is by Year 8 pupil Michael Aveyard, vice-captain of the Year 8 cricket team. His favourite book is *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Michael writes, "Each one of the twelve short stories in this collection has an intriguing plot with lots of twists and turns. See if you can solve the crime before Holmes. It is great fun... but not easy."



Pupils who would like to see a favourite book featured in this letter, please see Miss Burns, our School Librarian, for an application form.

Early School Closure for Pupils on Wednesday 17 January

The school will close to pupils at 1.20pm on Wednesday 17 January. 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.

Head Lice

The school has become aware that one, or more, children attending Cardinal Heenan in Year 7 have been confirmed to have a head louse infection. Head lice infections are common in children of school age. There is no evidence to suggest that lice prefer dirty or clean hair. But simply, lice aren't fussy. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regularly carrying out detection combing to check for the presence of head lice. If you do find head lice in your child's head, let all close contacts



(including school) know about it, so that everyone can check for head lice. Further information on head lice is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> and from your local pharmacist.

Detection Combing: The only way to confirm a head louse infection is to find a live moving louse on the head or sticky white eggs, known as nits. The best way to do this is to use a good detection method. You will need: a head lice detection comb, an ordinary comb, tissue paper and good lighting.

- Wash the hair with normal shampoo.
- Apply enough conditioner to cover the hair thoroughly and comb the hair with an ordinary comb to remove any tangles.
- If the hair is long, separate it into sections to make combing easier.
- Start with the teeth of the detection comb touching the scalp and draw the comb carefully towards the edge of the hair.
- After each stroke, check the teeth of the comb (in good light) for lice or eggs and, if necessary, use a piece of tissue to wipe the conditioner from the comb in order to look for lice or eggs.
- Continue to comb each section thoroughly until the whole head is done.

If there are any head lice present you should find one on the teeth of the comb.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 17 January	School closes to pupils at 1.20pm
Tuesday 30 January	Years 9 & 10 Vaccinations
Wednesday 31 January	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Thursday 1 February	Issue of Progress Reports for Pupils in Years 7, 9 & 11
Thursday 1 February	Year 11 Poetry Live, Leeds Town Hall
Thursday 8 February	Ski Trip to Sestriere, Italy (until Thursday 15 February)
Friday 9 February	School Closes for Half Term
Sunday 18 February	Year 11 retreat to Ampleforth Abbey (until Tuesday 20 February)

Yours sincerely



P Whelan
Headteacher