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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

Top of the Class

Later this month our school will once again be highlighted by the Yorkshire Post as one of the top performing schools in the county. This follows the publication of leagues tables last week and the school's high percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more good GCSEs (at grades A*-C) including English and Maths in 2014. Cardinal Heenan is one of the highest attaining schools in the region. Congratulations to pupils and staff on this continued success.

Cardinal Heenan Has the X Factor

Yesterday we welcomed Danny Dearden, a pop singer who has reached Mel B's judges' house on this year's *X Factor* as one of the last six boys. (For the benefit of those over 16, this is a reference to a television programme!). The event was part of our ongoing commitment to e-safety and combatting all forms of bullying. Danny's visit was on behalf of the charities *Life Skills Education* and *Pop Beats Bullying*, to entertain our pupils and to deliver a serious message about how to stay safe online and deal effectively with cyber bullying. Danny's rendition of the current number one 'Uptown Funk' and a medley of the greatest were warmly received by pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10. A number of pupils danced with Danny as he sang but our guest was as surprised as staff when the whole of Year 8 got up on stage for the final number!



X Factor star Danny Dearden entertains pupils

Safer Internet Day 2015

Safer Internet Day takes place next Tuesday, 10 February. The day is intended to be a global celebration which helps to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology by children and young people. The day is now in its eleventh year and offers opportunities to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better, safer online community. This year's theme is 'Lets Create a Better Internet Together'.

Parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. Please remember, the most important thing you can do is to **have a conversation** and stay engaged with your children's digital lives. Please follow the link to open an information leaflet. Further resources and ideas are available at <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015/parents>



Stephen Lawrence
EDUCATION STANDARD

Year 8 Reward Trip Friday 30 January 2015

Forty pupils from Year 8 were treated to a morning at the Ice Cube. This reward for 100% attendance was eagerly anticipated. Pupils and staff with a range of skating abilities took to the ice after a thought provoking health and safety talk from Cube officials. This was the first time that some pupils had been skating. All pupils were a credit to their parents; we are very proud of them. Feedback from pupils included:

The staff were brilliant fun.

It was great to have the rink to ourselves and to know everyone on it.

A great experience with all my friends.



A morning of skating

Spring Half-term Holidays: Friday 13 February until Tuesday 24 February 2015

Please note that the half term holiday begins at 3.15pm on Friday 13 February. School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 24 February. Monday 23 February is a staff training day when pupils are not in school.

Yours sincerely

E A Cox
Headteacher