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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

7 October 2016

Dear Parents

Open Day for Everyone, Saturday 8 October, 11.00am – 1.30pm



Everyone is invited to see the school at work at our Open Day tomorrow. Meet our pupils and staff. Join in many quizzes, games, challenges and fun activities. Find out about an education for your child at Cardinal Heenan. Open Day is for everyone: children, parents, friends and family. All welcome!

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Today is CAFOD Family Fast Day. All our pupils are being encouraged to do some fasting and to make a donation to CAFOD, the Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, which works to alleviate poverty and suffering in developing countries. Collections will be taken at break and lunchtime in school today. The money raised will go to CAFOD.

Here is an extract from the Harvest Fast Day prayer which has been said in tutor groups today:

The scorched earth, and all those who hunger cry out to the Lord:

Journey with us, O God, and pour out your mercy upon us...

so that together we may build a brighter future, a future of plenty for all.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Stephen Lawrence
EDUCATION STANDARD

Drop Everything and Read, Thursday 13 October

The whole school will take part in another dedicated *Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)* time on Thursday 13 October when all pupils and staff will spend 30 minutes in silent reading. This activity is part of a national initiative to promote reading within schools. Please remind your child to bring a reading book to school every day. It is important that it is to hand next Thursday. By encouraging your child to read, you will be supporting progress across the curriculum.

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be given a *Reading Passport* by their English teachers. This document lists *core texts* that your child will be expected to have read by the end of the school year in July 2017. Each core text will present something new and interesting and will capture the imagination. At times pupils may find elements of the text challenging: this will help them improve their reading ability. Reading the core texts is a minimum expectation: we hope to see pupils reading many more. The texts are differentiated and suitable for each child's reading ability. We believe that the level of challenge will enhance and develop reading, literacy, writing, imagination and critical thinking skills. All core texts may be borrowed from our school library. We suggest that local public libraries are used too. Parents may, of course, wish to buy copies of the recommended texts. They are widely available.



See the School in Action, Wednesday 12 October, 9.30am and 11.30am



Parents of pupils currently in primary schools are invited to see our pupils and staff in action on a typical working day next Wednesday. Two guided tours will take place at 9.30am and 11.30am. Please book your place by ringing Mrs Martland on 887 3240.

Practical Painting

Year 10 pupils taking the Level 2 Award in *Constructing the Built Environment* have been getting some practical experience this week. This GCSE level course teaches learners about the construction industry from the build perspective. The programme of study, which is industry approved, provides learners with a broad introduction to the different trades involved in the construction sector and the career opportunities available

Open Day at Notre Dame

Many of our Year 11 pupils will be making their way to Notre Dame Sixth Form College on Saturday 15 October for the colleges's Open Day. All parents, pupils and family members are invited. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Yours sincerely



E A Cox
Headteacher





Notre Dame
CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN MORNING



Saturday 15th October 2016

10am - 1pm

Principal's Address 11am and 12pm

Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College
St. Mark's Avenue
off Woodhouse Lane
Leeds
LS2 9BL

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On-site parking available for Blue Badge permit holders only