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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff, students, parents and carers who have all worked so hard this term to ensure that Cardinal Heenan continues to go from strength to strength. I am truly blessed to lead our school and I know that our young people are experiencing a life changing education that will instil in them an enduring love of learning, a deep rooted understanding of our faith and a lifetime of happy memories from their time with us here at Cardinal Heenan.

Presentation Evening Success

It was a privilege to attend this year's Presentation Evening where students who completed their studies with us in the summer returned to celebrate their successes and achievements. Our keynote address was delivered by ex-student Conor Loftus, who left Cardinal Heenan in 2010. Conor won the Amateur Boxing Association Senior Title in 2014 and 2015 and is now a member of the Great Britain Boxing Team. He spoke with great sincerity about the difficulties that young people face and the importance of resilience and excellent support networks. We wish Conor every success and look forward to hearing about more of his triumphs in the future.

Forthcoming events:

Invitation to our Advent and Christmas Liturgy: Tuesday 18 December at 7.00pm

You are invited to attend our Advent and Christmas Liturgy of readings and carols in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18 December. Our students and staff have worked hard all term to prepare for this event and it will be our first showcase for the school choir, orchestra, gospel choir and drama group. It is our tradition to serve warm mince pies, soft drinks and mulled wine following the service. All proceeds raised will be donated to St Gemma's Hospice. I look forward to seeing you there.

Non-Uniform Day: Thursday 20 December

Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Thursday 20 December in exchange for a minimum contribution of £1 to our SVP appeal. The money raised will be used to support some of the poorest people in our community. The work done by the SVP volunteers really does change lives for the better. I know that we can rely on our students to support this fund-raising initiative. Prizes will be awarded to the best festive Christmas jumpers. Students are asked to bring their contribution to tutorial on the day.

End of Term: Friday 21 December

All students and staff will join together for an Advent Liturgy on Friday 21 December, the last day of the school term. We hope that this service will help our students to reflect upon all the activities which they have participated in during Advent and prepare them for Christmas, one of the most important Christian feasts.

Following afternoon registration (session 5), at the earlier time of 1.15pm, the school will close for the Christmas Holidays at 1.25pm.

School buses will leave at 1.30 pm.

Next term begins on **Monday 7 January at 8.55am** for all students.



Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of term we say goodbye to a number of staff:

Mrs Welbourne has been a most valued member of our school for several years as Achievement Leader for Year 11. She has provided outstanding leadership for our students and has been responsible for preparing our students for life after Cardinal Heenan, whether continuing their studies at Sixth Form College or taking up an apprenticeship. Mrs Welbourne leaves us to become an Assistant Headteacher at Benton Park School.

Ms Schiedermeier begins her maternity leave at Christmas and we wish her and her family well.

Mrs Millington will become the Achievement Leader for Year 11 for the rest of this academic year and Mr Easter and Miss Bishop will take over the Achievement Leader role for Years 9 and 10 respectively, supported by Miss Waite and Mrs Hoyland as Behaviour Managers for Years 9, 10 and 11. Mr Birtles will join the Maths department as a member of the teaching staff from January.

Consultation on Proposed Change to Admission Arrangements

School governors wish to change the policy for admissions to the school from September 2020 onwards. The change relates to the defined areas referred to in the policy. This is the only proposed change to the admissions criteria. Please see the front page of the school website for details.

If you wish to comment on the proposed changes, please send your comments in writing to the Governing Body, marked for the attention of Mrs Moira Martland, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Tongue Lane, Leeds LS6 4QE. Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: mmd@cardinalheenan.com

The period of consultation began on Tuesday 20 November 2018 and will run until Wednesday 2 January 2019. The Governing Body will consider all comments received before they finally determine their arrangements for admissions from September 2020 onwards.

I hope that you all have a safe, Holy and happy Christmas. Enjoy the time with your families along with a well earned rest and I look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

God bless,

Yours sincerely



Mr D Kelly
Headteacher