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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

Holy Week and Easter 2016

This Lent our pupils have made the effort to get to the voluntary lunchtime prayers and reflections in our school chapel. The large numbers receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this month was particularly pleasing. A Holy Week liturgy was held in school this morning to help pupils reflect on the Lenten themes of *Pray, Fast, Give* and to prepare for the Paschal Triduum which will be taking place in parishes over the next three days in their parish communities.



Walk for Water

A group of Year 10 pupils joined forces with other diocesan schools on the CAFOD Walk for Water last Tuesday, 22 March. The walk began in Leeds City Centre and finished with a liturgy at Kirkstall Abbey. This annual event enables young people to reflect on what life is like for those who have to walk for miles each day to collect clean water. Many thanks to all who took part.



A Testing Time

The Easter holiday is a very important time for our examination students. GCSE candidates in Year 11 have now been given personalised examination timetables, listing all their individual examination commitments. All have been given much detailed guidance on revision techniques and study skills by their teachers, including a schedule for revision over the holiday. They have been advised to plan their study programme each day and to share the information with parents. Parents, please ask to see the revision booklets and encourage your child to pursue a structured programme of revision by checking on progress each day. Revision sessions will be held in school for Year 11 pupils during the Easter holidays. A copy of the schedule is attached. GCSE examination papers begin on Monday 16 May. Year 10 pupils have been given much advice and guidance on preparing for their internal school examinations: these begin in the first week of next term on Monday 11 April. Year 7 and 8 pupils start their examinations on Monday 16 May.

World Championships

Seven Cardinal Heenan pupils are competing at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow this week. Congratulations to Ciara Aveyard, Year 8, Jasmine Deery, Year 9, and to Year 10 pupils Niamh Maloney, Aine O'Hara, Sinead O'Hara, Shona Martin and Caitlin Graham on fine performances in a series of regional rounds. We wish them every success at the highest level.

Book Fair

A book fair will be held at lunchtimes in school early next term, from Tuesday 12 to Monday 18 April. Over 200 titles will be available including fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, comedy and lots more. Prices start from £2.99. There will be opportunities for parents of Year 7 pupils to review and buy new books at the Parents' Evening on Tuesday 12 April.



Every pupil who purchases a book will be entered into a prize draw for £15 worth of free books. All will be invited to nominate books which they would like to see in the library. Prizes will also be awarded for book reviews. Every book purchased means commission to buy books for the school library. We are grateful for parental support in our continuing drive to encourage pupils to read for pleasure.

School Uniform

It is a requirement that all pupils other than those in current Year 10, wear the new school uniform by September 2016. Our uniform suppliers are *APC Clothing* and *Jo Brand Plus*. Further details may be found on the school's website. The school's expectations and uniform requirements may be found on pages 23 to 25 of your child's planner and in the *Dress for Success* booklet on the school's website. <http://www.cardinalheenan.com/index.php/about-the-school/uniform>

Cross Country

Feargus Hagerty, Year 7, finished twelfth in the West Yorkshire schools cross country trials and qualified for the national competition last Saturday. He was placed 56th in a national Under 13 event, running with pupils a year above him. Cardinal Heenan pupils enjoyed much success in the final cross country race of the season at the Leeds Grammar school. Megan Driscoll, Year 11, who has never missed a race in five years here, finished second in her final race for school. Magdelene Robinson, Year 10, finished second in the Under 15 race. James Preston, Year 7, finished fourth in the Under 13 race.

Year 7 Parents' Evening, Tuesday 12 April

If you are the parent of a Year 7 pupil, please ensure that you have made appointments with your child's subject teachers to attend the Parents' Evening on Tuesday 12 April (4.00pm to 7.00pm). Every parent should make the effort to attend in order that teachers may provide you with information about your child's progress. Our aim is to work with parents to ensure the very best outcome across the subjects. Mrs Welbourne, Achievement Leader and Mrs Keinhorst, Year Manager, will be in attendance and are available for appointments to meet with parents.

End of Term

School closes for the holidays today, Thursday afternoon, 24 March. The summer term begins on Monday 11 April at 8.55am.

With renewed thanks to parents for all the support you give our school and all the efforts made by the Cardinal Heenan staff to provide your children with high quality education.

With best wishes for a happy Easter.

Yours sincerely



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