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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Voluntary Contribution Scheme – Supporting Our Students Beyond the Classroom

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our pupils on the excellent start to the new academic year. It is always inspiring to see our older students return from the holidays and welcome our new Year 7 pupils into our community, passing on our school's traditions and helping to establish such a purposeful and impressive learning environment.

I would also like to thank the hundreds of students who will be giving up their time on Saturday to support our Open Day. Their pride in the school and their willingness to serve as ambassadors is truly heart-warming, as they welcome the next generation of potential families into our community.

As I often say, there is more to school than simply attending six lessons a day. School is a time to build friendships, develop new experiences, experience success and achievements and gain a real sense of belonging, creating lifelong memories and pride. At Cardinal Heenan, we are committed to offering a rich and varied extra-curricular programme that supports the personal growth, creativity, and wellbeing of every child. From sporting events and school productions to trips, music, debating competitions and the arts, these experiences are central to the outstanding provision we aim to offer and to the memories our students carry with them for years to come.

To help us maintain and grow this provision in the face of ongoing funding challenges, I am writing to ask you to once again to consider supporting our Parent Voluntary Contribution (PVC) Scheme.

The PVC Scheme plays a crucial role in enabling us to offer opportunities that go well beyond the basic curriculum. Thanks to previous contributions, we have been able to provide:

- Planners for every student to support organisation and time management
- Sport kits for all our teams, as well as additional sports equipment, including basketball hoops and portable football posts for the playgrounds
- A school minibus (which we are now desperately trying to replace following a recent theft)
- 3D printers and a laser cutter for the Technology Department
- Musical instruments and technology
- The cost of putting on whole-school musicals, such as Oliver! including the licence, staging, and professional sound hire

Looking ahead, your support could help us to:

- Replace our stolen minibus – allowing more fixtures and visits
- Provide new kits for school teams and support our wide range of sporting events, particularly as we continue to compete proudly at regional and national level
- Update our stock of musical instruments and equipment for art, drama, and technology
- Contribute towards the cost of future productions and musicals
- Fund the purchase of student planners for all year groups



We fully understand that not every family will be in a position to contribute, and I want to stress that this scheme is entirely voluntary. We deeply respect that many households are managing financial pressures. However, if you are able to support us through a regular monthly contribution or a one-off donation, it would make a significant and lasting difference to what we can offer. £5 a month per pupil would generate over £50,000 which would all be spent on enhancing our children's time in our school and allowing all children to participate in something beneficial.

You can contribute in one of the following ways:

- Set up a monthly standing order via your bank:
Sort Code: 05-01-21
Account Number: 32081978
Account Name: Cardinal Heenan Capital Fund
Reference: Your child's name
- Make regular payments or a one-off donation via ParentPay (please note, this will continue to show as an active payment to allow you to make further contributions should you wish to do so).

Additionally, all donations can benefit from Gift Aid, allowing us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no additional cost to you. To enable us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please fill out the Gift Aid declaration form available here <https://forms.office.com/e/yHtnL490Ax>.

Every contribution, no matter the amount, directly supports the exceptional opportunities we are proud to provide our students. Your generosity truly helps us give our young people the very best and we are sincerely grateful for your support.

Thank you for all you continue to do to support your child and our school community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Kelly', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Kelly
Headteacher