



29th November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Our newsletter is about to go to print, which I hope you will enjoy reading. As we enter the last few weeks of term, I would like to draw your attention to the particular important dates as well as the arrangements for the last day of term and the first week of the Spring term.

- **Friday 20th December 2016:** the school will close for students at 1.15pm.
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2017:** School re-opens for Year 11 only at 8.35am.
- **Wednesday 4th January 2017:** Years 7-10 and Sixth Form return – this is a normal school day beginning at 8.35am.
- **Friday 6th January 2017:** Feast of The Epiphany. School will open to all year groups at 10.30am for registration and line-up, to enable families to attend Mass in their Parishes. Lessons will run from 10.50am as normal for the remainder of the day.

Your child will be given holiday homework by all his/her subject teachers and they should complete and return this on the first day back.

Charities

Our main charities this year are Providence Row, Hackney Food Bank, CAFOD, the Catholic Children's Society and St Joseph's Hospice. Your child will be asked to contribute to this work through a variety of fund (and fun!) raising activities. You are asked to help by donating items for the food bank.

Christmas Lunch

There will be a Christmas lunch available to all students in the canteen at lunchtime on Wednesday 14th December 2016, the cost of which will be £2.05. Please note that there will be no charge for Free School Meal students. If your child would like to receive a school lunch then they will need to inform their Form Tutor by Wednesday 7th December 2016. Please note that students will not be able to purchase tuck or any other food on this day.

As part of our healthy eating regime at Cardinal Pole, may I remind parents that fizzy drinks of any kind are not permitted in school and will be confiscated and no child should be purchasing food in Hackney in uniform on their way home, especially from fast food outlets.

Non School Uniform Day

In an effort to raise further funds during the season of Advent, there will be a non-school uniform day for all students on Friday 16th December 2016. If students wish to wear non-school uniform they must bring in £2.00 which will be donated towards our school charities. Please can you ensure that what your child wears is appropriate for school, i.e. no midriffs on show and no short skirts etc.

Finally, a reminder that our remaining events for the rest of the term:

- **Monday 5th December 2016 at 6pm-8.30pm:** Winter Concert in the School Hall.
- **Monday 19th December 2016 at 6.30pm:** Year 7 Carol Concert at St Dominic's Church. We warmly welcome you to begin the Christmas season with us at this event.

Separate letters will be sent out by your child's Head of Year regarding year group reward arrangements.

Wishing you a joyful and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Heffernan
HEADTEACHER