



1st February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

SPRING TERM

It has been a very busy half term with year 11 and 13 having lots of consolidation sessions in preparation for their tests. During half term many subjects will be offering revision sessions for these year groups. Each Year 9 form has had a half day retreat in school and certificate assemblies for those students who have been nominated as making excellent progress. It was good to see the GCSE Drama performances. Students and staff worked hard to ensure that these were well prepared and successful. On our return after half term we will also shortly begin our preparations for Lent.

"My ED" App

As a school, we have also gone paperless by choosing to email out all school letters and therefore saving a lot of paper and contributing towards protecting our environment. To assist you in making it easier to obtain information about school life, please can I remind parents/carers to download the "My Ed" app onto your smartphone or tablet. This will allow the school to communicate important messages to you and in return, to communicate with the school and check on important events, key dates, news and other important school information.

If you experience any issues downloading or signing on to the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Go4Schools

You can also track your child's behaviour (both positive and negative) by logging onto the Go4Schools website – see link below.

<https://www.go4schools.com/parents/Login.aspx?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.go4schools.com%2fparents%2fdefault.aspx%3fnla%3d0>

Click on "First time users" and follow the instructions, only an email address is required. I hope you will find this useful in supporting your child to make the most of the opportunities available to them at school.

Key Dates

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| Year 7 Parents' Evening | : | Thursday 7 th February 2019 (4.15pm-7.30pm) |
| Josephine Bakhita Day | : | Friday 8 th February 2019 (Year 8 Caritas Assembly) |
| Year 9 Parents' Evening | : | Thursday 14 th February 2019 (4.15pm-7.30pm) |
| Half Term | : | Monday 18 th February 2019-Friday 22 nd February 2019 |

Cold Weather

Whilst writing, may I remind all parents that the only coats permitted to be worn are Cardinal Pole coats which can be purchased from the school uniform supplier. Any other coats, hoodies or non-school outerwear will be confiscated from students. Trainers are not to be worn except for PE. All pupils are required to wear school shoes.

I should also point out that in the case of snow or poor weather, the school will remain open wherever possible. Details of any school closure should it happen, will be placed on the school's website.

Yours sincerely,

Ms P Whyte

ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER