



28th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

EARLY CLOSURE – THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020

I am writing to notify you that the school will be closing early to students in all years **apart** from Year 8 on the above date in order to facilitate the Year 8 Options Event and Parents' Evening. Registration and dismissal will be at 2pm. For those with children in Year 8 choosing their options, the students will be attending the Year 8 Marketplace where discussions will take place with the Heads of Departments from 2pm. Students will then be dismissed between 2.30pm and 3pm, returning to school with their parents/carers for the Parents' Evening. If you have any queries on the Options Event and/or Parents' Evening please contact the Head of Year.

It has been a very busy half term with Year 11 and 13 having lots of consolidation sessions in preparation for their tests including the Drama GCSE performances taking place this week. During half term, many subjects will be offering revision sessions for these year groups. Separate letters will be sent out about these sessions.

"My ED" App

To assist you in making it easier to obtain information about school life, pleased 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.

Show My Homework

All homework is now uploaded onto "Show My Homework" which is a platform students use to access all their subject homework, resources and some lessons. All students have been given their usernames and passwords to access this via RM Unify and ensures that they are always up to date with any work missed. Please ask your child to show you how this works. You can also access Show My Homework via the "My Ed" App.

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

Josephine Bakhita Day	:	Friday 7 th February 2020 (Year 8 Caritas Assembly)
Half Term	:	Monday 17th February 2020-Friday 21st February 2020
Year 12 Parents' Evening	:	Thursday 27 th February 2020 (4.15pm-7.30pm)

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,

J. Heffernan

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER