



7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## **AUTUMN NEWS UPDATE**

The new term just gets better and better, our progress measure for 2018/19 has improved to 0.41, which is an exceptional achievement. Other good news is that although exceptionally proud of the progress, I am also very proud of the students as young people, two examples of why are included below:-

- Year 9: Wayne Mpandi – Was recently praised by a member of the local community for helping an elderly lady onto the bus with her shopping trolley.
- Year 11: Josephine Jalloh – More praise from the local community came when Josephine found a purse in the street and returned it right back to the lady's home.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – School Closed To Years 7-10**

It has been a busy first half term and this continues with a hard push for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who will be facing the mock examinations next half term. Thus, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 a special programme will run for identified Year 11, 12 & 13 students to complete GCSE coursework. The school will be closed to all students in Years 7-10 however; they will be set work to do at home. Year 11, 12 & 13 students will receive a separate letter with details of the programme running on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **Late Opening – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 – All Saints Day**

Half term will start week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the students will return to school at the usual time of 8.30am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. However, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 is a Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints Day and students will be expected to attend Mass in their own parishes. As a consequence, the school day will commence at the later time of 10.40am with registration at 10.45am and the first lesson will be period 3 starting at 11.05am.

### **Reminders**

Finally, can I remind parents/carers that as the colder and darker days arrive that no child in Years 7-11 is allowed to wear coats, hats or scarves that are not official Cardinal Pole uniform.

Also, as mentioned on numerous occasions, for their own safety, it is essential that all students leave the school site and go straight home – they are not allowed in the surrounding areas in uniform unless on their journey home.

I hope you all have a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Heffernan

**EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**