



29th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

EASTER 2019

As we approach the Easter break (please see key dates below), I wish you a joyful and happy Easter. Your children have been fantastic in their commitment to charity funding raising and their Lenten preparation (see below).

YEAR GROUP	FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY
7 – Catholic Children’s Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guess the number of mini eggs in the jar competition. £1 per guess. • Non-Uniform Collection £2 per student
8 - CARITAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Raffle 25p per ticket £1 per strip of tickets • Bunny Raffle 25p per ticket £1 per strip of tickets • Non-Uniform Collection £2 per student
9 - CAFOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cake sale • Easter Egg hunt after school £1 per student • Non-Uniform Collection £2 per student
10 - St Joseph’s Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two pairs of signed football boots donated by Arsenal. Raffle £1 per strip of tickets. • Non-Uniform collection £2 per student
11 - SVP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Uniform Collection £2 per student • Prom Fundraiser
Sixth Form – The Passage & Mary’s Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Boy and Head Girl cake sale • Non-Uniform Collection £2 per student

It has been a busy term with the year 11 and 13 mocks/testing, lots of trips out and events in school including film events, Laser Tag, Debate Mate and a theatre trip to “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time”. The work continues during the Easter break for years 11, 12 and 13.

News: We have had a large number of successful Russell Group university offers for our year 13 students from Homerton College, Cambridge to study Law, UCL to study History and Nottingham University to study Economics.

We welcome back Laura Brown, Business teacher from maternity leave and wish Vanina Coria, Maths teacher well who goes on maternity leave. We also welcome a new Foundation Governor to our Governing Body, Father Patrick Allsop from St Dominic’s – we thank him for giving up his valuable time.

We would also like to congratulate Courtney Brown, our Parent Liaison Officer, who recently won a Special Recognition Award at the National Mentoring Awards.

Uniform: You may remember that parents were consulted on the issue of girls wearing trousers as part of the Cardinal Pole uniform. I am delighted to inform you that these trousers will be available to be purchased from the uniform shop from September. These will be in line with the rest of the uniform i.e. Charcoal grey with red piping. No similar alternatives will be permitted to be worn.

Lockers – Year 7 Parents Please Note: Lockers will be available after the Easter holiday period for Years 11, 12 & 13 only. Please ask your child to ensure that their locker is empty by Friday 5th April 2019. If they are in Year 7 or have “acquired” a locker they should not have. Any contents left in lockers which were allocated to Year 7 after that date will be disposed of. Any students other than Year 11, 12 or 13 using the lockers will be sanctioned as will the owner of the locker.

Key Dates:

DATES	EVENT
Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Reward events/trips for selected students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.
Friday 5 th April 2019	Extended Tuck and Liturgies followed by school closure at 1pm.
Monday-Friday 8 th -12 th April 2019 & Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Year 11 & 13 Revision Week (compulsory) (see separate timetables sent out)
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	Year 13 RE Day COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	INSET DAY for Years 7-12 only
Thursday 25 th April 2019	Years 7-12 Return to School
Monday 13 th May 2019	First GCSE Examination (ICT)
Monday 20 th May 2019	First A Level Examination (Economics)

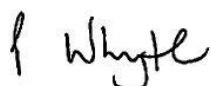
Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies: We are working hard with our canteen to improve the quality of our food, thus reducing childhood obesity however, I ask that parents work with us on the following:-

1. Put all money on ParentPay so that your child can spend it on healthy options;
2. Encourage your child to take advantage of the school’s free healthy breakfast (with fruit) every day in the canteen from 7.30am which will instil good habits for life;
3. Monitor and reduce access to social media;
4. Do not encourage/allow your child to bring snack food or sugary/fizzy drinks into school after Easter. This will be confiscated if found.
5. Not to allow your child to go to the fast food outlets on their way home. They are expected to go straight home from school.

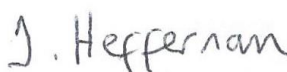
Finally, for some time now, I have asked parents/carers to speak to their children about going straight home after school. Recent knife crime studies have shown that the most dangerous period of time is between 4pm-6pm i.e. after school. It is for this reason, that I ask you to speak to your child about the importance of them going straight home and not frequenting the local shops/takeaways and parks, particularly as the warmer weather approaches. This remains part of the school’s Behaviour Policy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER



Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

