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Service Opportunity Aspiration Reward

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Dear Parent/Carer,

ACTIVITIES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

The Lenten season started during the half term break with Ash Wednesday, every year the school has a series of Lenten observances to strengthen our own personal relationship with God.

Assemblies

Each week during Lent, students receive a 'Celebration of the Word' assembly based on the Sunday's gospel theme of **praying, fasting and giving** which the Church promotes during this season. Pledge cards were given out to students to help them remember their commitment to their Lenten promise.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross

Students will be invited into the Chapel to reflect on the love of God and celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness with the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or talk to a priest about their spiritual journey.

Students will also be invited to reflect on the day of Jesus' crucifixion and journey with Mary, through His various moments of suffering through the 'Stations of the Cross'. To follow, Year 8 & 9 students will write poetry in their English lesson based on one of the stations, followed by a competition to pick the most powerful poem that will be read out during the whole school Holy Week liturgy at the end of term.

Year 9 External Retreats

All students in Year 9 spent a day away at a nearby venue to reflect on the scripture verse 'I have called you by name'. We reflected on the Lord's calling for each one of us to know and love Him personally. The day was filled with prayer, fellowship and laughter.

Year 7 Lenten Mission Together Calendar

Year 7 students were each given a "Good Acts" calendar to help journey closer to God and one another during Lent.

Charity

Easter Egg Raffle

The Year 12 Leadership Team will be selling tickets for the annual Easter egg raffle, winners will be drawn live on **Tuesday 26th March 2024** during form time.

Parable of the Talents

All students will be invited to enter a competition to make the most the most money for charity. In groups they will present a business idea and, if approved, they will receive a budget and work with their Pastoral Support Manager to grow the amount.



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Year 7 and 8 Toiletries Drive

After the success of the Advent toiletries drive, we are having a week-long push from the **11th to 15th March**, for each student in Year 7 and 8 to bring in a donation of the following: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, sanitary towels, baby wipes.

Food and Clothes bank

The Lenten Food bank and Clothes appeals have begun and will **end on Tuesday 26th March 2024**.

In order to support our community, we are asking for each student to bring in at least one item for the Hackney Foodbank donation which can consist of:

Cereals, Canned/Packet Soup, Pasta, Rice, Rice Pudding, Pasta Sauce, Beans, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tea/Coffee, Tinned Fruit and Biscuits. Toilet Roll, Jars of Jam, Clothes washing pods/tablets, Washing up liquid, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fruit, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Jars of Curry Sauce and Breakfast cereal.

We are also asking for each student to bring in and **new** or **slightly used** clothing.

Students can hand these items into reception or to members of the Year 12 Catholic Leadership Team during form time.

Thank you very much for supporting those who are in need within our community. We wish you a Holy Lenten period.

Yours sincerely



Ms K Fernandes
Chaplain