

## **PARENT FORUM 25 11 22**

**Welcome!**

**AP1 begins on 5<sup>th</sup> December, topic lists and revision guides have been sent out and will also be on the website today. There will be assemblies for each year group next week on AP1. DIRT week takes place the following week (Directed Improvement and Redrafting Time) where we go through papers with students.**

**Advent begins with the Parable of Talents: Where students are given money and they organise an event in order to increase the amount.**

**Cost of Living Crisis: Please get in contact with your child's HOY which will be in complete confidence if support is needed. Please donate pre-loved school uniform items for families in need.**

**Uniform: Year 7-10 school coats should be worn and for Year 11 and the Sixth Form a plain black coat with no logos should be worn only. Jewellery: Only plain stud earrings and a plain watch is allowed. No bracelets or diamanté earrings are permitted.**

**We have a new food Pod in the playground which serves sandwiches/paninis etc. A soft launch has taken place and this will be relaunched shortly.**

**Lots of building works is taking place at present in the playground and this will be completed by the end of term. This includes providing a new basketball area and canopies in order to provide additional shelter during poor weather.**

**Christmas lunch for students will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Any excess charge for this will be met by the school.**

**Sixth Form Open Evening took place last night which had originally been deferred due to the train strikes. Usually we have between 300-500 applications to our sixth form of which we only accept between 115-130. Last night we had 140 external visitors alone. These were good numbers despite the World cup and torrential rain. We are looking to introduce a new course next year A Level Government and Politics.**

**When will the GCSE timetables for external exams be known: Early in the New Year, the next Mocks take place in February with the main examinations in May. Other schools have study leave after Easter. This model does not exist at Cardinal Pole, instead we have intensive rounds of interventions and drop-down days which involves 3-4 hours of intensive lessons in a day as well as Easter interventions running during the second week of the holidays. Most of the coursework is completed by February half term. Post May half term there are still come exams still running.**

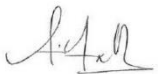
**Any issues you have specifically about your child should be dealt with via their HOY in the first instance and only be brought to the Head should the issue not be resolved with the HOY or Deputy Headteacher.**

**Advent charity drives have begun where we are raising monies for local and national charities which includes collecting donations to Hackney Food bank. Please ensure that all your donations to the Foodbank are long life items or toiletries/sanitary products.**

**Arrangements for the end of term will be sent out after AP1.**

**I am afraid there are no plans to make arrangements to watch any of the World cup matches as we need to concentrate on AP1 preparations.**

**Thank you.**



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Headteacher**