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Dear parents and carers,

As ever, thank you for your support and understanding this week. This week Year 6 children were informed of which secondary school they have been successful in gaining a place at. As ever we are totally oversubscribed and already have a waiting list for next year of over 90! Today I visited St Joseph's Primary school and led an assembly for the 80 children that will be joining us in September. It is great to see the excitement that they have for going to 'big school'. Over the coming weeks I am visiting a number of our feeder primary schools, with Miss Welch our Head of Year 7, to lead an assembly as well.

I have attached an information sheet that our safeguarding team has put together around mobile phones and how as parents you can support your children in using them best. A number of issues that we have to deal with in school are often started and fuelled through social media and messenger apps. I hope that you will find the advice useful.

At the beginning of every day, we pray together as a school community. If you would like to join us on our journey of prayer throughout the year please do click <u>here</u> where our weekly prayers will be published.

February Bronze Awards

Congratulations to all the following students who have received enough achievements to gain the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards during February! Well done!

Year 7 - Jerry, John, Chanelle, Melody, Vita, Michal, Tamar, Success, Ruairi, Dylan, Evie, Cillian, Daniel, Brandon, Ryan, Amanda, Helina, Orla, Connor, Julia, Daniel, Ariana, Zoe, Sophia, Tess, Alice, Arjun, Kenza, Summer. Year 8 - Luca, Chanell, Cody, Nathan, Lena, Gabrielle, Varshika, Kelly, Katie, Conor, Pamela, Menorah, Alicja, Jack, Navnit, Natalia, Diza, Harvey, Julia, Orlaith, Coby, Alex, Kevin, Jaiden, Ria, Melissa, Kamil, Erica, Frankie, Madi-Benita, Daniel, Divine, Orla, Alicja, Gabriel, Lukas, Sheena, Joshua, Rhema, Thomas, Nana, Jennifer, Szymon, Niamh, Munashe, Miguel, Jack, Annis, Prince, Adam, Alexander, Lena, Zuzanna, Omari, Nevin, Lauren, Lucas, Sadie, Ana, Arvey, Olivia, Kai, Mary, Natalia, Johanna, Leonor, Isolina, Alexandre, Dejon, Angelo Jan, Killian, Saahil, Divinne, Noah. Year 9 - Daniel, Lucia, Grace, Iqra, Sherie, David, Paulina, Szilard, Melissa, Manuel, Lilia, Kevin, Christian, Deol, Agnes, Jane, Benjamin, Samuel, Harpreet, Alfie, Francis, Adana, Katleen, Shay, Amy, Evie, Rishi, Franklin, Tristan, Mircea, Nicola, Kosi, Jessica, Kiersten, Michael, Jj, Tia, Kelci, Lainne, Wiktoria, Chidera, Brendan, Thelma, Ebun, Maja. Year 10 - Joshua, Ephraim, Ryan, Tex, Joel, Malachy, Rubi Ann, Tiernan, Sean, Eve, Robert, Annie, Evelyn, Rita, Rhys, Usman, Ethan, Estera, Joseph, Blessing, Evie, Bruno, Daniele, Patryk, Esther, Jason, Mitchell, Mofeoluwa, Kevin, Ifunanya. Year 11 - Charlie, Daniel, Angelus, Kamil, Mario-Andrei

February Silver Awards

Year 8; Conor, Alicja, Diza, Orla. Year 9; Jane, Samuel, Evie, Rishi, Kosi. Year 10; Malachy, Joseph. Year 11; Mario-Andrei Congratulations to Evie in Year 9 for receiving the first **Gold Award** of the year for an amazing 400 achievement points!

Cycling to school

Please can I encourage you to speak to you son or daughter if they cycle to school regularly. We have had some complaints from local residents about how the cyclists go down Warden Hill Road at the end of each day. We have reminded them this week to obey all road traffic rules and be sensible on their bikes. Some reinforcement from home would be greatly appreciated.

School Day – September 2023

Having considered the responses of staff and parents following the consultations the following decision has been made regarding the length of the school week starting in September 2023.

As a reminder the need was to find an extra 75 minutes each week to meet the government target of 32.5 hours of weekly school time. The decision has been made to extend each day by 15 minutes. The school day will therefore end at 3.15. The school day will stay the same except we will be extending lunch by 15 minutes and the whole school will have lunch at the same time for 45 minutes. There are many benefits to this. These include:

- I. Whole school (including staff) have lunch at the same time
- 2. More staff available for duties (only I lunch per day)
- 3. We can run lunchtime clubs across the school in curriculum areas. We tried to organise buses at the end of the day this and this was not possible, so a longer lunch removes a barrier we face around an enriched curriculum for our students...
- 4. Less disruption to lessons due to the split lunches.

As ever have a blessed weekend and week ahead.

Week beginning 6th March

		This is Week 2 on the timetable
Monday 6 th March	Revision Week Year 13 Year 11 Polish Mock Oral Exams Special Assembly for reconciliation	
Tuesday 7 th March	Revision Week Year 13 Year 11 Polish Mock Oral Exams Girls Year 9 & U16 Football Boys Year 7 Football	
Wednesday 8 th March	International Women's Day Revision Week Year 13 Year 11 Polish Mock Oral Exams Reconciliation Boys Year 9 Football Year 7&8 Girls / Year 9&10 Boys County Handball	
Thursday 9 th March	Revision Week Year 13 Y11 MFL Mock Oral Exams Y11 Polish Mock Oral Exams Y7 Icon Workshop Y10 BTEC Food L1 & L2 Final Exam Year 9-11 Trampolining U12 County Netball Tournament	
Friday 10 th March	Revision Week Year 13 Year 11 GCSE PE mock moderation	

YII MFL Mock Oral Exams
Friday Forum
Friday Night Detention