



1 October 2021

Dear parents / carers

I can't believe that I am sitting here writing this and it is October already! This week has been a busy one. We have had sporting fixtures, Year 11 welcome evening, Talk the Talk for Year 7 and many, many other activities as well. It is wonderful to see the school return to some sort of normality.

This coming week is a significant one for us. On Monday we have the Bishop coming to school to visit and say Mass for our Year 7 Mass of Welcome. This is always a tremendous event and really allows us to express the beginning of the journey of "Together towards our Lord through learning, love and faith" for our Year 7s. He will also be having a tour of the school and will have the opportunity to sit and chat to some of our pupils.

On Thursday we have our Annual Open Day for the Year 6s and their parents who are considering applying to us. This will be conducted in a different way than normal, considering the times that we find ourselves in. The day is only available to those that pre-book. All the slots from 4pm-7.30pm are fully booked. If you know of anyone who would like to attend there are still some spaces available between 3pm and 4pm and some in the last slot at 8pm, do so by following this [link](#). As mentioned earlier on in the week school will close at 12.45 (all the buses will run at this time). If your son/daughter has been asked to stay behind and help then they will stay in school.

On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, it is the Feast of St. John Henry Newman. We won't be in school to celebrate it all together but there will be prayers and activities during tutor times to mark this week.

Below are some headed reminders for you to read and action, if necessary. Please take especial notice of coming onto Warden Hill Road and also the request for more school governors.

As ever have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull MA  
Headteacher

### **Request for Governors**

The St. Thomas Catholic Academy Trust is making an appeal for governors, in particular to serve the St Martin de Porres community and that of St Margaret's of Scotland. If you would like more information please contact [mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk](mailto:mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk)

### **Uniform**

Please check the uniform policy in the student planners so that you are aware of all the high expectations.

### **Dropping off and collecting pupils by car**

**No** cars are allowed on site between 8.15am and 9.15am 2.30pm and 3.20pm (except where permission has been given in advance). For the safety and welfare of all pupils please support the school in this. If you need to pick up your child by car then wait until after 3.20 or collect them from somewhere close to the school, as highlighted in previous communications. Please avoid coming on to Warden Hill Rd to collect or drop off your children. The level of traffic is becoming unmanageable on this narrow street.



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### **Drop Everything And Read**

As part of our improving literacy strategy we are stopping the whole for 20 minutes each week to read. Please make sure that all pupils have reading material to read every day but especially on the day they have DEAR.

Do follow all that we are up to on our Twitter feed [@CNSLuton](#) and Instagram account [@CNSLuton](#)

<b>Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b><i>This is Week 2 on the timetable</i></b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Black History Month activities throughout all of October Yr7 Mass of Welcome with Bishop David Year 12 and 13 Drama group workshop
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Black History Month activities throughout all of October Year 7 Talk the Talk (W, H, M, V, A) Drop Everything and Read – p5
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Black History Month activities throughout all of October Year 7 Retreat COVID Vaccinations for 12-15 Year olds
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Black History Month activities throughout all of October Open Day – Early close at 12.45
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Black History Month activities throughout all of October Year 7 Claythorpe Trip until 10 <sup>th</sup> October Diocesan Schools Mass Theatre Company in school all day Headteacher detention – 15.00 – 17.00

### **Upcoming dates**

- 11<sup>th</sup> October – UCAS Workshop/Year 7 Road safety presentation
- 12<sup>th</sup> October - Year 8 Talk the Talk half year group training (G Gr He Hu) / Year 7 Retreat
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – DEAR p1/Year 7 Retreat
- 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 8 Talk the Talk half year group training (W H M V A) / Year 8 Welcome Evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 7 retreat



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