

4 March 2022

## Dear parents / carers

It's been two weeks since half term already! This week Lent started and it was wonderful to finally be able to have liturgies in the main hall again. The engagement from all the year groups was superb. You will start seeing our Lenten 40 acts through our Twitter feed, please do engage with these during Lent. These have really been embraced by a large part of the school community and it is wonderful to see the generosity that exists amongst pupils and staff. World Book Day was also a resounding success! Staff and pupils really engaged in all the activities and it was a delight to see many staff dressed up in their Fairy Tale outfits.

### **Ukraine**

The whole world is currently focussed on the terrible humanitarian crisis that is unfolding in the Ukraine and the surrounding countries, as over I million Ukrainians have already fled their country due to the war that is being waged. Aside from the prayers that we have offered up and written this week, we also want to respond to this in a very practical way. On Friday I I<sup>th</sup> March we are going to have a Non-Uniform Day to raise funds to contribute to DEC Ukraine appeal, the government is match funding the money raised! We will be collecting £I from the students if they are in non-uniform and we will also set up a payment on ParentMail if you wish to contribute further. We will contribute to this fund by using CAFOD. Please do continue to pray for the people of Ukraine who are displaced and all people that are caught up in this tragic unfolding of war. Thank you for your support in this.

#### Uniform

Before half term I sent the uniform policy home in order to ensure that all members of the community knew what was expected. Unfortunately, some of our students in years 7-11 are not adhering to the school rules on this and are consistently not wearing the uniform as it is meant to be worn. Every morning we are doing uniform checks in Tutor time and signing standards cards in planners where something is not as expected. Please pay particular attention to the expectations around jewellery, only one small ring is allowed and one small studded earing in each year. Nose studs and multiple earrings are not allowed. Students will be asked to remove them and keep them out for the whole day. Now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted we are also requesting that coats are not worn in lessons, please remind your children of this.

#### Weekly Message

As I have mentioned before, I record a weekly message to all the students and focus on our school vision statement of 'Together towards our Lord, through learning, love and faith.'. This coming week the focus is on the very first word of 'together'. We are all in this school together and when we all work together, follow the rules, be kind to each other, respond appropriately and respect each other, the school is as we all want it to be, a school that is full of 'learning, love and faith'.

This past week I have also been able to hand out 20 Platinum badges for receiving 300 achievement points. Congratulations to Tharuk, Conor Luis, Harrison, Amy, Ebun, Ethan, Daniel, Manuel, Pamela, Sheena, Max, Jennifer, Muhammed, Kai, Agnes, Jane, Matteo, Naomi and Kyron. Well done!

I encourage you this Lent to spend time in prayer with your family. St John Henry Newman wrote "Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body." He says that prayer is as important to life as the beating of our heart is!

Have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull Headteacher

# The week ahead

		This is Week 2
Monday 7th March	National Careers Week	
-	Year 11 Mock Language Orals	
	Year 10 Retreat	
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Tuesday 8th March	National Careers Week	
-	Year 11 Mock Language Orals	
Wednesday 9th March	National Careers Week	
	Year 11 Mock Language Orals	
	Year 10 Food student to UoB	
Thursday 10th March	National Careers Week	
-	Year 11 Mock Language Orals	
	Year 12 Wellbeing day	
Friday I Ith March	National Careers Week	
<u>-</u>	Year 11 Mock Language Orals	
	Headteacher's Detention 3-5pm	