



24 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by and we find ourselves in the last week of September. The pupils have settled in well and are making tremendous progress in lessons. Please support them with the work that they need to complete at home and, if possible, find time to discuss their day with them. This level of engagement can only but help all the pupils in our care to continue to make great progress. Our Curriculum statement is based on the quote from St John Henry Newman *"It is the education which gives students a clear, conscious view of their own opinions and judgements, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them."* We want to ensure that whatever we do fulfils this statement above.

Next week, Year 7 will start their Oracy programme with Talk the Talk and then this will be embedded in all their learning, so that they can have an 'eloquence in expressing' their thoughts, ideas and opinions. Year 7 also start their retreats this coming week.

Below are some headed reminders for you to read and action, if necessary.

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 pupil 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.

### **Open Evening**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October we will be welcoming a huge number of visitors to the school for our Open Evening. The format has changed due to the current circumstances we find ourselves in. We will be starting at 3pm with appointments for a maximum of 50 people, these are pre-booked through this [link](#). If you know of anyone who is considering coming to CNS please do forward them the link to access the evening. We have a lot to celebrate this year with phenomenal results and amazing achievements by the pupils.

### **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](#)

#### ***Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September***

| <b><i>This is Week 1 on the timetable</i></b>     |   |
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| <b><i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September</i></b>    | Year 7 Retreat Day  |
| <b><i>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</i></b>   | Drop Everything and Read – p4   |
| <b><i>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</i></b> | Macmillan Coffee Morning  |
|   | Year 7 Retreat Day  |
| <b><i>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September</i></b>  | Year 11 Induction Evening – 18.00-20.00                                       |
| <b><i>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October</i></b>       | Black History Month activities throughout all of October                      |
|   | Year 7 Talk the Talk (G, Gr, He, Hu)<br>Headteacher detention – 15.00 – 17.00 |

#### ***Upcoming dates***

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Bishop's Mass for Yr7 / Year 12 and 13 Drama group workshop

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 7 Talk the Talk (W, H, M, V, A)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – COVID Vaccinations (12-15 year olds) / Year 7 retreat



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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – English Theatre Company / Diocesan School's Mass / Year 7 Caythorpe trip