



Dear Parent/Carer,

Common Good

As we approach the season of Advent and our spiritual preparations for the birth of our Lord, I write to ask for your support for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and who may be facing a tough time this Christmas. Each year group will be responsible for raising funds for the charities below:

Year 7	Raising funds for 'The Goat that Gives'
Year 8	Fabulous Footballs
Year 9	Fantastic Fish
Year 10	Catholic Children Society
Year 11	Toothpaste Cosmetics
Sixth Form	The Passage

Additional fundraising events include a non-school uniform day on and a foodbank drive. We welcome your support. More information on this soon.

Celebrating the positive

Many of our students are working very hard and a number will be rewarded for their efforts later in the term with trips, certificate and other incentives. Please encourage your child to fully value their education and celebrate their achievement and positive attitude with them, including attendance. Events organised include: Celebration of Success evening and achievement assemblies in December.

Exam Week and student progress

The school continues to focus on securing excellent progress and achievements and already the Year 11 identified students have been on residential for English and Maths. In further preparation for their GCSE maths and English exams, a group of 40 year 11 students will attend a further residential workshop this weekend. They will work intensively on the key skills needed to succeed in the summer exams. Please note that the deadline for coursework completion for Year 11 and Year 13 students is 6 December 2019. Students who may not be on track for completion at this time will have additional support to ensure this deadline is met.

Students of Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12 have been working hard in preparation for their Assessment Point 1 assessments which take place this week. This is an opportunity for them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in all their subjects. We wish them well.


Keep the Date:

I would like to remind you of a few upcoming important dates this term:

Event	Date
Music Winter Concert	28 th November: 5pm-6pm in the School Hall
Sixth Form Open Evening	3 rd December: 6 -7.30pm
Year 6 Banding Tests	3 rd December: 9.00-11.00am
INSET Day & Coursework Catch-up	4 th December: School closed to all students except for students identified for coursework catch-up and exam resit.
First Friday: Parents' Forum	6th December: 10.00-11.00am
Coursework Deadline (Y11 & Y13)	6th December
Year 11 Parents Evening	11 th December: 4.00-7.00pm
Whole School Foodbank Drive	16th December
Christmas Carol Concert	17 th December St Joseph's Catholic Church
Non School uniform day	18th December
Last day of Term	19 th December

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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