



3rd December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHRISTMAS EVENTS/IMPORTANT NOTICES

As we come to the end of a long term and we look back at the past few months, we have such a lot to celebrate at the school. Our progress 8 measure of 0.30, well above national and placed us amongst the top performing Catholic boys schools nationally. Post 16 similarly impressive results were seen as were the progression opportunities for the students in our case. Today we saw the next generation of St Aloysian boys as they sat their banding tests for admissions. Although I am incredibly proud of all of these achievements, what is of the greatest pleasure is the way in which young people take to their hearts the real meaning of Advent. They truly live out the values of the school and social justice, embedded in the Advent Candle of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy in a world often overwhelmed by the commercialism of Christmas.

This Christmas we have been campaigning to raise awareness of the very real poverty that exists in our midst and have raised funds for our local food and clothes banks as well and the homeless charity, The Passage. As ever I am amazed at the generosity of the school community in raising funds for these and other charities such as the Islington Foodbank, OXFAM, World Gifts by CAFOD and Catholic Children's Society. This demonstrates the commitment of the school to ensuring that learning is not always about taking exams and progress, important though these are, but also the importance of nurturing commitment to common good and the part that our young people play in securing that for all.

Goodbyes: We wish staff well on the next stage of their career: Ms Paul, Psychology who leaves to work closer to home and Ms Yu, Science.

Key Dates: Please see below details of the important dates for the remainder of the term, I would be grateful if you and your child(ren) could support these.

Event	Date
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	6 th December: 10.00-11.00am
Coursework Deadline (Y11 & Y13)	6 th December
Year 11 Parents Evening	11 th December: 4.00-7.00pm
Christmas Carol Concert dress rehearsal	16 th December: 1.30-3.00pm (students will escorted for the short walk to St Joseph's Catholic Church)
Whole School Foodbank Drive	16 th December
Christmas Carol Concert	17 th December, St Joseph's Catholic Church: 4.30-5.45pm, All welcome
Non School uniform day	18 th December
Last day of Term	19 th December

Return to School: Students will return to school on Monday 6th January 2020 at 10.40am.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas. May the joy of the Saviour be in your hearts all year long.

Yours sincerely,

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

