



4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**EASTER 2019**

As we approach the Easter break (please see key dates below), I wish you a joyful and happy Easter. The school has focussed on preparing for Easter through prayer, opportunities for reconciliation and Charity acts. Your children have been fantastic in their commitment to charity funding raising and their Lenten preparation (see below).

<b>FUNDRAISING ACTIVITES</b>	<b>Amount collected</b>
Wear a sports shirt day	£203.90
Cake Sale	£83.65
Raffle (Easter eggs as prizes)	£37.60
Spare change	£17.43
Sixth Form cake sale	£56.00
Form 8P raffle	£100.00
Food Bank collection	
<b>Total collected so far is an outstanding</b>	<b>£498.58</b>

It has been a busy term with the year 11 and 13 mock exams and testing and lots of trips outside of school and events in school including film events, Debate Mate, a greatly enjoyed 'World Book Day' a Year 7 theatre trip to see 'Romeo and Juliet' and Science trip-Lookout in Hyde Park, Bio diversity and sampling techniques. The science week also was an extravaganza of activity for the whole school to access. The work continues during the Easter break for years 11, 12 and 13.

News

I am delighted that we now have a full governing body and that two parent governors have been appointed. They are Rosie Winstanley and Alem Selassie. We have had a large number of successful Russell Group university offers for our year 13 students from a range of universities offering a diverse selection of courses. I am delighted to share with you that demand for sixth form places is high and the move from the consortium enables the school to offer a wider range of courses. In a recent survey, many students commented on the positive changes and the value of supervised private study time.

We welcome Ms Brown, Head of Business, Mr Bird, DT Technician, Ms Philpott, Psychology Teacher, Mr Frimpong, Science Teacher and Ms Doyle, English Teacher. We thank Father Patrick Allsop from St Joseph's for giving up his valuable time to celebrate Mass on Fridays. We say goodbye to Mr Walters, Ms Mannion, Mr Vertigan and Ms Watts and we wish them well.

Key Dates

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	INSET
Monday-Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 & Monday-Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Year 11 & 13 Easter Revision
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Return to School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	First GCSE Examinations - Computer Science-Computer Systems, RE-Catholic Christianity
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	First A Level Examination - Classical Civilisation Paper 1, Economics Paper 1, Spanish listening, reading & translation, Psychology Paper 1

Finally, I have asked parents/carers for some time now to speak to their children about going straight home after school. Recent knife crime studies have shown that the most dangerous period of time is between 4pm-6pm i.e. after school. It is for this reason that I ask you to speak to your child about the importance of them going straight home and not frequenting the local shops/takeaways and parks, particularly as the warmer weather approaches. This expectation remains part of the school's Behaviour Policy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A English  
**ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER**



Ms J Heffernan  
**EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**

