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Headteacher's Update – Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

For their contribution to International Woman's Day: **Lola Donegan-Fearn, Charlotte Eastwood, Jessica Grimshaw, Tabitha Harrington, Olivia Koryciorz, Fionnula Murphy-Horton, Eva Phillips, Molly Walker** (Year 9).

Georgina Anderson, Lilly Challoner, Olivia Cunliffe, Daniella Gough, Alessia Mannino, Kerry Walsh (Year 10).

Ukraine fundraising

I am delighted and proud to report that our non-uniform day last Friday raised £2800 for the CAFOD Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, which is the largest sum anyone can remember the school has ever been able to raise in a single day. I was touched by a number of stories of generosity among our pupils, such as a Year 7 pupil who donated £100 of pocket-money they had saved up over time. The school community has also provided a large number of shoeboxes for the appeal being co-ordinated by St Joseph's parish, Ansdell. Thank you for all your support.

Year 10 Castlerigg Retreat

On Thursday I had the great pleasure of spending the afternoon and evening with our group of Year 10 pupils who have been on retreat at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, all week. The Liturgy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Castlerigg chapel was a beautiful occasion and a fitting conclusion to what I know has been a hugely enriching week both spiritually and socially. Thank you to Mr Frankel, Miss Newsham, Miss Ince, Mr Joyce, Mrs Hoston and Mrs Hardy for accompanying the pupils and to Paula for her work in organising the retreat.

Health & Wellbeing Week

Thank you to Mrs Holmes for her hard work this week in putting together such a valuable programme of activities, which has broadened the horizons of pupils in a range of areas. I hope all pupils enjoyed the various sessions; their feedback has certainly been very positive.

Year 11 update

I am now able to confirm further details of the arrangements for Year 11 pupils during the examination period this summer. The normal timetable for all pupils will continue to operate until Friday 13th May. During that week we plan to hold the traditional events to commemorate the end of their time at Saint Bede's, such as the Leavers' Service.

GCSE exams begin on Monday 16th May. Between Monday 16th May and Friday 27th May, **all Year 11 pupils will be required to attend school as normal.** When pupils are not sitting an exam, structured revision lessons will be provided.

The half-term break is from Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June inclusive. From Monday 6th June, Year 11 pupils will have the option of Study Leave and will only be required to attend school for exams. However, revision sessions will continue to be provided and pupils who prefer to remain in school full-time to study will be able to do so.

I must stress that Study Leave is a privilege, not an entitlement, and **we reserve the right to insist any pupil attends school full-time until the conclusion of their exams if they have not demonstrated that they will be able to prepare effectively for exams at home.** For example, pupils who regularly fail to produce homework in the coming weeks may not be entitled to Study Leave.

Year 9 Options Information Evening

A reminder that Year 9 pupils, parents and carers are invited to attend our Options Information Evening next Wednesday, 16th March at 6.30pm. The event is expected to last no longer than 45 minutes. Please see the separate letter issued earlier this week for further details. I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Have a lovely weekend.

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