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Headteacher's Update – Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Annabelle Alty, Lucy Crook-Williams (Year 7): Acts of kindness towards others

Clareesha Karmass (Year 10): Dedication and hard work in R.E.

Lydia Walker (Year 10): Dedication and hard work in Photography

Alfie Dowle (Year 10): Outstanding contribution and effort in P.E. Clubs

Alice Walsh (Year 10): Outstanding contribution and effort in Food Technology

Lee Moran (Year 7), Evie Houlihan, Holly Swarbrick (Year 11): Outstanding contribution and effort in P.E.

Scarlett Gale (Year 7), Michael Omoruyi (Year 9) Joshua Mulligan-Green (Year 11): Outstanding effort with extra-curricular activities

Phoebe Stephenson (Year 11): Outstanding contribution - Maths Watch

COVID-19 update

This week, the guidance regarding face coverings in schools was amended to remove the expectation that they be worn in classrooms with effect from yesterday (Thursday 20th January). The guidance that face coverings should be worn in indoor communal areas such as corridors, the dining room and the assembly hall will remain in place until next Thursday 27th January. From this point, we will no longer expect pupils or staff to wear a face covering in school, but they will of course remain optional.

Although the national guidance is changing next week, it is possible that the local Director of Public Health may recommend that face coverings are reintroduced in schools in response to high case numbers on the region.

The testing programme remains crucial to reducing transmission of the virus and reducing the possibility of disruption to education. Please continue to ensure your child takes a twice-weekly LFD test and the result is reported both to school and the government website.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the online Parents' Evening this week. I hope you found the conversations with subject teachers useful. Please accept my apologies for any confusion caused by the fact that appointments remained in the system for a small number of teachers who were in fact unavailable due to illness. This oversight will be addressed for future events.

I would be very grateful if all Year 11 parents and carers could complete the survey circulated via Firefly yesterday, regardless of whether or not you were able to attend the event.

Year 8 Justice and Peace Mass

It was wonderful this week to see our Year 8 pupils celebrate their very first Mass together in the hall, having been unable to do so last year due to COVID-19 protocols in school. It was a truly joyous occasion and we were grateful to Rev. Patrick Hibbert, who is also one of our Governors, for leading the service.

Have a lovely weekend.

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