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Dear Parent/Carer,

We were delighted to see our pupils back in school this week, following the Easter break. Our Year 11's have all behaved exceptionally well in the first week of their Formal Internal Assessments, and next week, Year 13 will start their assessments.

Calendar update

As you will be aware, the formal examination series for GCSE and A Levels has been replaced this year with a grading process which is to be used by schools to determine grades for pupils. Just before the Easter break, we received the JCQ guidance which outlines in detail the processes to be adopted by schools.

In order for school to implement this guidance to ensure our pupils receive their grades this year, we have designated **Monday 17th May as an INSET day**. Many of our local schools are also planning for an INSET day this term.

For any families where this may cause a problem, please contact Mr Williams via the school office. We will accommodate pupils in school on that day if required.

Catholic Life

This week, our collective worship focused on the joy of Easter with an Assembly about looking for the risen Jesus in those around us. The Gospel reading chosen was the popular story about the 'Road to Emmaus' where those who met Jesus were slow to recognise him. In a similar way, we can be slow to recognise the presence of Christ in our lives but Easter is a time to renew our faith. Mrs Murphy delivered a further Assembly which launched St Peter's as part the new Our Lady and All Saints Multi-Academy Company. This prayerful virtual assembly focused on the MAC motto 'Strong in Faith' and included a welcome from Mr Peter Davis, our Catholic Senior Executive Leader. We look forward to more opportunities for the 13 schools of the MAC to come together to support each other.

Buses

We are very aware that there have been some problems this week with our school buses that serve the Coventry Road routes. Unfortunately, due to roadworks on the A45, some of the school buses have been arriving late and on one occasion on Friday, one bus failed to arrive at all. We are liaising with National Express West Midlands who provide the service to seek a solution, but thank parents and pupils for their patience.

GCSE and A Level guidance

Please find the [link here](#) for parents and pupils for the guidance from JCQ on the grading process.



Summer Term

A reminder that during the summer months, from Easter up to October half term, pupils are permitted to wear the blue summer shirt. This should have the school badge on the breast and it is not to be worn with a tie. It should still be tucked into the trousers or skirt. During the summer months, many pupils choose to swap black opaque tights for socks. Socks must be black, white or grey ankle socks. Knee high socks are not permitted. The support of our parents is much appreciated. Uniform standards are checked each day. No jewellery is permitted to be worn at all. Nail varnish or false nails are also not allowed as part of our desire to be fair and consistent in ensuring a smart professional appearance.

ParentPay

Please try to keep an eye on ParentPay accounts to ensure that pupils have sufficient funds for their lunch. Where a pupil has a negative balance on their account, they will not be permitted to buy additional items such as cakes etc.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

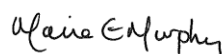
Please be aware that the date for Year 7 parents' evening has changed and this will now be taking place on **Thursday 10th June** 4pm-7pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to speak to subject teachers, with each appointment lasting 5 minutes. Appointments will be held remotely using an online platform called School Cloud. Year 7 parents will be emailed further details about this in due course.

"Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidents recently where pupils have been unkind to each other. This is mainly happening out of school, on social media and messaging apps, and then spilling into school. Consequently, staff are having to spend a lot of their time dealing with the fallout from this. Through our pastoral curriculum, we have been teaching the pupils the importance of showing respect, kindness and compassion and how we expect all of our pupils to demonstrate the core values within our Catholic Pupil Profile. Please can we ask parents to support us with this. We also ask all parents to be vigilant and monitor their child's mobile phone use. The following website contain some useful advice: [Social media resources to support children | Internet Matters](#) and to click on the 'Social Media Resources' link on the right of the webpage. Here you will find tech tools, information on parental controls and further support and guidance. School cannot be held responsible, nor can we deal with, incidents that occur on messaging apps and on social media outside of school. We would also like to remind parents that the age limit for sites such as Snapchat and Instagram is 13.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M E Murphy
Headteacher

*"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God"* John 20:31