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Dear Parents

Newsletter week commencing 19th April 2021

Synergy

Last academic year we invested in a school information system called Synergy. At the time of its launch we were aware that it had a number of functions which we intended to roll out over a number of terms. Unfortunately, our plans were somewhat affected by the pandemic which has disrupted the planned rollout. Recently, Mr Finch, who has responsibility for rewards and sanctions in school, sent details to parents and log-in access to the Parental Portal on Synergy, and he encouraged parents to sign up for the service. I would also like to encourage you to access the Parental Portal as it is an excellent tool through which parents can track the rewards and sanctions being given to their children by teachers. Data can be found through the App on a mobile phone and the ability to access such live information will be useful to form discussions with pupils at home.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter break, we have adopted our summer uniform. This means pupils may attend school without their blazers and girls may wear white, knee length socks or black tights.

Please note: Skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Could you also ensure that your daughter complies with rules on false nails, nail varnish and fake tan.

Also a reminder that hair must be one natural colour and no shorter than a No.3. Make-up and jewellery are not allowed with the exception of one pair of gold or silver studs. Sanctions will be given to pupils breaking uniform rules.

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that our pupils continue to look smart.

Archdiocesan Levy

As a Voluntary Aided School we must contribute 10% of the finance towards any building project which receives funding from the Archdiocese. Many Catholic schools request contributions from families to help meet this significant cost. In recent years we have been using money from the school's budget to meet our required contribution. As our school budget has been significantly impacted by austerity measures for a number of years we have taken the decision to once again appeal to parents to consider contributing to the Archdiocesan Levy. Please see the attached document for further information.

Supporting Your Child during Exam Time (Young Minds)

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

End of Year 11 arrangements

During week commencing 26th April I will write to parents of Year 11 pupils with further details about the leaving arrangements for Year 11 pupils. Mrs Hodgson has already sent a letter home this week with information about Leavers' Hoodies, the Year Book and Prom. I remain hopeful that with the lifting of restrictions, we will be able to go ahead. However, I ask for understanding nearer the time should the national picture change, resulting in the requirement to cancel at short notice.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher