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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bank Holiday Monday

Please note that school is closed on Monday 3rd May 2021, which is a Bank Holiday. We return at the usual time on Tuesday 4th May 2021. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Year 11 Internal Exams

Year 11 pupils begin their internal exams on Tuesday 4th May, which will help teachers to gather further evidence towards awarding GCSE grades this year. All pupils have a copy of their exam timetable. Everybody would like to wish the pupils well as they embark on this final chapter of their time at All Hallows. Should you have any concerns with regard to the exams, please do not hesitate to contact relevant pastoral staff, Head of Department or myself.

Summer Uniform - A Reminder

After the Easter break, we adopt summer uniform. This means pupils may now come to 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 does not attend school with false nails, nail varnish or 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 documents for further information.

A Plea for Understanding!

Please could parents ask their children to mindful of arranged pick-up times for appointments during the school day. They must ask for permission to leave class in good time as it is becoming an increasing trends that office staff need to go to classes to collect pupils when parents arrive to pick them up. This is time consuming and particularly difficult due to the Covid protocols. Likewise, if parents are dropping off equipment, PE kits, lunches etc, could pupils come to the office to collect them so that office staff are not, once again, required to move around school to find them.

School Attendance

Please ensure school is informed before the end of the morning form period of a child's absence. For safeguarding reasons this must be done on a daily basis otherwise; our Attendance Officer will contact parents / carers. This is to ensure that we know the child is safe.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher