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Newsletter Friday November 18th

The World Cup in Qatar

This morning in form time, pupils studied and debated the reasons for the controversy surrounding the decision to hold the Football World Cup this year in Qatar. As a Catholic school, which encourages our pupils to take seriously their roles as global citizens, we felt it was necessary to highlight the concerns about the regime in Qatar with regard to human rights issues and the treatment of migrant workers. Alongside the obvious concerns, we have been asked by many pupils to consider showing England's opening game on Monday 21st November. We have granted permission for teachers to have the game on their screens during periods 5 and 6. Pupils will also be provided with work during those periods so that learning can still take place. I hope that we have the support of parents and carers for the balanced approach we have taken.

Support for the PTFA

The PTFA are looking to receive donations of prizes for the raffle from parents who own/work for companies. Their aim is to try for at least 2 decent prizes (along with the luxury hamper from school), so they may send details of them for the raffle tickets to be printed in plenty of time as well as to have these sold before the event, during and at the senior citizens lunch.

They also require donations from pupils of chocolate, unwanted (new) gifts etc to add to the tombola.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 15 December we will be serving a Christmas Dinner in school at a cost of £5.50– excellent value for money as you will see from the menu.

To help us plan our catering arrangements please PAY & ORDER your child's/children's Christmas Dinner on-line using our Iris+pay facility and select their choice of Christmas Dinner by Friday 9 December 2022.

Pupils entitled to a <u>FREE SCHOOL MEAL</u> who would like to have a Christmas Dinner MUST see Mrs Butterworth before Friday 9 December to place their order.

A limited menu will be available to pupils who do not want a Christmas Dinner.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Traditional Roast Turkey
Chipolata Sausages Rolled With Bacon
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce

or

Quorn Turkey & Quorn Sausages

Roast Potatoes

Creamed Potatoes

Julienne Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Petit Pois

Gravy

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Christmas Pudding served with

custard

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Chocolate Fudge Cake served with cream

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Mince Pies served with cream

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Fresh Fruit Salad

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Cost £5.50 (including juice & a cracker)

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT ORDER BY 9 DECEMBER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY OR
INTOLERANCE, YOU MUST SPEAK TO AND ADVISE THE
CATERING DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE

A Week Ending in Celebration!

Last night, after two years in which we were unable to welcome back our previous Year 11 cohorts to celebrate their GCSE achievements, we were once again able to host our annual Certificate Evening. As previously reported, we had an exceptional year group last year, which achieved some of the best GCSE results in the school's history. Parents, carers, staff and governors spent a wonderful evening hearing reflections on the time the pupils spent with us, and listening to the inspirational words of our guest speaker, former world number one squash player, Laura Massaro. As well as GCSE certificates, a whole host of subject and special trophies were awarded to our well-deserving past pupils. A very special mention must go to some of the trophy winners who, due to the extent of the gifts and talents they have worked hard to nurture over a long period of time, have been rewarded by gaining prestigious scholarships upon leaving school. Daniel Cunningham, our former Deputy Head Boy and outstanding academic performer, is now studying at Eton College. Eve Croasdale is studying at the Royal Northern Ballet School. Jacob Whittle has signed onto an apprenticeship with Burnley Football Club, and Grace Pilling, who has already represented England at football, has gained a scholarship at Rossall School as part of Manchester City's youth academy programme.

Following last night's celebration, this morning we held two achievement assemblies to recognise the successes of pupils last academic year. Again, a whole host of certificates and vouchers were awarded to pupils from Year 7 to Year 11. We were pleased to be joined by our guest speakers, Miss Kerry Harvey, the Headteacher of one of our partner primary schools, and Nick Burnham, the Principal of Cardinal Newman College. We would like to thank them for attending and for their words of wisdom and inspiration. Please see the images at the end of this newsletter which show some of our winners receiving their prizes

Yours sincerely,

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