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End of First Half Term

Firstly, we would like to thank parents and carers for their support and encouragement since our return to school in September. Also, we would like to recognise the hard work of our pupils in every year group, who have engaged so positively in both their studies and a wide range of extra-curricular activities. This week, we came together to celebrate a wonderful Mass for our Year 7 cohort, which was concelebrated by Fr Michael and Fr Ian. Last night Year 7 and Year 8 pupils attended a fantastic school disco held in the Arts Theatre. I would like to thank so many of my colleagues for planning both events which I know took an awful lot of preparation and thought.

Uniform Expectations Following The Half Term Break

May I remind parents and carers that our uniform changes to the winter version following the half term break. Blazers are compulsory for all and girls must wear black tights.

Health and Safety

We have had a number of reports from both parents and local residents of pupils riding their bikes to and from school in a dangerous manner. This includes, riding without a helmet and swerving in large groups in front of oncoming traffic. Please can we remind our pupils of the obvious dangers, particularly as winter will bring even darker early mornings and evenings.

Half Term Activities

Please see below, information we have received from South Ribble Borough Council regarding some exciting activities open to our young people during the half term break.

South Ribble Borough Council and South Ribble Leisure are going above and beyond this October Half Term to offer a HAF Plus programme of FREE activities and food to children and families at local leisure centres

Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

Duke of Edinburgh Skills Section - First Aid

Please see below a message from Mrs Walsh with regard to this year's D of E.

We have been delighted to receive such an incredible response to our invitation for the Year 10 DofE Award. Over the half term break, myself and Miss Consiglio will be liaising with the national DofE operations team to enrol all participants onto the DofE platform, ready for them to start attending regular meetings with us after the half term.

As outlined in the information evening, pupils are required to complete 3 sections in addition to their expedition; Skill, Volunteering and Physical. The skill can often be quite challenging for young people to organise so we would like to invite a maximum of 28 students to enrol onto a free "First Aid Course" that myself and Miss Consiglio will be running at school one lunchtime a week for 12 weeks (the required length for completion of the skill section). This is an excellent opportunity for our DofE participants, and we are expecting that there will be a high demand.

Please complete the google form to register your interest for your son / daughter as soon as possible so that we can prepare a register and resources for the programme.

<https://forms.gle/V2oRqyyXZJZ74ztXA>

The Growing Concern About 'Vaping'

I am sure that you have become only too aware of the national concern which has been raised recently about the increasing levels of 'vaping' among young people. Unfortunately, we have to report that All Hallows is not immune from this problem. Large numbers of our pupils do not wish to be associated with the habit and have distanced themselves from areas, particularly toilets, where the 'vapers' tend to congregate. However, a small minority continue to indulge in the habit, which is both harmful and off-putting for those pupils who genuinely wish to use the toilets. We have found a number of 'vaping' machines secreted in the toilets, which have been confiscated and destroyed. I must appeal to parents to unite with us in the fight against 'vaping', and to stand firmly alongside us as we issue severe punishments to those who continue to be out of bounds to enable them to 'vape'. We have made it clear to pupils, who claim not to 'vape', that sanctions will also be issued to those pupils who choose to congregate out of bounds to associate with those who are known 'vapers'.

School vouchers

Once again LCC are supporting families and pupils who are in receipt of free school meals. We can confirm that these vouchers will be sent via post or email to help over the October half-term holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Horrocks

Headteacher