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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to make the most of the dry and warm weather!

Return & Uniform

This week we have had a big push on uniform with Year 7-10 and we are delighted with how the pupils have responded and, ultimately, how smart they are all looking. We have been lining the year groups up in the playground during morning registration and it has made us incredibly proud seeing all of the pupils in correct uniform (we are aware of individual cases where items are on order). It also gives the children a good sense of pride in our school too!

Unfortunately, there is a very small minority of pupils who continue to attempt to push the boundaries – non-compliance will lead to consequences and these will be communicated separately next week.

Thank you for your continued support with uniform and for ensuring that your children leave your homes in the morning in their full uniform! I hope you share our view that the uniform has been much more impressive so far this term.

We will continue with random line-up spot checks as the weeks progress.

Mock Interviews

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed 18 different employers to school to conduct mock job interviews with our Year 10 cohort. The employers were incredibly complimentary about our pupils and were suitably impressed with their ability to articulate their answers to their questions.

It truly is a great experience for our pupils, and we're delighted with how they dealt with it with so much maturity and seriousness.

It's a great day in our annual calendar and the first time we have been able to run this event for 2 years! Next stop is work experience for Year 10!



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Elevate

Year 7 were treated to a lively presentation from Elevate on Tuesday this week. The session was all about memory mnemonics and study skills which will help the year group hugely when they begin preparing for their end of year exams (not until the final half term – no need to panic!). Elevate have spent years researching the best ways to study and retain information and use this research to put together their engaging and interactive sessions.

Year 7 certainly were not shy in volunteering themselves to take part or in giving their answers!

Fundraising and Charity Updates

Thank you for your support for our Ukraine fundraising initiatives – your generosity helped us to raise £650 which was donated to Cafod's Ukraine appeal.

Also, a massive amount of physical donations were made and distributed to Ukraine – thank you once again for all of your kindness.

Finally, as a community, we donated nearly 60 kilos of food items for the Salisbury Food Bank as part of our lent appeal – once again, a heartfelt thank you!

Coming Up Next Week

Reports: Year 7 & 8 Progress Reports will be distributed next week.

Athletics: Next week sees our return to competitive fixtures in athletics for Key Stage 4 pupils – good luck to all those participating!

Year 7 Parents' Evening: We'll be hosting a virtual parents' evening for all year 7 parents on Wednesday 4th May between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments can be made by visiting this website: <https://saintjosephs.schoolcloud.co.uk>. If you have any difficulty making appointments, please email admin@sjcs.org.uk.

Skills Day: Friday will be a very special day for the school. Over the past few months there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to prepare for our first ever Skills Day (was due to happen two years ago but Covid scuppered that!).

30 employers, Higher Education providers and the Army will be in school to run interactive workshops for all pupils both inside classrooms and also with outdoor activities.

Pupils will be split into groups of 30 and will be timetabled to take part in 6 x 50-minute sessions throughout the day. It promises to be an incredibly valuable experience for all the pupils involved!



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Achievement Points Race

It's getting much closer between 2nd and 3rd place now as we enter the business end of the year – only 89 points separate Vincent & Teresa!

- 1st: Margaret with 42,816 points
- 2nd: Vincent with 39,410 points
- 3rd: Teresa with 39,321 points
- 4th: Francis with 34,488 points

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Mr Rooney