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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is the link on your email to an accompanying Careers newsletter from Mr Devlin, this has been produced as part of careers week. Our students have been hearing about different careers and how their subject areas link to a variety of jobs. Please have a look! <u>https://www.canva.com/design/DAE4JYo9pes/ZGntf3_XSrlhIDulJhklqg/view?utm_content=D_AE4JYo9pes&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink</u>

Catholic Life

Today is **Family Fast Day** and many of our staff and students purchased **soup and a roll** instead of their usual lunch. All money raised goes to our Lenten CAFOD appeal. Years 7 & 8 took part in the National CAFOD 'Big Assembly' this morning where they heard about how the money they raise is used to help communities. We will send out details of our sponsored fundraising events next week.

As mentioned last week, we are also supporting the local **Selby Food Bank** and ask that students bring into school items that can help families in our community who are struggling to pay their bills and who do not have enough to eat. We are gathering the donations each Friday. Many thanks for all the items you have already sent in. If you are able, please donate; *rice, cereals, pasta, sauces, tinned fish or meat, tinned fruit and vegetables and cartons of orange juice*. These should be handed to your child's form tutor, and we will arrange delivery to the Food Bank. Thank you.

Holy Family Community News

Today, during registration, we launched our first 'Holy Family Community News' broadcast. We are so proud of our students who have given up their time before and after school, as well as during lunchtimes, to put this together. We will be uploading this to our new Holy Family You Tube channel on Monday. We will send you the link next week, and in future weeks, so that you can keep up to date with 'Holy Family Community News'.

Ukraine Crisis

We are ever mindful of the situation in the Ukraine and have been looking at ways in which we can effectively help. After contacting the organisations involved in the relief effort, they have said that donating money to the national appeals is the best way to support the refugee crisis. This was reiterated by Bishop Marcus in a message last week who asked communities to support through donations to CAFOD, DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and Caritas Internationalis. Our Head Girl, Tendai is gathering suggestions from students for fundraising activities for this cause. We continue to hold the people and communities affected in our prayers.

Parent Questionnaires

Thanks to everyone who has returned the questionnaires sent to Y7 and Y8 parents, it would be really helpful if you could return them by Friday 18th March. Thank you

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Y10 Parents Evening

Thank you to the Y10 parents who responded to our Groupcall survey. The overwhelming response was in favour of parents evenings being face to face and in school. The next Year 10 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 31 March 2022. This will take place in school with appointments booked online. More information will follow nearer the time.

As part of our collective worship for next week, our theme is 'Almsgiving'. Our students will reflect on the church's teachings on helping and supporting others.

"Do not close your hand to someone in need" (Deuteronomy 15:7)

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs D Mitchell Headteacher

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