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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another half term ends, we thank you all for your ongoing support. Our students have had a great end to the half term and we have seen a really positive response to our revised behaviour system. We will be asking for some feedback on our systems from parents over the next half term.

This week...

Y9 Theatre Trip

On Thursday, 30 Year 9 students made the journey to The Leeds Playhouse to watch a production of 'Of Mice and Men'. The students studied the text as part of the English curriculum earlier this year and found that seeing the performance really 'brought the novel to life'. The production was extremely moving at times and was enjoyed by all. The students were very well behaved and a credit to Holy Family.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Preparation

In July, eleven Year 10 students, accompanied by Mr Sweetman and Mrs Hennigan, will join 200 pilgrims and students from 12 Catholic High Schools as part of the Leeds Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. On Wednesday of this week, the Leeds Diocesan Youth Service were in school to hold a preparation morning. Students had the opportunity to find out a lot more about Lourdes, understand what they will have to do whilst on pilgrimage, and undertook some wheelchair training. Jessica Wilkinson (Leeds Diocesan Youth Officer) commented 'The Holy Family students are a lovely group of young people and we are looking forward to travelling to Lourdes with them'.

Good Shepherd Appeal Mass – Leeds Cathedral

On Wednesday, five students and our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Ulvaer accompanied by Mrs Evans attended Mass at Leeds Cathedral. They presented Bishop Marcus with our fundraising cheque of £1000 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. Well done to our students and their families for raising this fantastic amount. These funds go to Catholic Care who support those in need in our diocese, especially families and children.

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Y11 Exams

We are so proud of our Y11 students, their maturity and resilience has shone through in the last couple of weeks. They are about half way through their GCSE exams and have the half term break to prepare themselves for the next set of papers. Keep going Year 11, you are amazing!

Message from Mr Devlin - Over the last two weeks, I have been pleased with conduct of the Y11 students - it has been exemplary! There has been lots of positive feedback following the exams. Whilst we now break for half term, please can I stress that students must continue to attend school when term starts on Monday 5th June. **There is no period of 'study leave'**. When students are not in exams, revision sessions are provided to prepare them for further exams. The last day of compulsory attendance is Wednesday 14th June. After this date, Y11 pupils will only need to come into school for their remaining exams.

Next half term...

Year 7-10 End of Year Assessments

End of year assessments for Years 7 - 10 will be taking place between Monday 19th June and Friday 7th July. This will be for English, Maths and Science for Year 7 and all subjects for the other year groups. Teachers have put guidance and revision resources on ClassCharts for students to help them prepare for these assessments. A timetable for the assessments will be shared after the half term break.

Reminder dates

Today! Friday 26th May – school finishes for the May half term break. We return on Monday 5th June.

Thursday 22nd June – Online Y7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 5th July – Online Y9 Parents Evening

And finally...

We hope that you all have a restful half term break. The weather forecast is sunny!

"It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine." Winnie the Pooh (A. A. Milne)



Mrs D. Mitchell
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