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Dear Parents and Carers,

A great start to half term four! Many thanks for all your support in ensuring that our students are fully prepared for learning and in the correct uniform. We have a **pastoral newsletter** attached this week. The national issue of 'mobile phones in schools' has been in the news this week and a reminder of our policy is included in the newsletter.

Year 10 Parent's Evening

Thanks to everyone who came to the evening and we appreciate your feedback on our questionnaire form. If you could not make it and would like to speak to any teachers please email enquiry and our staff will be in touch.

Diana Mentoring Award

On Tuesday, one of our Year 11 Diana Award groups set up a bake sale fundraiser to raise the awareness of Men's Mental Health and Suicide prevention. They raised a total sum of £128.85 which will be donated to their chosen charity: Men's Minds Matter who are dedicated to make changes to support the mental health of men. Well done to all involved.

www.mensmindsmatter.org



Progress Reports – message from Mr Devlin

Progress Reports are now available to view on EduLink. For Key Stage Three (Years 7-9) each child is given a progress statement by their subject teachers. This is based on work produced in lessons, homework and extended learning activities. We also include evidence from more formal assessments such as, end of topic tests. The progress statements for each subject are compared to your child's expected progress statement, which is based on attainment levels at the end of Key Stage Two, and colour coded. If your child is on track it is coloured green, if they are performing better than expected it is blue, if they are underachieving it is orange, and if they are significantly underachieving it is red. For Key Stage Four (Years 10 and 11) expected final GCSE grades have been given by subject teachers, along with the child's target grade, again based on performance at the end of Key Stage Two. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the report, please do contact us using enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

Reminder dates for your diary:

Wednesday 28th February – Year 11 Exam briefing for Parents and revision support workshops (5.30pm to 7pm)
Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 14th March (4.30pm to 6.30pm)

Finally this week...

Today was Family Fast Day and we asked our students to donate items for the local food bank. Many thanks for all your kind donations so far, students can take donations to form tutors or Mrs Ulvaer's office. We will be collecting items over the next week before taking them to the local food bank next Friday. Our other attached newsletter this week is our '**Lenten Lunch**'. Mrs Ulvaer has outlined all of the reflections and activities we have planned during lent.

"The smallest thing, when done for the love of God, is priceless." Saint Teresa of Avila

Have a peaceful and happy weekend,

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher

