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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy first half term in which students and staff have been working hard.

It was lovely to meet you all at the Parents' Information Meetings held at the beginning of term. We have this year changed the format of these, each year group now has a theme;

- Year 7 Information for new parents
- Year 8 (February meeting) Options
- Year 9 Subject Marketplace – an opportunity to speak to subject specialists
- Year 10 Work Experience and Study Skills
- Year 11 Futures Event – Meet Universities and Employers
- Year 12 Information for Sixth Form
- Year 13 UCAS (Summer Term)

I would recommend that you and your child attend these each year as there is new information pertinent to that year.

Retreats

This term has seen a number of retreats for year 7, 8, and 12 led by our Chaplain, James, these have taken place at Nottingham Cathedral, Mount St Bernard Abbey and Holy Cross Church.

Road Safety

I would like to ask parents to talk to their children about road safety. This term 2 students from a neighbouring secondary school have been knocked over by cars on the Anstey Lane. Staff from our school have on both occasions delivered first aid. I thank them for their care. The Anstey Lane is very busy and students should use care when crossing and use the correct crossings provided.

Secondly, can I remind parents that our student's queue under supervision at the public bus stop opposite the school gates. At no point should cars be trying to drive through these queues and risk putting students and staff in danger. Staff's first responsibility is the safety of all students and would not expect anyone to question this with them. If parents need to leave quickly at the end of the day, then they should park up the side roads. Parents should not be parking in the school layby or turning circle at the end of the school day, this is causing congestion for our school buses.

Open Evening

We welcomed over 500 people to our Year 6 Open Evening, it was lovely to hear all the positive feedback about our students, staff and school from the visitors. At our Sixth Form Open Evening we welcomed our current Year 11 students and prospective students from across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Year 7 Concert

It was lovely to see Year 7 finish their half term with a concert, singing a wonderful Abba Medley.

Uniform

A reminder as it gets colder, students should be wearing their blazers around school with an outside jacket over the top, not, instead of a blazer. Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder – Professional Development Day - Friday 29th November 2024

As per the School Calendar, the school will be closed on Friday 29th November 2024, due to the staff Professional Development Day being held by the St Thomas Aquinas Multi Academy Trust.

Thank you for all your support enabling students to fully access all the school has to offer.

I wish students and staff a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Calen'.

M Calen
Principal