14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you at the end of a very busy half term.

This term we have hosted the Trust wide Mass to celebrate St Thomas Aquinas feast day, we welcomed teachers and students from all 23 schools within our Trust. Our students attended a Holocaust Memorial event at De Montfort University, students have visited Leicester and Liverpool Cathedrals, and we have welcomed the National Space Academy. The Police have spoken to the students about the dangers of knives, we have held Year 10 Study Skills sessions and we have hosted primary schools in basketball. Students have competed in an ESU speaking competition, a badminton competition and students have been rehearsing for the school production of Grease. Year 8 and Year 10 Boys have competed in football cup finals – Congratulations to Year 10 who are now City Champions, for 3 out of 4 years running, and will represent the City in the County Cup, unfortunately Year 8 lost on penalties. Well done to both teams! It was pleasing to welcome parents to the Consultation Meetings for Years 12, 10 and 9.

Students have been working hard in class with the help of their teachers.

We have received the feedback from the Trust Parent Survey. Thank you for all the feedback, and the positive feedback and for areas for us to continue to develop. Particular thanks to you all for taking the time to name all the staff you would like to thank. I have passed this on to them, it is very much appreciated. As a school we would like to thank parents for their continuing support to the school.

Pre Loved Uniform
A reminder that we are continuing with our Pre Loved Uniform shop which will be open once a month. We would welcome any clean, good quality uniform – any donations, please hand in to our Reception.

Communication with parents
As a reminder, letters are emailed to parents. Termly letters and news articles are also available on the school website. We also send text messages to parents if there is an emergency or to signal an important event. Parents must notify the school immediately of changes to telephone numbers, email addresses etc.

Please note teachers and other staff will contact parents by letter or telephone not by email.

If you send an email to the school office, you will receive an acknowledgment email informing you that the matter will be passed to the appropriate person; Head of Year etc. We aim to respond to enquiries within the next 3 working days.

Parents' Consultation Meetings

Year 8 - Options Fair Thursday 27th February 2025, 4.30 – 6.00pm

Year 8 - X (Alban, Campion, Clitheroe, Fisher) Thursday 20th March 2025, 3.30 – 6.00pm

Year 8 - Y (Line, More, Sherwin, Ward) Thursday 27th March 2025, 3.30 – 6.00pm

Year 7 – Thursday 3rd April 2025, 3.30 – 6.00pm.

60th Anniversary Open Day - Saturday 3rd May 2025
On Saturday 3rd May we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the blessing of the school by Bishop Edward Ellis in May 1965.

We invite you and your families to visit the school on 3rd May, anytime between 10.00am and 1pm. We will be Blessing our 60th Anniversary Prayer Garden, there will also be a range of activities taking place including a photo exhibition through the years, all departments will be open for you to visit, a range of Market Stalls, old style school games, Music, Dance, Drama, a food truck, refreshments and ice creams will be available.

Please could you let any former students, staff and parents know, we would love to see them.
We have put together a memory photo book which includes photos of staff, students and events through the years, from 1965 through to the present day. You can order a copy of our 60th Anniversary memory photo book for £15, by completing the MS Forms link below.

https://forms.microsoft.com/e/PfQs5N7BtE

I wish students and staff a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

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Principal