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Dear Parent/Carer

As we settle into the rhythm of the term, we are all mindful of the delay to the removal of Covid restrictions and indeed the outbreak on our own doorstep. To this end, all contingency measures continue to be in place. We are currently reviewing summer term activities to ensure they can operate within the risk assessment and current level of controls. As a result, our Year 12 transition days have moved to a virtual rather than face-to-face event. I will keep you informed of any further changes in the weeks ahead.

As the weather has been hot this week and as our water fountains are not in operation, I remind all students to bring bottles of water to school should they need to. Water is readily available in the canteen at lunchtime. Students are reminded that they must continue to wear face masks on the school bus. Students may wear face masks at other times if they choose to.

It has been a great pleasure to participate in the virtual Lourdes pilgrimage this week. Grace, Sophie and Poppy (Year 7) have been involved in the virtual pilgrimage by telephoning sick pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Birmingham who couldn't go Lourdes this year because of restrictions. One of the pilgrims was Bishop David. The students had the opportunity to pray the rosary with him and he shared his memories of Lourdes and the pilgrimages he has led there. He also spoke about his life through lockdown and how nature and photography had kept his spirits high. The students involved said, 'We have really enjoyed being able to connect with these people who have unfortunately missed their pilgrimage to Lourdes this year and it was so lovely to pray the rosary with them, it really made us feel part of the Diocesan family.'

Students across the college have also shared in a personal message from His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley. In his message to all students, His Grace reflected on the pandemic and shared the Diocesan vision specifically for young people expressed in his pastoral letter. He encouraged all our young people to reflect on their faith and the lessons learnt through the pandemic and look to the future as a time of renewal with young people at the heart of the church's mission. His Grace outlined the Diocesan plans to enable the church to flourish and called all young people to participate in the church's vision.

Students have worked hard this week to complete assessments to help inform their progress. Mr McCusker has been out to our primary schools to meet Year 6 students who will be joining us in September and sharing some key thoughts with them.



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In the gospel on Sunday, we hear of Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4: 35-41). Jesus reassures us that putting our trust in him stops us from worrying about so many unnecessary things. Storm, stress and upset can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when they pass and we look carefully, we can often learn something about the world, about ourselves and about how Jesus is always there to bring peace and calm.

God Bless

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