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Dear Parent/ Carer

Once again, I congratulate Year 11 and indeed all the students for their approach to assessments. I would also like to congratulate our Y13 T Levels students who have started their industry placements. It is wonderful to hear that their learning is being transferred so effectively into the work place. As we move into next week we have a focus on careers in the curriculum. It is so important that students have a real focus on their destinations to help motivate and inspire their journey. Year 8 will be participating in the World of Work and Year 10 will have the opportunity to work with KMF.

Over the weekend we wish our silver DofE students well on their expedition, and indeed into next week our gold students will be participating in their practice expedition. I thank the staff for accompanying and guiding the students on such an important part of their wider education.

During this week Year 7 and some Year 8 participated in the '1 million pray the rosary day', by praying a decade of the rosary in the school chapel. The school was represented at the combined schools Mass and although we were not able to take the representatives we would do usually, you can be assured that all the schools across North Staffordshire were the focus of the Mass intention. Year 11 will celebrate their feast day next week, the feast of the Guardian Angel. Indeed, the sixth form celebrated the feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis, their newly adopted saint on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our sixth form students reflected on a saint dressed in jeans. They were even treated to a Cadbury's Hero (or two!) to make a special day.

In the week ahead Year 8 have the opportunity to take part in coastal trips as part of the geography curriculum and our Year 13 sociology students will be visiting Glastonbury. As a reminder, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is an INSET day and only staff should attend. As shared with you through the Values and Expectations briefings there is no additional homework. Students will be set normal homework to be completed in the normal timescale.

Students have all been issued with LFT testing kits this week and I urge you to maintain the twice weekly testing. It is supporting us all in maintaining the operations of the school.

In the gospel on Sunday, we read of a life of service (Mark 10: 35-45). We are reminded that 'anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' We are reminded every day that our vocation is one of service to our young people.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh

Principal



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