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Dear Parent/ Carer

As we approach the season of Advent, students this week have reflected on the example of Jesus as Christ the King through their acts of worship.

We have had the National Tutoring Programme start for a small group of students in Years 7-10, Years 12/13 continued with their assessments/mocks respectively, Year 11 received their reports and Year 13 art students visited Keele University. The U13 girls' footballers completed in the Power League, Year 11 art and photography students went on a gallery visit and Years 7-9 competed in our inter-house swimming gala.

In the week ahead Year 7-11 students have their assessments. Timetables were distributed by email and to students at the beginning of last week. I encourage all students to give of their very best so that we can ensure we can tailor our school recovery from the last two years. Indeed, for Year 11 the mocks have increased in significance given the contingency framework shared with parents/students last week. Year 12/13 physics students will have a Physics in Action lesson and our team of 12 Year 10 students will attend this year's KMF launch. We will be hosting a follow-up round to the senior maths challenge following excellent results in the first round. As a reminder, 1st December is the deadline for sixth form applications.

It has been a privilege for staff to be working across our MAC schools over the last few weeks. In partnership with colleagues at Blessed William Howard we have been looking at the work going on in our primary schools and ensuring that our Year 7 and 8 curriculum builds on the outstanding curriculum at primary level. Equally, colleagues from our primary schools are working alongside our staff to gain from our specialist teaching in curriculum areas.

I urge students to continue taking twice weekly LFT tests and recording the results with NHS test and trace and also via the link on our website. All students have been issued with further tests this week and there are more available in school should they be required. We have seen a decline in the test results logged with us and in order to keep each other as safe as possible it is crucial we all play our part with regular testing.

This weekend marks the first Sunday of Advent and we hear in the gospel that salvation is near at hand (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36). We are encouraged to 'stay awake, praying at all time for the strength to share all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man'. The birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby.

God Bless

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