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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you to all the students who have responded so well to assessments over the last fortnight. These will really help us focus our teaching and learning to where there are gaps or misconceptions in students' knowledge and/or skills.

Year 12 and 13 have received their progress reports this week and these are followed up with progress discussions with the students. Year 13 geography students also took part in the field work as part of their NEA.

On Friday afternoon all students will participate in Pastoral/Citizenship following the themes listed below:

- Year 7 Adverse effects of alcohol and energy drinks as well as issues around vaping
- Year 8 Dangers of drugs including legal and prescriptions drugs as well as health implications of vaping
- Year 9 Impact of drugs, alcohol and vaping by participating in presentation by Anji Haywood from The Youth Net
- Year 10 How drugs and alcohol can affect decision making. Risks of vaping and where to get support
- Year 11 Classification of drugs, impact of social and environmental health/ Reducing risk of premature death considering cancers, heart disease, strokes and liver disease/ Vaping
- Year 12/13 Progress discussions/Drug related learning

As we come into the final week of term, Year 11 will participate in their retreat day and all students will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual Advent Mass on Thursday 16th December. The Christmas concert will go live at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th December featuring the concert band, choir, year 7 choirs and chamber ensembles.

Students will spend the afternoon with their Emmaus tutors and will watch a pre-recorded talent show. The final day of term will be a non-uniform day and students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper should they wish to. There is a voluntary contribution of £1 for the non-uniform day and the funds raised will be divided between the year group charities that are currently being selected by students. As always on non-uniform day the usual school equipment must be brought for the day. **Usual hair, jewellery and make-up rules will apply.**

It is crucial that students continue to test twice weekly over the holiday. LFT packs will be distributed as soon as they arrive in school. Additionally, we are required to test all students once on-site when we return in January. The on-site testing will take place between Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th January. In preparation for the on-site testing we need your assistance in registering for the test. Next week you will be sent a registration card and instructions. I would kindly ask that you complete the registration process and return the card to school by Thursday 16th December. This will enable us to test swiftly in the first week of term.

In the gospel on Sunday (Luke 3:10-13), John the Baptist continues to prepare the way for the coming of Christ and to spread the good news. 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals.' As we journey through the Advent season we prepare for the coming of Christ into our world and lives once again.

God Bless



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