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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for your continued support as we journey through the spring term. As a reminder, Monday 24th is an Inset day and therefore students are not required to attend.

In the week just gone, it was wonderful to be able to reward so many students with platinum, gold, silver and bronze awards in rewards assemblies. Indeed, I also met 7RP for breakfasts on Thursday as winners of the prayer corner competition. It is in these moments of celebration that we are reminded of the unique and special qualities of each and everyone of our students.

Years 12 and 13 have been sitting their mock examinations and Year 11 have been preparing for many of the practical elements of their GCSEs, including food practicals, music recording and drama performances. Year 11 have also engaged in a 'work ready' careers morning. Year 9 had the opportunity to celebrate Mass on the feast of St Paul and the PE department celebrated the feast of St Sebastian, the Patron Saint of Athletes. Once again it is wonderful to recognize students who display the characteristics of the saints and in this case endurance to the End.

Year 7 have all received their chosen books from the Book Trust 'BookBuzz' scheme that aims to develop a love of reading in all pupils. Year 7 pupils are now encouraged to read, discuss and share their books both at home and in the Thursday lunchtime 'Reading Club' in the English Department. Additionally, all Year 7-11 pupils are encouraged to participate in the Emmaus Reading Challenge by accessing the link to Ray Bradbury's classic short story 'A Sound of Thunder' on their Show My Homework accounts. There will be further challenges based on this gripping story about the dangers associated with prehistoric time travel over forthcoming weeks. Finally, pupils are welcomed to engage with the range of fiction and non-fiction reading material that they will find in the school canteen; there is always time for pupils to enjoy a bit of quiet reading.

As announced on Thursday, students are no longer required to wear face masks in classroom. They can of course choose to do so. Students are still required to wear facemasks in communal areas and on the buses. I thank the students for their continued co-operation. Please do continue to test twice weekly and record results on the school website and NHS test and trace. LFD tests have been distributed to students this week.

In the gospel on Sunday, Jesus proclaims his message to 'bringing the good new to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour' (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21). As always, the gospel reading reminds us of our vocation as teachers and our responsibilities as part of a Catholic community.

I wish you all the best for the week ahead.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh

Principal



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