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Friday, 10 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we have marked Children's Mental Health week in school. The theme of the week was 'Let's connect' and Mr Bullock led our Acts of Worship for all year groups.

In addition, this week has been National Apprenticeship Week, which has been recognised in school through the Emmaus programme and the opportunity for Year 10 to watch the Big Assembly on Apprenticeships. An email has been sent home with more information about apprenticeships and includes the opportunity to participate in a local survey of parental perceptions on apprenticeships.

Year 12 and 13 have completed their mock examinations and Year 8 students have received their full reports in advance of the virtual curriculum evening next week.

On Wednesday, half of Year 8 went to Staffordshire University to consider 'what's uni like?' and Year 10 celebrated their Feast day Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes. We are blessed to have the opportunity to take the students to St Giles for Holy Mass. It was lovely to hear from the students how they had enjoyed going to St. Giles to celebrate this Feast day. Here are just a few comments made on the way back:

'The atmosphere for worship feels more alive and vibrant'

'I felt more intrigued and was in awe at the beautiful environment'

'The Mass helped me realise who St. Bernadette was and why she was significant'

'I prefer having Mass at St. Giles as it feels more spiritual rather than it feeling like a school assembly'

Thank you to Fr Eric for celebrating Mass for us and allowing us to come to St Giles.

In the canteen, we have started the move to cashless catering with the introduction of the biometric screening. I thank the students for their patience and understanding as staff have been familiarising themselves with the new equipment. Information has and will continue to be sent to you regarding the changeover, with the intention that our canteen will be entirely cashless from Monday 27th February, after half-term. As a reminder, please top up Parent Pay for the use of biometrics. We will endeavour to catch all children in the coming weeks that have consented for biometrics so that they can use the system as soon as possible.

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Next week, we have our much-anticipated school production of Matilda. The show will run over three nights. All performances are now sold out. We look forward to welcoming some of our primary schools to the dress rehearsal on Wednesday. The students, or 'revolting children', have worked so hard in preparing the production and it is set to be a marvellous show, with the Lourdes group preparing the refreshments.

We also have safer internet day, the virtual Year 8 curriculum evening (codes will be sent to the relevant presentation on the day), the other half of Year 8 will visit Staffordshire University and of course we break up for half-term.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear Jesus teaching the true meaning of the law (Matthew 5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37) and it reminds us that our yes must be yes and our no must be no. It makes us reflect on whether every word we speak can be trusted as truth.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh
Principal

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WAS Wellbeing Award for Schools 2019-2022
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