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Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a much calmer week in school this week with more settled weather! It has certainly helped students, as Years 7 - 11 have embarked on their assessment fortnight and mock examinations. I have been very impressed by the maturity and work ethic demonstrated by so many.

Annual raffle tickets have been sent home with all students this week for the PTA Christmas draw. The PTA is a small but important part of our college community, having supported projects including the college minibus, lockers for students and subsidising cultural capital opportunities. Please can I encourage all families to sell what they can and return the counterfoils and money to Painsley's finance department. Please also return any unsold tickets, as these can be re-distributed. Should any student/family require further tickets, these are available via reception. The prize draw will be drawn at the Christmas Supper and Concert on Tuesday 10th December.

Please can I remind all students that they must not bring any nut-related products into school, including products containing Nutella. We have a number of students with nut allergies and exposure to any products containing nuts could have severe consequences.

I would encourage you all to complete the annual parent survey. The link to the survey was e-mailed to you all last week and the deadline for completion is 13th December. We really appreciate your feedback and include your comments in our continuous evaluation and development as a college family.

As we begin our journey through Advent, our prayer corners will all be turned to purple and we will journey through the scriptures in our daily acts of worship, Emmaus prayers and liturgical opportunities. There will be the opportunity for students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our penitential services, the sixth form will participate in their annual carol service, Year 8 will celebrate their Advent Mass at St Giles' and Year 11 will participate in their retreat morning, including the celebration of Holy Mass. Staff are participating in a Posada, where the Holy Family journeys among the staff and their families to share in the journey of Mary and Joseph. In solidarity for the Common Good, all our Emmaus groups will be fundraising for their chosen CAFOD world gift and the staff will be contributing to a Diocesan collection for Fr Hudson's, our Diocesan charity which cares for the most vulnerable members of our society.

In our Gospel on Sunday, Luke 21:25-28 and 34-36, Jesus hints at his time to come but also reminds us that we will face troubles and turmoil. It is certainly true of our world today with the troubles and turmoil we face. The challenge is to remain faithful and stand in solidarity for the common good.

God Bless

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