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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy half term with the arrival of our new Year 7 and their Mass of welcome, assessments, competitions, trips, Open Evening and Open Mornings. It was wonderful to see the student helpers and the sixth form guides supporting the school at the recent Open Evening. They are a tremendous asset to the school. The school continues to be a popular choice in the community. Senior staff are visiting local primaries and Parishes and it is good to see familiar faces there. I am delighted to share with you that the local Islington Deanery hosted their meeting at St Aloysius College last week and that they were joined by Bishop Hudson. It was a privilege to host this event and to have an opportunity to share with them our welcoming community the talents of our young people.

I am grateful for your support with the changes at the school, the new arrangement for the start of the day with 'prep' is working well and the boys are focused on the completion of homework at this time. It also allows the school time for intervention sessions with students who are not making expected progress or with our more able students to ensure that they achieve the very highest grades. The sixth form changes, with more stringent academic entry requirements, has made a difference to the focus of the students and they look very smart in the revised dress code.

I know that you are all keen to ensure that your son is safe. An important part of this is ensuring that your son goes directly to school in the morning and straight home after school unless he has after school activities. It is not helpful for his own safety that time is spent unsupervised in the community and I trust that you will speak to your son on this and share our expectations.

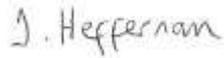
I am aware that change is both exciting but can also be a source of concern. I have received some very positive feedback about the changes in place, but I am sure that there are also aspects of our work that we can improve on. It has been suggested that an informal opportunity to meet with me, or Mr English as Associate Headteacher, would be a welcome addition to the life of the school. I am proposing that this is introduced on a Friday morning, 9.00am-9.40am starting after half term on 2nd November. The purpose of the opportunity is to provide a forum for discussion. It is not an opportunity for you to ask questions about your sons progress or individual concerns as these can be raised in the normal manner - but it is a chance to put a face to the name and to raise issue which might be of interest and value to all. I know that one of the questions parents are still curious about is the outcome of allegations in the new year involving IT equipment at the school. I want to reassure you that these concerns have been fully investigated and controls put in place to ensure that there cannot be a repeat of such concerns. This has been assisted by the appointment of the IT contract to the London Borough of Islington team.

Some parents may already be aware that our Chaplain, Michael Hanna, retires on 31st October after 36 years of service to Catholic Education. A Mass to celebrate his devotion takes place on 19th October at 3.30pm. Our best wishes also to Mr and Mrs Grant, Premises and Teaching Assistant



Finally, you will know how important reading is to progress. As the half term holiday moves closer, please encourage your son to borrow some books from the school library to read over the holiday.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Heffernan
Executive Headteacher



Mr A English
Associate Headteacher

Key Dates/Events	
DATES	EVENT
Monday 29 th October 2018	Inset Day (Year 11, 12 & 13 on site) School closed for Years 7-10 Year 11 mocks continue
Thursday 1 st November 2018	Feast of All Souls (Holy Day of Obligation) Late start 10.40am for Registration to allow attendance at Parish Mass
Monday 12 th November 2018	Years 7-10 Assessment
Wednesday 5 th December 2018	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	6 th Form Open Evening - 6.00pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Carol Service at St Joseph's Church