



3 January 2012

Dear Parents

General Letter No 14

Welcome to New Term

Welcome back to all parents, carers and students to the new term. I hope that you have all had a good break and a peaceful Christmas. This term will again be very busy with many events and activities for all year groups. We have examinations and Parental Consultations as well as the forthcoming School production. I look forward to working with you over the coming term.

Theme of the Week – TOLERANCE. Assemblies this week will be looking at how we can all be more tolerant of each other.

“blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”

Advent Appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed to the activities and events during our Advent Appeal which have led to £7,170 being raised, with contributions still flowing in. We are delighted to have collected such a grand total which will enable us to pass on significant amounts to our chosen charities later this year.

Public Examinations

Examinations for Years 10 – 13 begin on Tuesday, 10 January and continue until Thursday, 2 February.

Sixth Form Presentation Evening

The presentation of certificates and prizes took place on the last Thursday of term. We welcomed Rev Mgr John Wilson, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation for the Diocese of Leeds, as our guest speaker. It was a pleasure to meet again with our former students and families and catch up on their progress in the next step of their education, and in the world of work.

The following special prizes and certificates were awarded on the evening:

Art	Patrick Smith	History	Liam Dobson
Biology	Eleanor Klejnow	ICT	Alice O'Brien
Chemistry	Christopher Overton	Law	Gemma Pennock
Economics	Thomas Murphy	Mathematics	Natalie Terleckis
English Language	Sophie Lane	Further Maths	Joseph Dykes
English Literature	Catherine Stanford	Music	Sam McKay
French	Kate Oglesby	PE	Sophie Proom
General Studies	David Mann	Physics	Patrick Kirkham
German	Siobhan Fisher	Product Design	Gemma Collier
Government and Politics	Joseph Bennett	B Tec Sports Studies	Eleanor English
Geography	Adam Slater	Psychology	Siobhan Mackenzie
Health & Social	Stacy Atkins	Theatre Studies	Daniel Bendjelloul
		Theology	Alix Oxlade
The Diana Award	Francesca Wright		
The Bambisanani Awards	Georgina Byrne Jessica Connolly	Eleanor English Harry Minchella	Robert Neesam Gemma Pennock Patrick Smith
The Kevin Leaver Memorial Geography Prize		Sarah Illingworth	

Special prizes were also awarded:

Highest Average Points at A Level

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Greatest Progress from KS4 to A Level

Rotary Club Community Award

Governors' Award

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Mathematics Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

Science Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

Creative Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

PE Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

Communications Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

Humanities Faculty Award for Outstanding Student Leadership

Patrick Kirkham

Eleanor Klejnow

Alix Oxlade

Rose Watters

Patrick Smith

Harry Minchella

Siobhan Fisher

Jessica Connolly

Francesca Wright

Andrew Wilkins

Shannon Stringwell

Cameron Glennon

Callum Monaghan

Georgina Byrne

Music on the evening was provided by Year 7 students Anthony Beckwith and Oliver Horan, Sixth Form students Alister Roberts and Niamh Hanlon and the A2 Music Group.

Year 11 Retreat

A group of Year 11 students will be attending Retreat at Myddelton Grange next Monday evening, to Wednesday. This is an opportunity for prayer, reflection and meditation which gives the students the opportunity to develop self-awareness and a deepening of faith, all mixed in with group activities designed to challenge, but at the same time, be enormous fun.

Parental Consultations

- Appointments times for the Parental Consultation Evening for Year 7CDFG, due to be held on 12 January 2012 will be issued towards the end of this week.
- Invitations for Year 7MPW for Parental Consultations on Wednesday 18 January were sent to parents before the Christmas break and appointments will be issued week commencing 9 January.
- Please note that there is also a Parental Consultation Evening for Year 11 students on 24 January 2012. Invitations will be handed out to students during Wednesday's registration.

Year 8 Residential

A full pack of information is being sent home this week for the Year 8 visit to Ullswater at the end of February. A meeting for parents has been arranged for Monday 23 January at 6.00pm. Just to remind parents that, for those paying by instalments, the final payment of £70 is now due. If you have any queries with regard to payments, please contact Mrs Jayne Dennill in the Finance Office at school.

Health and Safety

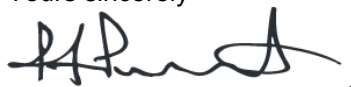
A reminder to parents that due to Health and Safety regulations, signed consent slips for school trips and visits must be returned prior to the visit taking place. Verbal consent cannot be accepted for such activities. For the safety of our students, please ensure that you return the consent slip well in advance of the date of the visit.

Cross Country Selection

Congratulations to the following St. Mary's students who have been selected to run for Leeds Schools at the West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships on 4 February at Lightcliffe, Shipley.

Junior Girls (Year 8) Josie Clarke and Elizabeth Westhead
Junior Boys (Year 8) Tom Clancy, Kit Donnelly and Chris Ginty
Intermediate Girls (Year 11) Georgia Malir and Claire Shepherd

Yours sincerely



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