



Dear Parents

15 November 2011

General Letter No 9

Year 11 Trial Examinations

Year 11 Trial examinations take place this week. Target Grades will be issued at the beginning of December. This will ensure that Year 11 students are fully aware of their current position and help them in their applications for post 16 courses.

Year 13 Parental Consultations

We look forward to meeting parents this evening to discuss the progress of our Year 13 students. It is vital at this stage in the Sixth Form to look at target grades and progress towards successful completion of studies.

Year 11 Achievement Evening: Thursday 17 November

Professor Freda Bridge, Principal and Chief Executive of Leeds Trinity University College is our guest speaker at the Year 11 Achievement Evening on Thursday, when we celebrate the successes of last year's Year 11 students. The evening begins at 7.00 pm and refreshments will be available at the end of the presentation.

Rich Man, Poor Man Lunch: Tuesday 22 November

This is an annual CAFOD led event, where Sixth Form students invite staff and other Sixth Form students to buy tickets for either a three-course Rich Man's Meal or a Poor Man's Meal of soup. On this day we would like the rest of the school community to join in solidarity and eat simply, donating any monies that may be saved to the Advent Appeal.

St. Mary's Cafod Shoe Box Appeal

St. Mary's CAFOD group are organising this year's Shoe Box Appeal. They are going to send 50 shoe boxes to the world's needy children via "Operation Christmas Child" organised by Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Shoe boxes need to be completed by tomorrow to be sent off in time for Christmas. Please bring in any items for this appeal tomorrow.

Gideons Assembly

We are grateful to the Gideons International for once again coming in to school last week and presenting each of our Year 7 pupils with a copy of the new Testament and psalms.

Year 10 Mass

Students will attend a year Mass on Thursday morning. The theme for the Mass is 'Shine your light and inspire those around you'.

Forthcoming Events

- **Year 9 Parental Consultation**
This consultation evening will take place on Thursday 24 November. Appointments will be issued at the beginning of next week.
- **Year 12 Parental Consultation**
Invitation letters for the Year 12 Parental Consultation will be given out today for the consultation on 8 December. Please return your request for appointments by 22 November.
- **Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 1 December 2011**
The Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 pupils and parents will be held on Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm in the main hall. A formal presentation will be made by Mrs Sayers Director of Studies Post 16, from 7.00 – 7.40 and then pupils and parents will have an opportunity to meet subject staff and current Sixth Form students in the departments. This is an important evening in the Sixth Form calendar as pupils will be provided with the necessary information needed to make an informed choice about their Post 16 pathway.

French Exchange

The second instalment for the French Exchange is now due (4 November). Please send a cheque for £100 made payable to 'St. Mary's School' to Mrs Dennill in the Finance Office, via the Finance Box outside the Small Hall as soon as possible, if you have not already sent in post-dated cheques.

Extra-curricular Activities

Please see the website for details of the wide variety of extra-curricular activities taking place until the February half term break, including some additional activities, starting next week. This is a great opportunity for all students to be involved in at least one physical activity outside of the normal PE timetable.

Netball Selection

Congratulations to sisters Lucy and Chloe Tindale who have both had recent success in Netball: Lucy (Year 9) has been selected for the West Yorkshire (Bradford) Satellite Academy and Chloe (Year 11) has been selected for the West Yorkshire County Netball Academy. Both girls have a promising future.

Ss Peter and Paul Re-union: information for ex-pupils

Please access this link to find update of information about Re-union
<http://stmarysmenston.com/IMAGES/ReunionPosterNew.jpg>

Yours sincerely



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