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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: "Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone" - John 8:1-11**

The theme of God's mercy continues this week when we hear the story of the woman thrown at Jesus' feet because she has been caught in the act of adultery. We are told that the Pharisees and Scribes are actually just trying to trap Jesus and it seems like they might succeed. If Jesus agrees with them that the woman should be killed, then he will be breaking the Roman Law which doesn't allow the Jews to put anyone to death and He can be arrested. But if Jesus disagrees with them then He is breaking the Law of Moses, making Him a fraud and discrediting Him. It seems like an impossible situation. But Jesus finds a third way, a better way, which ends up being best for all involved – like He always does! Taking the attention off the woman, Jesus turns the focus on the Pharisees and causes them to have a moment of reflection on their own lives. Everyone comes away from this encounter better off. The woman is lifted to her feet and her dignity is restored. Jesus neither condemns or condones her behaviour. Just like He does for us, He offers her forgiveness and the challenge to live in her true identity as a Child of God: 'Go, and sin no more'.

**Jesus, you make a way where there seems to be no way – help us to follow where you lead, accept your forgiveness and endeavour to live for you. Amen**

## **GCSE Examinations**

There are now just five weeks remaining before the start of the 2022 GCSE examinations. During this important time of preparation, revision must be the absolute priority for all our Year 11 pupils. As a minimum, this should involve completing all of the revision work set out in the revision plan. The GCSE examinations begin on Monday 16 May. GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 25 August.

## **Year 11 Easter Holiday Revision Classes**

Parents are asked to note the times of revision lessons taking place during the Easter holiday. There is no doubt at all that engaging with all of these opportunities improves outcomes for pupils. Please support your child by ensuring that they attend any lessons that are being provided for them. When attending these holiday sessions, pupils must sign in at reception upon arrival. Food and drinks will not be available to purchase at school so pupils may bring their own.

## **Summer Uniform**

As you are aware, during the colder winter months and with the need to keep windows open for ventilation, we took the temporary measure of amending our uniform rules, which meant pupils were able to wear extra items of clothing under their school shirts or blouses. From 25 April, pupils will not be allowed to wear items under their shirt or blouse as the temperature increases.

## **Summer Examinations**

Summer examinations for pupils in Year 10 will begin on Monday 9 May until Friday 13 May. Year 10 pupils attended a ‘revision assembly’ last week which highlighted the importance of their upcoming examinations and outlined effective ways to revise. All Year 10 pupils are receiving targeted homework to prepare them for the examinations and be ‘assessment ready’. Revision work has been set in line with the homework timetable. All parents are asked to check that their child is keeping up with revision homework in preparation for these important examinations. Year 7 and Year 8 examinations will begin on 23 May. Year 9 examinations will take place from 23 to 27 May.

## **Lent Liturgies**

All pupils took part in Lent Liturgies this week, as we move into Holy Week and prepare to celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Easter. Our chaplains Ruth and Joe led the liturgies which focused on reconciliation. All our pupils are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and their respectful participation in all liturgies. This time of prayer and reflection was supported by our school choir who sang beautifully throughout. When we return, all pupils will attend Easter Mass on Thursday 28 April.

## **Learner of the Week**

Jasmine Skiba (Year 11) for consistent effort and hard work in her science revision leading to an excellent mark on her chemistry mock paper; Derek Edogiawere (Year 10) for writing a story about Anthony Joshua using excellent language choices which demonstrates significant improvement in English throughout the year; Maria Keating (Year 9) consistently high-quality verbal answers and explanations in the current topic on the women's suffrage movement in History; Emily Masheter (Year 8) for working consistently hard in History from the start of the year, meaning she is now linking topics together and producing excellent written answers; Flavia Rodrigues (Year 7) for her enthusiastic and conscientious approach to her German studies, leading to sustained progress throughout the year.

## **Mobile Phones**

Please note that our policy on the use of mobile phones in school has not changed since April 2013. Pupils are allowed to use their mobile phones before and after school and at break and lunchtime outside the building, but mobile phones must be switched off and in their bags at all other times. If this is not adhered to, the mobile phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the following school day. Please note that there are **no exceptions** to this rule and that in order to ensure that this expectation applies fairly to all pupils, we do not return mobile phones to parents who come into school to collect a mobile phone on the day that the phone has been confiscated.

## **Year 9 Reports**

Year 9 pupils were given their reports during form time today. This report provides important information about how well our Year 9 pupils are doing. The report will include their progress score and important information about attendance, punctuality, homework, behaviour and effort. As always, we ask all Year 9 parents and carers to take some time to read through and discuss the report with their child.

## **UCLan Get Ahead Mentoring Programme**

On Tuesday this week a group of 20 Year 9 pupils visited the UCLAN campus to complete their fifth and final stage of the ‘Get Ahead’ mentoring programme. The course consisted of four two-hour interactive sessions followed by a day at the UCLAN campus. The aim of the project was to work with pupils to help shape their ideas about careers and lifestyle choices and to encourage them to follow pathways that will prepare them for when they leave school. The course helped them think about their personality traits, strengths and weakness, and by visiting the UCLan campus, they were able to see the varied courses and excellent facilities available at a university.

## Lenten Almsgiving

Last week we saw pupils and staff strive to raise an incredible amount for this year's Lent almsgiving charity, 'Mary's Meals'. The charity aims to feed children throughout the world, supplying them with a nutritious meal every school day. Just 8 pence can feed a child for a day. With this in mind, we are proud to say the total money raised for Mary's Meals during Lent is **£1950.87**.

This record-breaking amount equates to 24,386 meals, meaning over 122 children will be fed for a whole year thanks to the excellent effort of our pupils and staff. Thank you also to our parents for supporting the events. The house competition looked like it had been won by Arrowsmith with the other houses trailing far behind. Once all the money and tokens raised had been handed in, the final result was much closer, and each house raised the following:

Clitherow: £595.66	Arrowsmith: £661.99	Haydock: £693.20
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Well done to everyone who worked incredibly hard and contributed to the fundraising. You can see photographs from some of the fundraising events on our website [here](#).

## Berlin Trip

Regrettably, the Berlin trip that was due to depart today has had to be postponed due to the cancellation of our Easyjet flight. We plan to reschedule the trip for later in the year. Thank you to the parents involved for their understanding.

## Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

## Important Dates

Thursday 7 April	School closes for Easter Holiday	1.30pm
Monday 25 April	School re-opens	8.30am
Tuesday 26 April	Extended Learning Day 4	8.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 28 April	Easter Mass	8.55am
Monday 2 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	
Monday 16 May	GCSE Examinations begin	
Monday 23 to Friday 27 May	Year 10 Work Experience	
Friday 27 May	Half Term, school closes	2.30pm
Monday 6 June	All pupils return to school	8.30am

Yours sincerely



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