January 31st 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

It’s hard to believe but next week sees us half way through the school year. We have done a number of subject reviews so far and it is really pleasing to see the high quality of work that is being done by the vast majority of our students. There is a real focus across the school on the knowledge that students need to have and learn and on the skills this then allows them to access. Reading plays a really important part in this and as always I would ask you to encourage your sons and daughters to read at home to widen their vocabulary and general knowledge.

Last weekend the Swimathon team took part in a fundraiser for the Lions Club and raised a fantastic £1200 for them which will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind and ‘Home Start in the Fylde’. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Our next show case event is the annual dance show which will be held on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February at 7pm with tickets costing £6 or £4 for concessions. This is always a superb evening of entertainment with many students involved and I would encourage you to come along and support.

The Modern Languages Faculty are offering a trip to Paris in the autumn term for current Year 8 who are studying French. Deposits for anyone interested should be returned by Friday 7th February.

Please find attached a letter regarding the Easter Holiday Club.

Year 11 should now be preparing for the next round of mock exams in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science which will take place in the week beginning March 2nd. Year 11 are working really well towards their final exams and there are a number of events coming up to help them decide on the next steps for their bright future:

The last Open Event for Cardinal Newman College in this academic year takes place on Saturday, 1 February from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

The last Open Event for Blackpool Sixth is on Wednesday 5th Feb between 17.30 and 19.30

There is an **NHS CAREERS EVENT** On Tuesday, 5 May 2020 at Health Academy 1, Royal Preston Hospital. A variety of different NHS professionals will be there on the day to speak to and get more insight on careers within the NHS, which may not have even been considered! Go along to find out information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more. You can still attend even if you have not registered but to register for the event please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-careers-event-may-2020->

With best wishes

Andrew Waller

Upcoming school events:

Monday 10th February: Year 11 Revision Support for Parents 4pm-6pm in the school hall

 Lancashire Mind Mental Health event for parents and carers at 6pm

Tuesday February 11th: Year 10 Parents Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th February: dance Display at 7pm

Half term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February (New York Trip leaves on Thursday 20th)

Thursday 27th February: Year 8 Options Evening 6pm