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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks for all your support at the start of the week during our emergency closure. The fire alarm issue caused the gas supply to be shut off which in turn meant there was no heating! Engineers worked on the issues promptly and ensured all testing and safety checks were completed before we reopened the school to students on Wednesday.

**This week...**

#### **Weekly Awards**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Awards go to...</b>	
<b>English</b>	James R (Y8)	Dani T (Y11)
<b>Mathematics</b>	Nicola P (Y7)	Lawrence M (Y11)
<b>PE</b>	Alex H (Y10)	Xanthe W (Y11)
<b>Computing</b>	Lewis C (Y9)	Phoebe M (Y11)
<b>Geography</b>	Edward F (Y7)	Xanthe W (Y11)
<b>French</b>	Harvey D (Y7)	Lawrence M (Y11)
<b>History</b>	Elias S (Y7)	Dani T (Y11)
<b>Art</b>	Harvey D (Y7)	Ruby W (Y8)
<b>Music</b>	Jacob G (Y8)	Phoebe R (Y11)
<b>Science</b>	Scarlett B (Y7)	Samantha B (Y11) Breeze P (Y11)

#### **Y11 Geography Field Work**

On Tuesday our Year 11 Geography students had a productive day in Hornsea as part of their preparation for the fieldwork element of their exam. Many thanks to Mrs Farmery, Mr Wadsworth, Mr McDonnell and Miss Deighton who supported them on the trip.

#### **Year 7 visit to Read School**

Students in Y7 took part in an outreach day at Read School in Drax, 13 pupils attending on Monday 3rd March and more are visiting on Monday 10th. Students enjoyed a range of lessons, including Design Technology, Food nutrition and Sports. We thank Read School for inviting our students and making them feel so welcome.

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y11 final practical Hospitality and Catering Exams**

Our Y11 Hospitality and Catering students worked very hard in their practical exams this week. They should be very proud of their efforts and it is a great start to their GCSE examinations!

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day**

World Book Day was a fantastic success yesterday, bringing students and staff together to celebrate the joy of reading! Students took part in a range of exciting activities, such as hunting for 'Willy Wonka Golden Tickets', with the lucky finders each receiving a special prize. Key Stage 3 students created a flurry of excitement as they spent the day trying to match school staff up to characters from their favourite novels, and receiving a reward for their efforts. Students have been given book tokens, entitling them to £1 off any book/audiobook OR to exchange for a free book at most bookstores and supermarkets. This follows on from students in Years 7 and 8 receiving a free book in the Autumn term as part of BookBuzz. The enthusiasm was contagious, and we will be harnessing this enthusiasm with a special competition around reading...with a twist! Further details to be revealed next week. A huge thank you to all who participated—this celebration truly highlighted the power of stories to inspire and bring us together!

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### Coming up...

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Second round of Year 11 mock examinations**

Our Year 11 second round of mock exams starts on Monday, they have been reminded of exam regulations and the equipment they need.

#### **Parent Event – Wellbeing in Mind Team workshop Wednesday 02/04/25 (4.30pm to 6pm)**

After the success of the last workshop session the Wellbeing in Mind Team are hosting another session to help parents with other issues they raised. They will be giving guidance on how to manage the use of mobile phones and other devices, how to put routines in place to ease anxiety. If anyone would like to attend please email [Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk](mailto:Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk)

It is also a good opportunity to chat with other parents and know that you are not alone in dealing with these issues.

### Finally this week...

#### **Ash Wednesday and Lent**

On Wednesday we started our day with an assembly to learn about Ash Wednesday and remind our students about Lent. Students then had an opportunity to be annointed with ashes. This day marked the start of lent and we have different events planned up to the Easter holiday to raise money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. We will be taking part in 'The Big Lent Walk' for Cafod and other fundraising activities. We will send a separate newsletter next week with the details of how you can contribute and be involved. CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 14 March. By praying, eating simply and giving, you'll be supporting local experts to provide simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems facing people around the world. There will be collection envelopes in the local parishes and we will organise an event in school for our students to give their support.

**'It is not the magnitude of our actions, but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.'** Mother Teresa

Every small contribution, given in love, really matters.  
Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher