Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back for the second half term of the Spring Term. Indeed, after the wonderful weather we have had during the half term break, which continues this week, it really does feel like Spring is here. With the arrival of Spring each year we have Lent which begins next week with Ash Wednesday. Many choose this time of year to have a “spring clean” and also to sacrifice something during the season of lent. So where will you start your Spring cleaning this year and what will you be giving up for lent this year?

Giving up a favourite food or activity is the usual way of celebrating the season that leads up to Easter but have you ever thought about other things that you could give up for Lent that would make a really positive impact e.g. giving up social media and spending the time gained engaging with family and friends through other means; how about turning off that mobile phone or tablet and helping your family around the house or spending the day doing an activity together. We live in one of the best cities in the world with so much to offer and some of it is free so perhaps you could spend some time this weekend finding out what is available and what you might interested in.

Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from and it brings our need for God to the forefront. Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

All this week we have been having assemblies to prepare for Charity week which begins on Monday 11th March and culminates with the Bridge Walk on Sunday 17th March. Every year for the past 24 years I have stood on Blackfriars Bridge on the morning of the Bridge Walk, together with Ms Bonar, and other members of staff, signing hundreds of sponsorship forms. Every year we have had hundreds and hundreds of pupils, staff, parents and ex-pupils walking and I have marvelled as each year, almost without fail, more and more pupils choose to give up their Sunday morning in bed and walk the bridges for charity. Can we make it a record again this year? I hope the answer will be “Yes we can!”

So mark Sunday 17th March 2019 in your diaries and let’s all come together as the Sacred Heart School community and make it the best bridge walk ever.

Mr G Vincent
Deputy Headteacher

Confirmation Programme

With Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacrament of Confirmation completes the process of our becoming full members of the Church. In the sacrament we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the grace Our Lord Jesus Christ won for us on the Cross, the help we need to live our lives as adult Christians. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us the increased ability to practice our Catholic faith in every aspect of our lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

Sacred Heart Parish Church is now inviting applications to join this year’s Confirmation Programme. You should be in Year 8 or above.

If you wish to join this course, please get an application form from Mr White as soon as possible and return it to him straight away.

Please remember that this is your personal act of commitment, so we ask you to think seriously about what you are undertaking

Mr Thompson, Head of RE / Assistant Headteacher
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK (Commencing Monday 4th March 2019)

Monday 4th March
- Y7/8 Assembly—Science Week
- Y13 Great Gatsby Trip (8 pupils) Ms Dorman
- Y9 & Y10 G&T Science Trip (24 pupils) Ms Balogun
- Y7 & Y8 Employability Trip (45 pupils) Ms Martinez, Ms Sparkes, Ms Roszkowski
- Y9 Romeo & Juliet (30 pupils) Ms Spiller, Ms Noble
- Y12 Politics Trip Mr Gjasper (10 pupils)
- Y9 Option Form to be returned
- Y13 Exams
- Y11 Maths Mock - Period 1 & 2
- GCSE Boxing Assessment 3-4pm
- Debating Competition 4-6.30pm-(School Hall) Ms Cawley

Tuesday 5th March
- Y9 & Y10 Assembly—Science Week
- Y13 Exams
- Y12 Careers Interviews
- Y7 Egg Project—B5 Ms Hussain
- PE GCSE Football Assessment (3pm-4pm)

Weds 6th March
- Y11 Assembly
- Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th March
- Y8 Science Trip—Natural History Museum—Mr Adusei
- Y11 Geography Trip—Ms Roszkowski, Mr Campbell
- Y9 Parents’ Evening—4.30-6.30pm
- Y12 Careers Interviews
- Raising Aspirations-Penguin Publishers-Ms Sparkes

Friday 8th March
- Yrs 7/8/9/10/11/12—House Assemblies

HONESTY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following pupils for finding and handing these items into reception...

◊ Name: Chidera 11P - Found: A phone and charger
◊ Name: Halle 9T - Found: A pair of glasses
◊ Name: Dawn 7C - Found: A Mentor tie
◊ Name: Troy 7C - Found: A white plastic necklace
◊ Name: Keona 8T - Found: A library book

OLD/UNWANTED UNIFORM!

If you have any unwanted Sacred Heart school uniform, in particularly the following items:

- **Skirts**
- **Blazers**
- **Trousers**
- **Ties**

Please can they be handed into Reception

Mme Barton—Housekeeping
Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach Lent week, one of the key dates in Sacred Heart School calendar, also looming close is ‘Charity Week’ (Monday 11th March to Sunday 17th March), which is now is only days away. Therefore, this is a plea to all our community to help make it a success.

In particular, I ask for your support with the Bridge Walk on the 17th March. As many of you know we have had this annual event now for over 25 years, and it has proven to be not only our biggest money raiser but a testament to our Catholic ethos encouraging our pupils to live out their faith with actions as well as words. Preparations for this year’s mission to Thailand are well underway and our ambassadors have now been chosen. Key to our success for our bi-annual trip is, of course, raising enough money to take over with us. You will, no doubt be aware that the devaluation of the pound, added to inflation, has meant that inevitably we need to raise more just to do what we have always managed to do in the past.

Please support your child, especially when it comes to getting them sponsors and ensuring they can take part. Please also remember that this is a community event so families are welcome to join us in our endeavour.

Mr S Cefai
Head Teacher

The Pattaya Orphanage, Street Children’s Centre, School for Blind and Disabled Children in Thailand

Sacred Heart School is organising our ninth trip to Pattaya in October 2019. We plan to take at least 28 pupils to help in the orphanage and hope to purchase other essentials for this centre with the money raised.

- All money raised will be spent trying to make this worthwhile cause a reality.
- All monies will be taken to Thailand and every penny accounted for!

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING SHOULD CONTACT: Mr. S. Cefai, Head of Year or the Chaplaincy Team
Sacred Heart school have been successful in our application to the STEP Youth Theatre Showcase and will be taking a group of Year 9 students to perform on Thursday 28 March 2019, 7 pm at Theatre Peckham, 221 Havil Street London SE5 7SD.

About the STEP Youth Theatre Showcase

STEP’s Youth Theatre Showcase provides a platform for your school, youth and art organisation to showcase the work of young people and encourages students to express and share their creativity in front of their peers. The showcase is open to all schools and youth organisations, principally in the borough of Southwark and extends to invite groups from across London.

On Wednesday the 27th the GCSE Drama students performed their pieces for a visiting examiner. Each student performed two extracts of texts as monologues, duologues or group scenes. The students did brilliantly and I am so proud of their hard work and commitment. It was a wonderful afternoon.

On Thursday 28th of February the year 10 students visited the Young Vic Theatre for the forth time this academic year. This week we watched Jesus Hoped the A Train, a hard hitting and intense drama set within the American judicial system. The performance was performed in traverse, and the set and staging were symbolic and evocative. We are so thankful to the Young Vic, who continue to give us free opportunities to watch high quality, thought provoking drama.

Drama society will return next week with two sessions available to those in KS3 with an interest.

Monday will be a drop in drama session with drama games and activities, and Wednesday will be attendance by audition only for students with a keen interest in performance. The Wednesday session will start in a few weeks time following the auditions in March.
Charity Week Concerts:

*What’s Going on, when and where?*

Look out for these charity week concerts and prepare some pennies to throw our way if you like what you hear!!

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*Please see Mme Mazur for more details*
KEY STAGE 3 OPTIONS
This is a weekly section on where the subjects that you are studying could take you. This week we are focusing on **PSYCHOLOGY**

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**WHERE CAN PSYCHOLOGY TAKE YOU?**

**LAW**
90% of first degree law graduates find full-time employment within six months of graduation. There’s also a demand for those with knowledge in online law.

- Barrister
- Magistrate
- Court Usher

**MEDICINE & HEALTHCARE**
Graduates with degrees in healthcare are the most likely to find employment and often have the highest average annual pay.

- Mental Health Nurse
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist

**CHARITY & NOT-FOR-PROFIT**
Charity and not-for-profit organisations often offer the opportunity for working overseas, with many organisations working in foreign aid.

- Helpline Worker
- Policy Advisor
- Fundraiser

**RECRUITMENT & HR**
The recruitment and human resources industry employs around 100,000 people in the UK and this is only expected to grow in the years to come.

- Recruitment Consultant
- HR Officer
- Training Manager

**PUBLIC SECTOR**
Although the amount of jobs in this sector has decreased in recent years, there is a demand for those with good digital and computer literacy.

- Member of Parliament (MP)
- Civil Servant
- Social Worker

**ADVERTISING & MARKETING**
There are around 400,000 advertising and marketing jobs in the UK. Marketing is also one of the industries with the highest rate of job satisfaction!

- Copywriter
- Public Relations Officer
- Researcher

Want to learn more? Go to www.successatschool.org

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Data sources: LinkedIn, Guardian, CIPD, Hinxton, NTU, University of Nottingham, Manpower Page.
Raising Aspirations Lectures and Business Breakfasts – Key Dates

Please take the time to consider attending the events below for KS4 and KS5 pupils; in each case the speaker has volunteered to offer valuable career advice in their fields as well as answer questions and explain their own journey in their career. This is a valuable experience, worthy of distinguishing you in college and university interviews as well as guiding your own career and enlightening you about jobs that you may not have previously considered. You must register with Mrs Sparkes.

### Raising Aspirations 3pm-4pm
**Key Stages 4 and 5**

- **Southwark Construction Skills Centre**
  - 12 October 2018
  - Engineering – **2 November 2018**
  - Laing O’Rourke – **9 November 2018**
  - Amazon Audible – **30 November 2018**
  - We Make Associates – **7 December 2018**
  - AI Consultant – **14 December 2018**
  - Mckinsey Management Consultancy – **11 January 2019**
- Penguin Random House— **7 March 2019** (Library)
- Johnny Cameron re Financial Crash— **28 March 2019** (Church Hall)

### Business Breakfast 8am-8.45am
**(Preference to Key Stage 5)**

**Sixth Form Common Room**

- Amazon Audible – **7 December 2018**
- NHS Student Doctors – **18 December 2018**
- Medical Negligence Barrister – **14 December 2018**
- Laing O’Rourke – **18 January 2019**
- Allsop – **24 January 2019**
- NHS Surgeon – **1 February 2019**
- Credit Suisse – **1 March 2019**
COUNTDOWN TO EXAMS

For the dates of all forthcoming exams, please go to the Sacred Heart website – www.sacredheart.southwark.sch.uk. Click on ‘Parents’, then on ‘Forthcoming exams’. This page of the website is updated throughout the year as exam timetables and dates are finalised, so please check it on a regular basis.

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Parents are reminded that students should not be taken out of school for any reason during exam periods. Medical or dental appointments must not be made during this time, as exams cannot be rescheduled or taken at another time to suit the student. A student who misses an exam (for whatever reason) will score zero marks, exactly as they would for a public exam such as a GCSE or an A level. In such a circumstance, subject teachers will base their assessment on classwork and homework and write reports accordingly.

Please make sure that your son/daughter is properly equipped for their forthcoming exams

As a minimum, they should have several black pens, pencils, a set of colouring pencils, a rubber, ruler and pencil-sharpener, mathematical equipment (protractor, set-square, compasses and a working calculator). All students MUST also have a large TRANSPARENT PENCIL-CASE.