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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide you with a brief overview of some key school arrangements and planned events and activities that will take place over the coming months.

Anti - Bullying week 13th – 17th November

This year's theme is "**Banter v Bullying**". A number of activities have been planned by the Pupil support team and departments across the school. Pupils will be supported to better recognise, respond and prevent this type of behaviour. Key to our discussions will be the importance of using and demonstrating our school values of Respect, Love, Trust, Tolerance and Integrity on a daily basis.

Careers Fair – Friday 17th November (S2/S4/S5/S6)

A number of companies including Malcolm Group, Scottish Gas, RAF, and Grant Thornton Finance will be involved in this event designed at developing our young people's skills for life, learning and work.

Catholic Education Week 20th – 26th November

The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Faith" with a series of lessons being delivered in RE as well as dedicated year group assemblies. Over the weekend of 25th / 26th November, senior pupils will speak at selected masses. They will be accompanied by myself and other key school staff. Please refer to your parish bulletins for details. I would be delighted, if you could attend to show your support for our young people and our Catholic schools.

We will also offer a prayer breakfast, in the school, on Friday 24th November starting at 8.30am. I would like to extend an invite to all parents to join us for a moment of prayer and reflection as well as an opportunity to meet other parents and senior pupils. You will also get a nice roll and cup of coffee!!!

Charity - Food Bank Initiative – Friday 1st December

To support this, pupils are asked to donate food items (Food tins, coffee, biscuits, pasta, etc). As a reward to pupils, it will be a non-uniform day.

School Photographs – Monday 4th December

This will take place on 4th December for S1/2/6 year groups.

Christmas Dances and Concert

- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Concert 7pm – 9pm
- Tuesday 12th December - S1-4 Ceilidh dance 7pm – 9pm
- Tuesday 19 December - S5/6 Snowball Dance 6.45pm – 9.15pm

Supported Study Programme – Senior Pupils

A number of departments are now offering supported study after school. A timetable will be uploaded onto the website shortly. I would strongly encourage pupils to attend at this crucial time. Prelim exams will begin 10th January 2024.

Parent Council

Our parent council are looking for new members to help with fundraising. If you are interested in joining, please contact stbenparentcouncil@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Uniform

I am delighted with our now established very high standard of uniform and would like to thank you for your support in this area. As always, I am very keen, as we move through the session that these high standards continue. A reminder, pupils are asked to remove any outdoor jackets when in the building. Lockers are available on request to store these across the day. This arrangement allows pupils to showcase their uniform and take pride in being part of a community. It also ensures that no pupil feels under pressure to wear/buy expensive branded items.

Linked to this, a reminder that converse trainers (white logo/soles design) or branded jumpers/hoodies are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn to school.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of pupils wearing blazers. Please note we are operating an exchange system where pupils can swap their current blazers for a bigger size.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,

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