



## Message from the Headteacher

### **Advent Reflection**

As the calendar year draws towards its close and the days grow darker and shorter, a new Church year begins. We enter the Advent season looking ahead for the coming of the light of Spring.

As always, we begin our Christian year with waiting. We wait in anticipation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas and we wait in hope for the day when Jesus comes again.

Yet, this is not passive waiting, as last Sunday's Gospel reading (Matthew 24) makes clear. We are called to be vigilant, lift our heads and "stay awake". Many would argue that the true meaning of Christmas is being eroded by expectation to purchase, to have your home looking a particular way, that the anticipation for the John Lewis advert has become more prevalent than the anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

As we approach advent, we take stock as a school community, and consider the true meaning of Christmas, remain vigilant and look forward to the new liturgical year and the opportunities it will bring to serve, do good and be more.

Best wishes,  
Mr Robson



### Christmas Concert Congratulations

Well done to all of our students who took part in the Christmas Concert. An incredible array of talent was showcased by students in the performing arts. It was wonderful to see our students' courage performing to a packed hall a diverse programme of choral Christmas pieces, solo and group performances, orchestral music and dance.

Well done to Mrs Hudson, Miss Powton and Ms Gardiner for supporting and showcasing out student talent.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Our Cardinal Hume Reverse Advent calendar has had a fantastic first week; once again we have been overwhelmed by the level of support and generosity shown and would like to thank you all for this! The foodbank at Corpus Christi Church were delighted with the fourteen boxes of selection boxes, chocolates and biscuits that our Year 7 Faith in Action delivered to them on Friday afternoon.

Next week, the focus of our collection will turn to toiletries, such as soap, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant. If anyone can offer any donations, we would be very grateful. The collection stand remains in the atrium and there will be somebody there each day between 8.30 and 9.00 to collect any contributions.

Thank you again for your continued support,  
Miss Carr and Mrs Proctor

## Forthcoming Events: Save the Dates!

**Calendar limitations mean alternative dates or arrangements for parent/subject staff consultation are not possible**

<b>All Years</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, Carol Service in School Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January, school will end for all students at 2.15pm for the Y11 Parents' Evening
<b>Y7</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April, a School Cloud, online based Parents' Evening with a range of subject teachers 3.30-6.30. Booking arrangements will be sent in due course.
<b>Y8</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May a School Cloud, online based Parents' Evening with a range of subject teachers 3.30-6.30. Booking arrangements will be sent in due course.
<b>Y9</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, a School Cloud based Parents' Evening . Due to time constraints, appointments are limited to seven per student. If any slots are unused, parents will be notified and will be able to book.</b> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February, Year 9 Options Information Evening
<b>Y10</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, a School Cloud, online based parents' evening with a range of subject teachers 3.30-6.30. Booking arrangements will be sent in due course.
<b>Y11</b>	W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> December, Mock exams. Revision files have been issued. Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January, Year 11 Parents' Evening. A face-to-face event.
<b>Y12</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March, Parents' Evening on School Cloud 3.30pm- 6.30pm