



# ST MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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01Y/Christmasletter/DM/EP

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **R.E: Christmas letter to parents**

As we approach a well-deserved break at the end of a long and busy term, it gives me great pleasure to be able to write to thank so many of you for supporting our Christmas Fayre last week. Whether it was supporting students that took part in the bake-off, the many generous donations that were sent in, donating a jar for the jar tombola, the time given to supporting the event or for encouraging the Christmas Jumper day, it all contributed to making the Fayre a real high point of the term and a wonderful example of what a warm, caring and fun community the St Margaret Ward school community can be. Staff and students enthusiastically threw themselves into the event to make it a very special and memorable event. We also raised much needed funds for the PTFA to support projects in school and were delighted to be able to also make a generous donation to the Donna Louise Hospice.

We have had a busy term of success in Art, Music, Public Speaking and Sport and congratulate our students on their participation and efforts. In November Miss Terry exhibited some of the wonderful artwork created to contribute to Remembrance commemorations in Fenton Old Library leading up to and over the Remembrance weekend which contributed to a moving and informative event. Some of our Year 9 students completed a level 1 boxing course in Stafford and our public speaking students successfully made it through the semi-finals of the local SASCAL speaking competition to take a place in the finals in January, we wish them well.

On Monday we have the opportunity to join together with our talented musicians, expertly led by the music department to celebrate our Christmas concert and begin the final week of advert together as we prepare as a community for Christmas. You are more than welcome to join us, the evening starts at 7.00pm and the tickets are £4 and £3 for concessions.

Our busy week continues next week with celebration assemblies, reward trips, ECM days and preparations for Christmas.

On the last day of term, next Friday 21st December, we will have our Christmas services as our Christmas celebrations truly begin and in recognition of the efforts of so many of our excellent well behaved students, the governors have given permission for an early finish on that day.

A great deal of work has been taking place this term to refine and improve the way the school tackles behaviour and we still have work to do with a minority of our students, work which will continue after the holiday. However, it is important to recognise the good of the many and once again we have some wonderful students to celebrate and thank this term. Therefore school will close to students for the Christmas break at **12.30pm on Friday 21st December**.

Part of the work mentioned above involves staff training and this will take place during the INSET day on Monday 7th January. Therefore as a reminder, after the Christmas break, school will re-open to students on **Tuesday 8th January**.

Thank you once again for your continued support this term, and allow me to wish you all a very happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Yours faithfully

Mr D. McKenna  
Principal

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