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St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Our students will be taking part in the cathedral's **Eucharist service** on **Sunday (24th January) at 10 am**. All members of our school community are very welcome to join us.

German Exchange

A reminder to parents of students going on the **German Exchange** that a **very important meeting** will be held next **Tuesday, 26th January in the Coffee Shop at 6:30pm**.

"The Pajama Game"

- A reminder that this year's musical is being performed at the **Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds at 7.30 pm on 2nd, 3rd and 4th February**. Tickets, priced £7 and £9, are available through the box office at the theatre (01284 769505). Both ticket sales and rehearsals are going well and we look forward to seeing you on one of the evenings.
- If anyone can help with more pyjamas, please send them in for Mrs Rossi's attention. Those which are named, can be returned! Many thanks for your help.

The Haiti Earthquake/non uniform day

Our next non uniform day is **Friday 12th February** and our Charity team writes:

"Many students have expressed both their horror at events unfolding in Haiti and a desire to contribute, "to do something". It has been a true testimony to our students that despite everything going on they have the capacity to respond to the needs of others. It has been interesting to see Aquaboxes such as those made last year by the sixth form, having a role in helping to provide some essential aid.

Our next Non Uniform Day on February 12th will form the focus for our response. All money collected on this day will be sent to the DEC as part of the Haiti appeal. Any additional money contributed will of course be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support".

Year Group News

Year 9

All year nine parents should receive a letter through the post by the end of next week about the forthcoming **parents' evening on Thursday 11th February**.

Year 10

Thank you to those parents who attended the first of the two parents' evenings on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing the remaining parents next **Thursday (28th January)** between 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm. If you have any difficulties making appointments for that date, please contact Mrs Thomas.

Year 10 and 11 girls

The next session of “catch-up” HPV immunisations takes place **next Tuesday, 26th January**. Those girls involved have been seen by Mrs Kelsey and should remember to have breakfast that morning.

Year 11

Thank you for your excellent attendance at interviews with senior staff before Christmas. The practice examinations are now almost complete and as we move into the final preparation for the GCSE examinations, you might find it helpful to keep this summary of the **key dates**:

Friday 5th February:

Students take home their **scoresheets** containing the practice examination results and the final set of predicted grades. **Invitations for the parents’ evenings** will be sent home with these scoresheets.

Wednesday 24th February (4.30 – 7.00 pm) and **Thursday 4th March (4.30 – 6.00 pm) – Parents’ Evenings:**

You are urged to attend one of these evenings.

Week commencing 15th March:

Issue of **final revision guide**, including the timetable for extra **revision sessions**.

Friday 19th March:

All GCSE **coursework** has to be complete

Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th March:

Music practical examinations

Week commencing 22nd March:

GCSE Art examination week (final coursework deadline **Monday 10th May**)

Week commencing 29th March:

GCSE PE practical examinations

Week commencing 20th April: Modern Foreign Languages orals commence

28th/29th April:

Drama practical examination

Week commencing 17th May:

Main written examinations begin

Obviously, this is a crucial time for your child and we particularly urge you to attend one of the parents’ evenings. If it is not possible, for any reason, do contact reception to arrange an alternative time. This can be during the day or on selected evenings by mutual agreement. Do stay in touch with us during these vital few months.

Fixtures

25.01.10

U14/U16 netball v Sudbury Upper (h)

U14/U16 girls’ football v Newmarket (a)

26.01.10

Beginner ski lessons at Suffolk Ski Centre

U16 girls’ basketball v Newmarket (a)

27.01.10

U19 girls’ basketball v Colchester Sixth Form College (h)

28.01.10

U15 girls’ basketball v Great Baddow High School (h)

“The Accolade”

The January edition will be sent home next Friday (29th), the last school day of the month.