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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Update

I will be sending another newsletter before the end of term, however I wanted to take this opportunity to share some updates. We are proud to share that our U14 boys' football team have progressed to the final of the County Cup after an excellent 4-2 win over John Taylor in the semi-final. Well done to all of the team, and we wish you good luck for the final!

The range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities continues to grow, and we would encourage all of our students to take full advantage of the opportunity to join a team, learn a new skill, or attend a club that gives them new experiences. Details are publicised around the school and on the website; please do encourage your child to get involved.

Last week saw the culmination of assessment fortnight and the end of the second mock for Year 11 and 13 students. It is vital that students use these mocks to inform their planning, revision and learning in preparation for the summer in order to support them in achieving the successes that they deserve. Year 11 will have access to study over the Easter break as well as after school, Monday to Thursday.

This week marks the half way point through Lent. Thank you to everyone who attended the torchlit procession of the Stations of the Cross last week as it was absolutely wonderful to see the community join together for this event. As a school, we continue to focus on our common home and 'giving up' littering within school and beyond. We are also alms giving and collecting items for the Alice Charity; if you have any items that you can contribute, please ask your child to bring these items to their form tutor as soon as possible. We also enter the holy month of Ramadan next week and therefore please be reminded that students may continue to access the Quiet Space in room 106 for prayer (Boys 13.40pm and girls 13.55pm).

Unfortunately, we continue to have a significant number of Covid cases in both the staff and student population. This half term we have had more absence of staff and students than at any point during the last two years. This has led to unavoidable "cover" lessons but all staff have been working tirelessly to ensure students receive face to face learning and as "normal" a school experience as possible. We are trying very hard to ensure that all students remain on site but it is even more important that students work with us at this time by ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment, and are ready to engage in their learning and futures. We expect students to model our values of faith, excellence and respect at all times; we continue to support them to understand these values, and will not tolerate disrespectful or defiant behaviour. Your support is much appreciated.



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The full STMCA newsletter will be shared next week, and this will again showcase the achievements, news and successes of the term.

As a reminder, the term finishes for students on Thursday 7th April at 3.10pm and we return on Monday 25th April at 9am.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher

