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Dear Parent and Guardian

As another successful academic year draws to a close, we are delighted to reflect on the many achievements of our pupils, staff, and governors. Our community has excelled in various areas, including sports and creative arts, thanks to the collaborative efforts that ensure our pupils have opportunities to grow into amazing young people.

We recently celebrated two wonderful graduation masses, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Anton and Canon Connor. Their humour, compassion, and deep spirituality made these events truly special.

Our Faith in Action program has thrived, evidenced by four Year Ten boys achieving the Gold Award, three boys earning Silver and thirteen boys earning Bronze. Mr. Bennett inaugurated the Cafod group, which is now working towards the Live Simply Award.

Our charitable contributions have been significant, starting with the Poppy Appeal and followed by the Children of Gaza Appeal, endorsed by the Archbishop. Year Seven pupils, led by Mr. Stuart, raised over £2,000 for Mary's Meals. We are extremely proud of this generosity.

This year, we witnessed remarkable success across all year groups. Our Year 7 A and B teams excelled, with the B team becoming National Champions. The Year 11 B team also achieved national success under the guidance of Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Townson, marking Mr. O'Toole's third National Cup victory as manager at Heenan. Massive congratulations to the Year 11 B team on their thoroughly convincing victory over Shenfield High School. Goals from Carson N and Josh A capped off a brilliant 2-1 victory to bring the trophy back to Cardinal Heenan. It was an impressive year for the B team with some notable victories along the way, including Thomas Telford in the semi-final.

We had outstanding performances in various sports, including badminton, basketball, futsal, cricket, and athletics. Notable achievements at the City Championships included:

- Riley T: Long jump and 100m
- Jed R: Discus
- Will S: Shot put
- Year 8 relay team



We also celebrate our pupils who perform at national standards outside of school. We encourage parents to inform us if their sons are competing at a high level in their sport so we can promote their success within the school.

The Debate Mate group had another brilliant year, reaching the grand final in London. The group has grown, and it is inspiring to see older pupils mentoring their younger peers, ensuring the club's legacy continues. This year the debate team was all-conquering in the city's Debate Mate competition, winning both the league and Debate Mate Cup, as well as the novice team finishing 3rd in the city. Joseph L, Jacob N, Myles A, Daniel, and George R, then went on to compete in the National Cup and were just slightly beaten in the final. The boys showed outstanding teamwork, oracy, and resilience throughout and deserve to be known as the second-best debate team in the country.

This letter can only touch on the many accomplishments of our school. For more updates and snapshots of our achievements, please follow us on Instagram.

As we reflect on this year, we are grateful for our hardworking, diligent, and committed staff who share our ideals and aspirations. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated set of parents who continue to support us. Your contributions are always welcome, and I am truly grateful for your support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Smyth', written in a cursive style.

Ms K Smyth  
**Headteacher**