



**St Antony's
Roman Catholic School**

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25th February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this update letter again finds you and yours in good health. Time marches on and we are now over half way through the academic year. The students are working well in lessons and behaving well in school, however we need to continue to improve attendance levels. Being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances and mental and physical health. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday next week and we will be celebrating Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln church with Years 7 and 8. Other year groups will receive ashes in school during services with Sister Linda. Pope Francis has designated Ash Wednesday as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace, with a focus on the awful events in the Ukraine and we will be focusing on this in school. During Lent the children have been asked to fundraise for St Joseph's Penny, primarily by bringing in silver and copper coins. Each form is aiming to raise £50. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

You will be aware that many changes took place yesterday with regards to COVID restrictions. In school we will continue to encourage frequent and thorough hand cleaning, emphasise the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and be mindful of ventilation. This [extract](#) from the updated guidance details what individuals need to do if they develop symptoms or have a positive test.

Year 11 begin their final set of Mocks next week. We look forward to high levels of attendance for these. Students who are absent for these very important exams will be required to take them at the end of the school day.

Year 9 Options Evening will take place on 17th March and students will receive their reports prior to this to aid them in their selection of subjects for KS4. Year 7 Parents Evening will take place on 31st March. We look forward to welcoming parents back to school for these meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA for their fundraising and planning for some new outside shelters for students to use during social time. If you would like to donate towards this, please contact Mrs Rothwell via k.rothwell@st-antonys.com. We also need volunteers to help with the erection of the shelters and would love to hear back from you if you could support with this.

Staff have an INSET Day on Monday 14th March so school will be closed to students.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

With kind regards,

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