

14 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming to the end of a very short but busy term and I am pleased with the response from the pupils to the call for alms-giving this Lent. Through non-uniform days, cake sales, competitions, raffles and many more events, the pupils have worked hard to raise money for our chosen charities: Mind – which provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem (Bede House); The Thomas Theyer Foundation – which supports children and young people with additional needs as well as their families and carers (Columba House) and CAFOD – which works with partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East to fight poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest (Francis House).

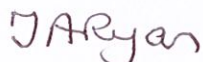
**A quick reminder:** we will be holding our second non-uniform day on **Thursday 22 March**. Students have been asked to bring in £1, as soon as possible, which will go towards our Lenten fund raising. They are also encouraged to wear their 'house' colour: Bede is yellow, Columba blue and Francis red.

School will finish for the end of term on **Friday 23 March**. Our spiritual preparation for Easter will climax with a Lenten Liturgy in school at 9.00 a.m. After the service lessons will be as normal until lunch. Pupils in **Years 7-10 will be dismissed after lunch at 1.10** and will need to make their own way home. **Year 11** students will stay in school in the afternoon; they **will be dismissed at 2.50 p.m.** During the afternoon they will attend revision workshops organised by the staff.

School reopens on **Monday 9 April for staff and pupils**. The school day starts as usual at **8.50 a.m.**

On behalf of all the staff and pupils at St Thomas More, I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Headteacher

