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Dear Parent / Carer,

### Parental Update 18

A relatively normal week in school (if there is such a thing), with our Year 10 Parents' Evening last night, a wealth of PE practices and fixtures (see later), assemblies from the Youth Justice Service, a Year 10 Travel and Tourism educational visit and, this afternoon, we end the week sharing the Mock Results with our Year 11 students.

Looking ahead to next week, it is a shorter week, with students breaking up on Thursday at 3pm, we have a Champion House mass, Kooth assemblies all week and a Governors' Catholic Life and Culture Committee meeting. We then have the half term break. Included with today's update are:

- Weekly Careers newsletter
- Chaplaincy update #11
- National Apprenticeship Week Parental Toolkit
- Waterside Training Event Flyer

### Whole School Focus – Knife Crime

The shocking news this week of the tragic events at All Saints school in Sheffield, are a stark reminder to us all of the dangers and risks of knife crime. Our hearts go out to the families of both children involved and the staff and students at the school, which was once part of the Lasallian family of schools.

I completely understand that many of you may be feeling anxious about safety in schools, but it is important to remember that though knife crime is a growing concern within society, such incidences still remain exceptionally rare within schools. Nevertheless, it is important that schools remain vigilant and well prepared should the unthinkable happen.

Please be assured that the wellbeing of our students remains our highest priority, and we are committed to maintaining a safe, caring, and supportive environment for all. From an external point of view, we are fortunate that our school site, compared to most schools, is well protected with two red lines of security and largely encircled by houses.

Within school, we have strong safeguarding policies in place, including close supervision, clear behavioural expectations, and ongoing collaboration with the local authority and other agencies to ensure the safety of our students. We also actively promote respect, kindness, and conflict resolution through our pastoral care programs.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, we remain vigilant and having just reviewed our lockdown policy will be testing our in-school lockdown procedures in the coming weeks. These drills help to ensure that staff and students are well-prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency.

We encourage you to have open conversations with your children about making safe and positive choices, looking out for one another, and speaking to a trusted adult if they ever feel concerned. If

*You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.*