



## Theme: Lent

This week we have focussed on the act of 'Forgiveness' with students and staff being able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday. We are incredibly grateful to our diocesan priests who spent the day with us. We have thought about the scripture from Acts 2:38 'Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.'" That when we are sorry, we repent, and we're forgiven by God. Aptly, the word for this week has been 'atone' - to make amends.

In one of the Thoughts of the Day this week, we remembered St David, patron saint of Wales. He was a preacher who founded monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Brittany and England. His most famous miracle was when he was preaching on a hill but the people at the back of the crowd could not hear him. So the ground on which he stood, rose up wot form a hill and a white dove, sent by God, rested on his shoulder.

## Year 7 and 12 Parents Evening

A gentle reminder that we will close the school to students at 2pm on Tuesday 5 March for our Year 7 and 12 parents evening starting at 2.30pm.

*Kate Pereira*

## Duke of Edinburgh



Mr Cayley and Mrs Wilmore are busy looking at eDofE to put together a list for the Bronze Expedition. We will be selecting students who have uploaded evidence of at least two completed activities (Physical, Volunteering or Skill). If you are completing these activities in school, your completed log book will be your evidence. If the activity is external to school, the activity leader will need to write their report as evidence. The deadline to be part of the Expedition for Bronze this year will be to have the evidence uploaded by Tuesday 19 March 2024. Any queries please ask either of us.

*Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher*

Future Events	
5 March	Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening 2.30-6.30pm. School closes at 2pm
8 March	Focus Day
26 March	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening 2.30-6.30pm. School closes at 2pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This week, our Thought reflections were around the importance of forgiveness. On Wednesday students and staff had the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of



Reconciliation. Lent is a time of prayer and forgiveness, when we take time to reflect on our behaviour and ask for forgiveness from those we offend, an opportunity to speak with a priest and most importantly through the sacrament, renew our relationship with God. This was well-attended and as always, our students were respectful and prayerful. Our grateful thanks go to our Deanery priests; Fr Jeffery Downie, Fr Waldemar Smaialek, Fr Michael Vulliamy, Fr Anthony Shryne and the chaplain to our school Fr Karol Porczak for giving so much of their time.

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*

## Attendance

Outstanding attendance means not only maximising classroom learning, but it also means creating positive habits that will stand our young adults in good stead when it comes to employment. The link between high attendance and high achievement is clear and the role of parent and carer in this process is every bit as important. Please continue to support your child in maintaining outstanding attendance. If you have any concerns or require further support; please get in contact with your child's House Pastoral Team.

## Appointments

To maintain excellent attendance medical/dental appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours, where possible and we ask for proof to be provided if students attend appointments during school hours. If you have any concerns or require further support; please get in contact with your child's House Pastoral Team.

*Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher*

**Academic Tutoring**  
**Year 7**  
**26 February – 8 March 2024**



