



Friday 11th April 2025

## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your support during our Spring term. It has been another busy one full of exciting activities, learning and growing. I am proud of every person's contribution to our Lenten journey as we break up in preparation for Holy Week.

I wish you all a happy and Holy Easter. If you would like to find out more about services in your parish or at the Cathedral please see this link: [Find a Church - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#) [Ovingham partnership]. We will announce our final fundraising total for CAFOD after Easter, but in the meantime - thank you!



## Prayer Theme

**'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die' - John 11: 1 - 45**

- We have prayed together as a community:

*Dear Lord,*

*You are the Resurrection and the Life. Help us to trust in You, even when things seem uncertain. Fill us with hope and remind us that Your love is stronger than anything, even death. As we approach Easter, renew our hearts and lead us to new life in You.*

*Amen*

## Year 8/9 Retreat

- I would like to wish all of our pupils and staff the very best as they embark on their retreat at the Youth Village Monday 28th-Wednesday 30th April
- Please hold them in your prayers, knowing they will have a great time!



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### Year 11 Celebration assembly - Thursday 1st May

- Just a reminder that we are holding our Year 11 celebration assembly on Thursday 1st May and we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers too

[Year 11 Celebration Assembly](#)



### Year 13 leavers Mass - change of date

- Please note that our Year 13 leavers Mass will take place on Monday 19th May at 9.30am at St. Anne's, Winlaton
- Family members and parishioners are most welcome to attend
- Pupils will return to school after Mass



### External Exams

- Our year 11 and 13 pupils will be undertaking their public examinations in earnest after Easter and we would like to wish them the very best of luck
- Please encourage them to embrace every revision opportunity in school and at home to ensure they can reach their full potential
- All pupils will be provided with their exam timetables and revision materials per subject
- A series of revision classes have been running throughout this term and will continue to do so. Full attendance is required and will be of absolute importance during this crucial time
- Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the House or sixth form email addresses if you have any queries



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Yours sincerely,

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