

10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Dear Parents

General Letter No. 5

**International Week - 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Our annual International Week is fast approaching and we are looking for students to host or be ambassadors for our international guests. We will welcome around 200 students and teachers from ten countries who are looking forward to spending time at St Wilfrid's. This is our tenth international week and it promises to be action-packed with exciting projects, sports, concerts and excursions. All hosts and ambassadors will be fully involved in the week's events. Please contact Mr Storey in Modern Foreign Language Department to get further information and an application form.

**Year 7 English Evening – Rescheduled**

I would like to remind you about the Year 7 English Evening on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6pm start in Bruynseels Hall. A chance to learn about your child's curriculum and how to support your child at home. A chance to ask questions and meet staff, as well as browse examples of work, texts used, and the computer programme which tracks your child's reading age!

Please can you return the reply slips on the letter given out at parents evening? If you need a replacement, your child can get one from the English Office. All returns in by the last day of half term please (Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb) so we can plan for refreshments and seating. Any problems or queries, contact Ms Richards.

**HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE REMAINING ACADEMIC YEAR 2010**

**SPRING TERM 2010**

			Staff Days	Pupil Days
Open		Monday 4 January 2010	30	30
Close	Half Term	Friday 12 February 2010		
Open	INSET Day	Monday 22 February 2010	29	29
Close	Easter	Thursday 1 April 2010		

**SUMMER TERM 2010**

Open		Monday 19 April 2010	29	28
<b>Closed</b>	May Day	Monday 3 May 2010		
Close	Half Term	Friday 28 May 2010		
Open		Monday 7 June 2010	37	37
Close	Summer Break	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2010		

**INSET Day Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010**

Please note school will be closed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and re-open Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to all students.

**AUTUMN TERM 2010**

Please note changes to the start of the Autumn Term 2010.

Open	INSET Day	Wednesday, 1 September 2010	38	38
Open	Year 7 and Year 12 <b>only</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010		

Open	Whole School	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2010		
Close	Half Term	Friday, 22 October 2010		
Open		Monday, 1 November 2010	35	35
Close	Christmas	Friday, 17 December 2010		

### **New Developments**

We are developing a new and exciting 'Student Services' area in school. Refurbishment will take place to create a new, open and friendly environment which will house a number of services for our students. These include: Catholic Care, Careers and Connexions, Work Related Learning, Aim Higher and Pastoral Care. The service area is for **all** our students, sixth form included; they can find out about their future career, seek support and advice for their concerns and chat to members of staff about pastoral issues. A name and logo competition has been launched with a winning prize of £50 gift voucher for the White Rose Shopping Centre, plus the prestige of having their chosen name and logo design used for the new area! Entries are due in after half term. Work to the new area will be completed by mid March; please come along to see it when you're next visiting school. Work will also be starting on 15<sup>th</sup> February to refurbish the staff toilets adjacent to the staff room and the boys' toilets in M Block. Students have chosen the colour scheme for this.

### **Haiti Fundraising Events**

To date the school has raised a massive £1640.29 with more activities planned. Year 7 and Year 8 have organised a combined disco for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.p.m. to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the disco will also go to the Haiti fund.

### **Musical Production**

Our musical 'Back to the 80s' is being staged this week. The cast warmed up with a show for our visiting primary school pupils from St Joseph's Castleford and Sacred Heart Hemsworth, on Monday afternoon.

Public performances continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. We look forward to the journey back to the time when Michael Jackson and Rick Astley were the Kings of Pop!

### **Year 9 Reports**

Reports are due to be issued to Year 9 pupils on Friday. Overall we are very encouraged by the work and attitude of the year group who have made a very positive start to their key stage 4 courses.

### **Year 8 Options**

In preparation for the Year 8 Options Evening scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Key Stage 4 course information booklet will be distributed for pupils to bring home on Friday before half-term.

Yours sincerely

**M Pyle**  
**Headteacher**