

10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parents

General Letter No. 8

**International Week 2010 - 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March**

We look forward to welcoming our visitors from countries across the globe who will join in the various events and activities planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> St Wilfrid's International Week. Our school based international day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March will include a fund raising opportunity for St Wilfrid's students. National dress will be the order of the day with students paying £1 to our Good Shepherd fund for the privilege of wearing clothing associated with other countries or cultures.

Thank you to those families who have agreed to host visiting students or staff.

There is still time to be a host or ambassador for International Week. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in our tenth anniversary celebration. There will be a number of exciting activities, projects, excursions and performances taking place during the week. Please see Mr Storey in MFL for more information

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**

As part of our fundraising for the Lourdes pilgrimage, a Car Boot Sale has been organised for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be held on the school grounds and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Cars are £7 and vans are £10. We have also organised a bag pack at Morrison supermarket in Pontefract on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please try and support our events.

**Year 8 Options Meeting**

We enjoyed meeting the large number of parents who accompanied their sons and daughters at the Year 8 Options Meeting held last week.

We anticipate the pupils acting on the advice given to help them prepare for their best combination of subjects and courses as they progress to key stage 4 in year 9. Completed forms should be returned between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 10 Parents Consultation**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00 p.m. We welcome parents of Year 10 students to discuss progress and future plans at the consultation meeting on Thursday.

**Year 9 Retreat**

Two groups of Year 9 students are involved in residential retreats at Myddleton Grange this week. Forty students were involved from Monday evening returning on Wednesday, while another group of forty were involved from Wednesday to Friday. We wish the students well in their participation in the retreat which supports our school programme of spiritual development.

### **Year 7 Rugby Team**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March our Year 7 Rugby Team are travelling to South Wales to play at Ysgol Ystalfera school in the first round of the National Cup. If the team manage to get to the final of the cup they will play in the curtain raiser of the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. We wish the team every success.

### **Well Done**

Our congratulations go to Abigail Roberts from 8 Howard who has just achieved a new pole vault record at Wakefield Harriers with a massive vault of 2m 90. Abigail has won the English Indoor Athletics Championships at Under 15 level. We send her our warmest congratulations.

Well done to the year 9 students who took their first GCSE exam last Wednesday. The Science teachers were delighted at how well the students prepared for the exam and their conduct throughout was exemplary. Well done.

Yours sincerely

**M Pyle**  
**Headteacher**