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Faith, respect and preparing for the future

Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week.

This week we began our termly Eucharist services, with Years 9 and 10 coming together on Wednesday to celebrate the start of Advent, followed by Years 7 and 8 and our sixth form on Friday. Year 11 will have their service on Monday. These services are led by members of our local clergy, and this time we are pleased to welcome Reverend Bristow from Holy Trinity Church.

As a Church of England school, gathering for worship is an important part of our shared life. We do so respectfully, while recognising and valuing the beliefs of those who follow other faiths or have no religious faith. We want all our students to understand and respect one another. This is reflected in our virtue of **Love: We respect. We forgive. We treat people well.** As part of this learning, Year 8 students recently visited Keston Mosque, helping them to understand more about the places of worship and traditions of different world religions.

Next Tuesday, 24th November, we are inviting all Year 11 students to our **Sixth Form Open Evening** which starts at 6pm. Whether students are considering staying at Bishop Justus, have other plans or simply want to keep their options open, the evening will help them think about the next steps in their education. We will also make a provisional offer to all Year 11 students before the end of term, giving them some certainty as they consider their plans. Our offer includes three exciting new V-Levels, vocational qualifications equivalent to A-levels, in Accounting and Finance, Digital Systems and Data, and Education. More information will be available at the Open Evening.

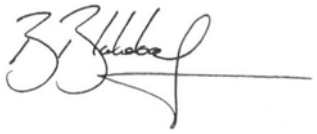
This week we also welcomed parents to our SEND Coffee Morning. It was lovely to hear how much they appreciated the relaxed opportunity to ask questions and the calm, welcoming environment we provide for students. Our dedicated SEND team plan to hold another coffee morning in the new year. If you would be interested in attending, please look out for further details. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

We also welcomed several local primary schools for **Mini Medics** first-aid training. It was particularly pleasing to see our students interacting with the younger children, offering support and showing empathy, patience and attentiveness. Opportunities like these help our students develop their leadership skills and maturity, while allowing them to act as positive role models for younger pupils.

Finally, our consultation on proposed changes to the PE kit from September 2027 remains open. We welcome your views through our online survey **https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/iWKhs11hUE**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,



Mr B Blakelock

Headteacher