

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: End of Term letter**

Firstly, I would like to start by saying thank you to you for all the support you have shown both myself as Headteacher and our staff, this term. We have seen our students produce some remarkable work and I am so excited to be moving our school forward on our #MissiontoExcellence journey. There have been some incredible achievements by our students across a wide range of events and these are celebrated on our school Twitter, do take a look and follow us! The links can be found below:

@paulmccahill [Paul McCahill \(@paulmccahill\) / Twitter](#)  
@becketcs [Thomas Becket Catholic School \(@becketcs\) / Twitter](#)

**Exams**

Our Mock exams are well under way, and I am thankful for your support in getting your children into school on time. These will continue in the first week after half term. A reminder that pupils must be on school site by 08:45am, ready for line up at 08:50am. Any pupil not at line up by 08:50am will be considered late.

Timetables for the Summer external examinations are being given to students early next term. Please talk with your child about the preparations, they are making for these exams and also how they will organise themselves during the exam period. Please remember they will need lots of black pens and a colourless pencil case and water bottle. We wish your children all the very best for the upcoming exam period. For your information, the last date that pupils must be available for exams is the **29<sup>th</sup> June**, as this is the contingency day set by the exam boards.

Last week we received external examination results for students on vocational courses. These are currently being analysed and our congratulations go to all those who have received results. Intervention and support will be provided for those pupils who are considering re-sitting in the summer series.

**Rewards System: The Golden Ticket**

As you will have been aware, we have launched our revised Reward System. This refined system rewards students that consistently show excellence in behaviour, effort and follow the schools Core values. Each time a student is seen "showing excellence" they will receive a Golden Ticket. Golden Tickets can be handed out by any member of our school staff. There are four rewards and they will be drawn in the last week of next term.

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Very worryingly the 'Snus' product is being sold as sweets to disguise the contents of the packaging. I urge you to support us in safeguarding pupils by being extra vigilant. If you would like further support and guidance, please contact our student and family welfare and safeguarding officer on:

[Tpalmer@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org](mailto:Tpalmer@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org)

A reminder that I have created a survey to undertake a complete review of the school in capturing the views of you as parents. Thank you for those of you who have already completed this. The questions mirror those asked by Ofsted as part of their parent view survey. I hope this feedback from you as stakeholders will help shape the school as we start our journey towards outstanding to improve the school further. Below is the link to the survey, which I really appreciate you taking the time to complete:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JnHo6xNcT0awhidhpTSr\\_g2sX2PveDFOnORytSbHIDZUNzg3TUVVTzFVTUZZMUTJRVJCVIM3ROVTMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JnHo6xNcT0awhidhpTSr_g2sX2PveDFOnORytSbHIDZUNzg3TUVVTzFVTUZZMUTJRVJCVIM3ROVTMC4u)

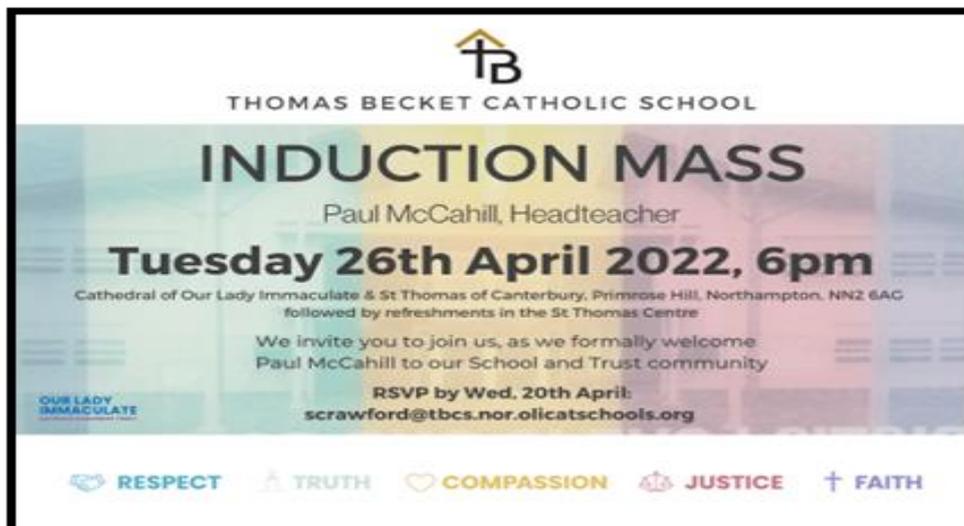
As this term comes to an end, I wanted to remind you of the following key dates:

- **Year 11s 2<sup>nd</sup> Mocks: 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**
- **Year 10 Mocks: 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Year 12 Mocks: 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Induction Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – please see invite contained within the letter below. All are most welcome to attend.**
- **Year 12 Mocks: 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Year 10: Mocks: 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Parent Forum: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm to 6.30pm - further details will follow**
- **Year 8 Parents Evening: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Year 12 Parents Evening: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Year 10 Parents Evening: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Year 7 Parents Evening: 29<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Additional Teacher Training Day: School closed for all pupils**
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Bishop David will be visiting the school**
- **School closes for the Summer break on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12.30pm**

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and manage to enjoy some sunshine. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



**Paul McCahill**  
Headteacher



The poster features the school's logo (TB) at the top, followed by the text 'THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC SCHOOL'. The main title is 'INDUCTION MASS' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Paul McCahill, Headteacher' and 'Tuesday 26th April 2022, 6pm'. The location is 'Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG', followed by 'followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre'. An invitation reads: 'We invite you to join us, as we formally welcome Paul McCahill to our School and Trust community'. The RSVP information is 'RSVP by Wed. 20th April: scrawford@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org'. At the bottom, there are five icons with corresponding words: a heart for 'RESPECT', a scale for 'TRUTH', a hand holding a heart for 'COMPASSION', a crown for 'JUSTICE', and a cross for 'FAITH'.