



Happy New Year! Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019. I hope that everyone had a restful and peaceful Christmas. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany, marking the time when the three kings brought gifts to the baby Jesus. It is, of course, the end of the Christmas season and traditionally the time when decorations come down.

We had a very untidy end to last term as we were suddenly without water and had to close the school. No water meant no toilets, no heat and we could not provide hot food. It was most unfortunate but we were left with no option. Various things that had been prepared for the end of term had to be cancelled but we will be having the Cambridge Celebration Assembly this morning so that those students still receive their awards.

## 1959 – 11 April – 2019

In April it will be 60 years since the school opened. Plans are well underway to mark the occasion on Wednesday 3 April. One of the events that day will be a Mass at 7pm, celebrated by Bishop Alan. We will be inviting a lot of guests to this and so are likely to ask parents who would like to attend to let us know in advance as we will be limited to 400 seats: please watch for this in the weekly newsletter.



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## Welcome

This term we welcome the following new teachers: Michaela Harmson, *Subject Leader for Music*, Pamela Wynne, *Food Technology teacher*, Lucy Lester, *Teacher of Art*, Carol Neckles, *Second in Science Faculty*, and we welcome back Cathy Young following her maternity leave. We hope that you will all quickly settle into the school and will enjoy working with us.

We also welcome Father Seelan to St Oswald's & Sacred Heart parish and Father Michael Ryan to Wisbech parish. I will invite both priests into school once they have settled in.

## Key Dates

Yesterday afternoon we welcomed back students who sat **GCSE and A level exams last summer**. This informal event is always a highlight as we meet those who have moved on to university, college or work and hear how they are getting on.

Next Tuesday we have **Parents Evening for Years 11, 12 & 13** from 4.30-6.30pm. Please note the start time as it is different to that previously announced.

Year 9 students have a combined Parents and Options Evening on Tuesday 29 January. This is a very important event when students will be choosing which subjects to study in Years 10 & 11.

On **8 February** we will be hosting an event focusing on the issues of human trafficking and modern slavery. This will mainly involve students in Years 11-13; more details nearer the time.

**Academic Tutoring**  
**Year 12 & 13**  
**7 January - 18 January**

## School Cup

As we begin the second term of the year the current situation is:

<b>Beverley</b>	<b>2492</b>
<b>Westminster</b>	<b>2345</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>2319</b>
<b>Rochester</b>	<b>2174</b>

Sean Hayes



'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'