



7 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday 11th February the Church will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day marks the first of 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette in Lourdes in 1858, since then Lourdes have been one of the most popular places of pilgrimage for many people. It is also the name of the Trust that we are now a part of, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust.

As you may be aware, a number of our sixth form students join the Diocesan pilgrimage each year; this year we will be a record number! Our students fundraise a percentage of the cost of the pilgrimage by putting on events throughout the year. Our students do not go for a holiday, or as ordinary pilgrims; rather they go as helpers. The help they give to sick, elderly and disabled people is what makes the pilgrimage possible; without the support of our sixth formers these people would not be able to go. As you can imagine there is a lot of fundraising that needs to be done to enable our sixth formers to attend.

On Thursday 14th February, as part of this fundraising, we will be having a non-uniform day and students are asked to bring in £1 which will go towards funding the Lourdes experience. There will also be other fundraising activities during the day, so watch this space!

If you or your company/organisation would be able to donate towards the pilgrimage fund; or you would like more information on how you can support the students, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0115 955 6262 ext. 156 or by emailing JMcCay@christtheking.notts.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for all your continued support.

Joe McCay
Lay Chaplain

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