



St Nicholas Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into the season of Lent together is, as always, much to share with you from life here at St Nicholas.

Year 8 students have taken part in their annual retreat day, which was led by school staff along with visitors from the Diocese and the Message Trust. Year 7 students have taken part in their Residential trip, with students and staff having a fantastic time reflecting on our core values here at St Nicholas as well as taking part in the many activities run by the Centre Staff.

Bishop Mark has also granted our request for the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved in our School Chapel from Monday to Friday. This will mean that following our weekly lunchtime Mass every Monday, the real presence of Christ will be with us at St Nicholas for adoration and private prayer throughout the week.

Students have also been participating this term in 'Form Patron' assemblies where they have gathered together as Years 7-13 in Bernadette, Camara, John Paul, Kolbe, Romero, Teresa, Vincent-de-Paul and Ward. All of the assemblies are being led by Sixth Form prefects, members of our GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Team alongside school staff and focus upon the extraordinary lives of our Form Patrons as well as preparing students for our annual Lenten fundraising activities which this year will support Caritas, the Shrewsbury Diocesan Mission Charity.

It has been another busy term for enrichment activities and events here at school. Sixth Form students took part in our first trip to Cern, the school ski trip has safely returned from Piancavallo in Italy and in another first for St Nicholas, students following courses in Art, Photography and French have taken part in our first combined trip to Paris.

St Nicholas students once again participated in the North West Boccia tournament and finished in 5th place overall, despite the Captain being unable to attend due to illness. Year 8 students have been trained as Anne Frank Ambassadors, delivering lessons to other students here at St Nicholas, students from our partner primary schools, governors and staff. Our annual Music Festival was once again a resounding success with hundreds of students performing music and song to a packed school hall for two nights running.

Year 12 and 13 students have taken part in their mock examinations with Year 12 also undertaking a week of work experience to support their Sixth Form curriculum provision. Years 7, 10 and 11 have also completed assessments and examinations this term, and we wish all our students preparing for external examinations every success over the weeks ahead as they begin their final preparations.





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All students entered into the Lenten season last Wednesday by participating in our Ash Wednesday services within their year groups. They spent time together in prayer and reflection and were offered the opportunity to receive ashes to mark our tradition of forty days of fasting, prayer and good works.

If that wasn't enough, we were visited by an Inspection team from Ofsted just after the half-term break and I hope to be in a position to share their report with you soon.

I will write once again before our Spring Term break which is, this year, de-coupled from the Easter weekend, but I can confirm that we will finish for the two week break on Friday 29th March at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

