



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

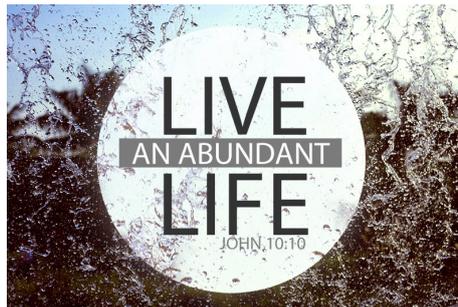
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A warm welcome to all our students as we begin the new academic year. Hopefully everyone is feeling more settled into the rhythm of things and it is always good to be back and getting to know everyone.

The new school year gives everyone a chance at a new beginning; the planting of many seeds that will grow during the year. It offers the potential for so much hope; hope for good work, for successful results, for friendship, for fun, for learning.

In John's Gospel, Jesus assures us that his desire is that "we may have life, and have it to the full". (John 10:10). At St Nicholas' we encourage everyone to have this as their ambition. We remind ourselves, through our own school motto 'In Omnibus Labora' that we will have to 'work hard in all things' to achieve fullness of life.



In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer and enjoyment. May there be hard work, faith and friendship. May everyone take the opportunity to blossom and encourage others to do so as well. As we begin this new school year may we notice God walking with us, being with us, every day.

Mairie Gelling

School Chaplain

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Meet the Headteacher Evening

You are invited to our 'Meet the Headteacher Evening' on Thursday 4th October at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to share our school improvement journey to date, alongside future plans and a 'Q and A' session. If you wish to attend please email admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk to facilitate housekeeping arrangements.

Mr Richard Woods

Year 12 Sixth Form Induction – Catton Hall, Frodsham



Last week over 110 new Sixth Form students (and some brave staff members) ventured out to Catton Hall Frodsham for the Sixth Form Induction day with the aim of consolidating old friendships and forming new ones. The day consisted of a variety of team-building exercises which, despite the pouring rain, managed to put a smile on our faces. However, it's fair to say that the wind was NOT a team player that day, especially when you had groups of students competing to make a ball roll slowly along some VERY questionable structures. Never mind our GCSEs, this was a real test with some questionable results.



Although the giant beer pong (minus the alcohol, of course!) was also a hit, it was definitely the paintball which was the star of the show... to be more precise, Mr Hamilton. In case you didn't know, Mr Hamilton is surrounded by rumours that he used to be in the military, so it felt humbling that even someone of his status could still get shot during paintball. That was my excuse, anyway. In other news, Mr Bradley was no better and after sixteen years of doing this... well, you'd expect more.

At the end of the day, the goal of getting our year group closer together certainly worked: we might just have to do this every Friday!

Music Department

	LUNCHTIME 1M	LUNCHTIME 2M	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	SINGFORMERS		GRADE 5 Theory
TUESDAY	Flute Ensemble (Grade 3 upwards)	Production	SCHOOL PRODUCTION
WEDNESDAY	String Ensemble	Production	CHOIR (Auditioned) (3.15-5pm) DRUM SHED 3.15-4.15 (beginners to advanced Drummers)
THURSDAY	Vocal Harmony (All Years)		SCHOOL PRODUCTION
FRIDAY	Jazz Band (Grades 5-8)		Concert Band (Grade 2-8) 3.15-4.15

European Day Of Languages

The MFL department are looking forward to celebrating the European Day of Languages on Wednesday 26th September. Lots to look forward to, including visiting speakers, salsa dancing and new this year—The European Day of Languages photo booth!

Year 7 Football

28 Year 7 boys took part in a mini-football training tournament at Hartford. All played exceptionally well with some excellent goals scored.



The Year 7 match finished 10-0.

Period: 09.7.2018 - 13.7.2018

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent De-Paul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	96	97	98	98	99	100	99	99	98
Year 8	97	100	97	100	97	99	100		99
Year 9	98	98	99	96	97	96	91		96
Year 10	95	98	94	88	96	99	100	99	96
Year 11	94	98	99	99	98	98	97	89	97
Whole School	96	98	97	96	97	98	97	96	97

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

A very warm welcome back to the new year at school and a huge welcome to all our Year 7's and their families. The PTFA are delighted to welcome you to our school family. PTFA meetings are once per term in school on alternating Monday and Tuesday evenings. Our first meeting of the school year will take place on Monday 17th September from 6.15 – 7.15 pm. We would be delighted to see some new

Quiz

Our first event of the year is the **New Families Quiz** on Thursday 27th September from 6.30 pm. This is an evening to welcome in our new Year 7's and their families. We hope you will be able to join us for a fun quiz run in part by our Year 8 students and supported by the PTFA. We will provide teas, coffees and soft drinks with sweets and crisps available for purchase. The evening should finish around 8.30 pm. This is a chance for you to meet with other Year 7 parents and for our Year 7 students to mix with their new friends. Please come along and join us.



The PTFA is running an Emergency First Aid at Work course for students in Years 11 and 12. The course takes place on Saturday 22nd September and is already fully booked with 12 students attending. However, we are happy to put additional names on the waiting list in case of cancellations. The cost of the one-day course is £60 per person. Please let Mrs Hornsby know if you are interested.

WE HAVE ONE SPACE AVAILABLE ON THIS COURSE DUE TO A LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION.

We are thrilled to be running our fantastic Christmas Market again this November with over 50 stalls selling a wide variety of gifts and goods – a fantastic choice of unique and exclusive Christmas presents for young and old! Put the date in your diary and plan to come along and enjoy this shopping – and eating – extravaganza. There will be a nominal entrance charge of £1 per adult. The Market will take place on Thursday 22nd November from 5.30 – 8.30 pm in the school hall and dining room. It's a great fun evening for all the family. If you are interested in having a stall at the Christmas Market, please email our Treasurer Lisa Davies on lisaandlenny@hotmail.com – single stalls are £20, double £30.

TWENTY NINE STALLS ALREADY BOOKED AND IT'S ONLY SEPTEMBER!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

Christmas Raffle

Our popular Christmas Raffle will be back. For the second year running we have been extremely lucky to secure a Eurocamp family holiday as our first prize. Tickets will be £1 each and will be available to buy via Parentpay following the half term holiday.

We wish you and your families a fantastic start to this new year at St Nicholas and look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

St Nicholas PTFA.