



# SCHOOL NEWS

## ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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### THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

At the beginning of the year we set forth with great curiosity and sense of adventure. It is a great pleasure to see our Year 8 students taking on the mantle of Transition Ambassadors and, indeed, everyone taking on the role of supporting our new Year 7 students as they navigate both the school building and the timetable. We are reminded that St Nicholas' is a community with all members sharing the responsibility of caring for each other.

The school is part of an even greater community and so it was a great privilege, this week, to host the Diocesan Mass for the start of the Academic Year. We were very pleased to welcome Mr Damian Cunningham, Director of Schools and Mrs Julie Johnson, Deputy Director of Schools. Together with Fr Simon O'Connor and Deacon David Harrison, we celebrated with staff from all our partner primary schools, other chaplains, and Headteachers from other high schools. The homily focused on the encouragement to have courage and to take chances, whilst at the same time being prepared to be even more courageous and ask for help. Great advice for the start of the year and the ideal time to offer our prayers for God's blessing and accompaniment on the journey.

### LUCAS BRISCOE

We continue to pray for Lucas and for the comfort of his family and friends. Our Book of Condolence remains in the chapel for students to leave their memories and prayers during this sad time. Thank you to everyone who have offered their prayers and sympathies.

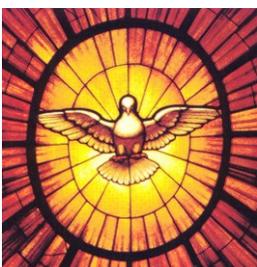
### ST JOSEPH'S CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St Joseph's Confirmation classes start at 6.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the parish centre. The preparation is for anyone in Year 9 or above. They already have number of names who will be taking part but new people are very welcome to come along to the first meeting. The Confirmation Mass will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Any questions, speak to Fr Simon at the parish or Mairie in school.

### ST LUKE'S MONTHLY YOUTH CLUB

SLYC, the youth club for young people in Year 6 and 7, resumes on Sunday 15th September, 4pm to 6pm. The group meets monthly in St. Luke's Parish Centre (Frodsham) for a mixture of games, spiritual activities, fun and friendship. All Year 7 pupils are welcome, and young people can also bring their friends from other schools. In our first session, as well as the activities, we will be planning our forthcoming outdoor pursuits trip. For more information please contact St Luke's direct via email at

[stlukeyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeyouthclub@gmail.com)



*Mairie Gelling,  
School Chaplain*



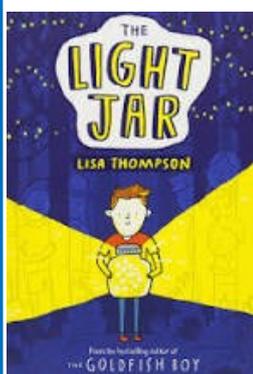
## LIBRARY NEWS

### Free books for Year 7!

All Year 7 students are to receive a free book each as a gift to welcome them to the library. Students will have the opportunity to explore a selection of books during their first library lesson. They will then be given the opportunity to order their favourite title to take home and keep, completely free of charge. Any students who would like a sneak preview of the books available can visit the Bookbuzz website at <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>



### Book of the week



#### The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson

“In the dead of night, Nate and his mum run away to a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. When his Mum heads off for food and doesn’t return, Nate is left alone and afraid with shadows closing in all around him.....”

This is another mystery/thriller by the acclaimed author of *Goldfish Boy*. Whilst sensitively tackling issues such as family breakdown and loneliness, *The Light Jar* is also a wonderful story of friendship, overcoming fears and finding the strength to step out from the dark, into the light.

### BORENO FUND RAISER

Year 12 students Nathan Stapleton and Ross Morrin are raising funds for their Boreno expedition next year. Please come along and support them at a Fashion Show on Friday 20th September at Owley Wood Club

in Weaverham. 7:30pm start with tickets

only £5! Come and bag yourself some

fashion bargains!



Period: 2.9.2019 - 6.9.2019

### Weekly attendance

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	99	100	99	100	98	98	100	99	99
Year 8	91	95	91	95	94	95	93	87	92
Year 9	97	97	99	97	100	100	93		98
Year 10	99	96	95	97	99	100	98		98
Year 11	100	99	100	97	95	99	100	99	99
Whole School									97

\*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

*“Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters.”*

## Duke of Edinburgh

Between 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Group did their final expedition in Snowdonia, Wales.

**Day 1:** The students met in Trefriw and walked around the lake Llyn Geirionydd. This day was particularly windy with even a tent breaking over night!

**Day 2:** The students walked through and around Dolwyddelan and climbed up two large mountain areas, including over Bwlch Y Rhediad to reach their camp and Llyn Gwynant which was a lovely camp set alongside the lake.

**Day 3:** The students walked up a pass between Snowdonia and Yraran and had spectacular scenery of waterfalls.

**Day 4:** An exhausted group walked to the finishing line in Bontnewydd, next to a fish and chip shop!

The students all showed determination and resilience and all passed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition section. They have also been working towards the other four sections. For Gold they also have to do a residential section where they spend 5 days and 4 nights with people they do not know. The students have been completing a range of challenges which include volunteering with the national trust in Scotland and partaking in a sailing school. Once all of their sections are completed they will be invited down to Buckingham Palace to get their award presented by a member of the royal family!



### Dates for your diary!



28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September: Bronze Duke of  
Edinburgh actual expedition

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Information evening for Bronze  
Duke of Edinburgh 2019 - 2020

ST NICHOLAS

# RIVER RUN 2019

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Cake donations for the cake stall please...  
home-baked or shop bought.



Contact Kay Melia for collection on

07905 997157

or drop off at the cake stall on the day.

Thank You

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