



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We began our school year, in September, with the gospel story of Peter stepping out the boat to move towards Jesus. This sign of courage and trust has been with us throughout our first term. The Gospel is full of people who take a chance on God.

These 'wise' travellers may well have been considered foolish, to be guilty, like Peter 30 years later, of daring greatly. They were prepared to stake reputation; to leave family; to risk the dangers of travel; to risk the hospitality of strangers. To follow more than a star and for more than two weeks - they arrive at the house, not at the stable and Mary has a child, not a baby. The Magi, prepared to put aside their expectation, wisdom and status - knelt at the feet of a child.

The passage, in Matthew's gospel, fills barely half a page yet has fired the imagination of artists, writers, poets as well as people of faith for two thousand years. This is the power of scripture, and why the Church has named this year 'God who Speaks – The Year of the Word'. This year, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have provided resources to encourage us to share in the treasure of scripture and we will be taking these opportunities in school. If you would like to have a look at the resources, they are available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

FOODBANK

Again, our thanks for your generous donations of food, toiletries and baby goods. We will be delivering the last of our hampers in the next few weeks to help with the new year provisions for those in need. If you have anything in your cupboards, with at least a month in date, and would like to donate, please send it in to the chapel and we will take it with us.



*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*



PTFA NEWS

PTFA AGM - ALL WELCOME

The AGM is Monday 13th January at 6.15pm in school; we will be appointing a new Treasurer and there is also a Chair role vacant. Please contact ptfa@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk if you are interested in finding out more about being a PTFA Trustee or if you would like further information. Also see additional notes on the various roles here: <https://st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk/ptfa/#1537464575668-36b0f4ff-1f96>

All are welcome at the meeting. We will also be discussing fundraising activities including a car boot sale planned for April 2020.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Extra-Curricular Rehearsals

13th January 2020-17th March 2020



	LUNCHTIME 1M	LUNCHTIME 2M	AFTER SCHOOL-4.15pm 1M/Assembly Hall
MONDAY	<u>Vocal Harmony</u>	Singformers	STAFF CHOIR
TUESDAY	Woodwind Ensemble (Clarinets/Flutes)		GCSE COMPOSITION/ PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY	String Ensemble	Flute Ensemble	CHOIR (3.15-5pm)
THURSDAY			GCSE COMPOSITION/ PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY	Jazz Band		ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the following pupils who took instrumental exams last term:

WILLIAM ADDERLEY	PIANO	02	Merit
GEORGE BAINBRIDGE	CLARINET	06	Distinction
ELLIE SHARMAN	CLARINET	01	Merit
JOE LARKIN	CLARINET	05	Pass
JAMES PILLING	CLARINET	04	Pass
KAYLEIGH THORN	FLUTE	02	Pass

Congratulations



Period: 16.12.19 - 20.12.19

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	95	96	95	96	91	92	97	94	95
Year 8	93	92	98	92	93	96	91	82	92
Year 9	89	96	97	92	97	94	96		94
Year 10	97	93	90	95	91	97	96		94
Year 11	93	94	92	87	83	94	96	94	92
Whole School	94	94	95	94	93	95	95	90	94

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."