



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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We are born to love,
we live to love, and
we will die to love
still more.



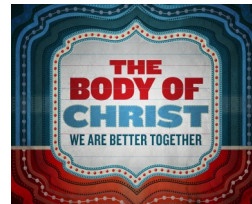
We were very pleased this week to celebrate our Mass for the start of the new school year. We were grateful to Fr Simon from St Joseph's and Fr Paul from St Wilfrid's for coming along and presiding at the Masses.

Our Masses give us one of the best opportunities to work together as a community. Whether it is the dedication of the site staff and technical team, or the gifts and talents of our readers, singers and musicians, each seemingly small element finds the perfect place in the celebration and I would like to thank everyone for playing their part.

Fittingly, our gospel for the Mass was the Parable of the Mustard Seed, which is found in three of the gospels. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest of seeds can grow into a formidable tree, given time. We have all begun the year with tiny seeds of potential within us and the blessing of God's grace. We look forward to growing together during this year.

Faith offers us mustard seeds of opportunities every day. For example, 'Am I going to love this person? Am I going to be kind to this person? Am I going to make that good choice?' It really is a daily thing where you seize those little mustard seed opportunities and then see what God does.

Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain



**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 3rd October 6pm - 8pm

- St Nicholas was the highest achieving school Sixth Form in Cheshire West & Chester in 2017
- Outstanding progression rates with 38% of students studying at Russell Group Universities
- 24 A Level subjects available
- Applications welcome from all students across Cheshire



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UPDATES FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Year 10:

Year 10 students will be studying two further texts this year, having read *Romeo and Juliet* during the summer term. These texts are *An Inspector Calls* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Students are encouraged to purchase their own copies of the texts to aid with revision and independent study; copies can be purchased from all good bookshops and online retailers.

Year 11:

With literature exams not far away, students are reminded of the importance of re-reading their set texts. All students should aim to have re-read *An Inspector Calls* by mid-October in order to refresh their memory of the plot and characters before the November mocks; they should then start re-reading *Dr Jekyll & Hyde* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

NOTICES

There is a Student Council Meeting next Thursday at lunchtime in B7. Speak to Mrs Pardoe & Miss Roberts for more details.

If your child rides a bike to school can you please encourage them to wear a helmet for their own safety!



Thank you for your patience this week regarding the school website and our Frog home learning platform.

All issues have now been resolved and our new school website is up and running. We would welcome any comments or suggestions regarding our new website. Please email website@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

Mr Richard Woods

Period: 10.9.2018 - 14.9.2018

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."

Physical Education Department

Extra Curricular Timetable

	<u>Lunch time activities</u> 12.35 - 1.15pm	<u>After School Girls</u> 3.20 - 4.20pm	<u>After School Boys</u> 3.20 - 4.20pm
Monday		STAFF MEETING	STAFF MEETING
Tuesday	Year 7 Interform	Netball Fixtures/Practice All Years	Football Fixtures Key Stage 3&4
Wednesday	Year 8 Interform	Netball Fixtures/Practice All Years	KS3 Practice (Possible Cup Fixtures) 6th Form Fixtures
Thursday	Year 9 Interform	Hockey Practice/Fixtures All Years + Sixth Form	Football Fixtures Key Stage 3&4
Friday	Year 10 + 11 Interform	Football Practice All years Running Club	Running Club All Staff and students welcome

The Year 7 and 8 football team both played against Leftwich in the league.

Year 7 won 4-2.

Year 8 won 4-3.

Girls fixtures next week:

Tuesday 25th - Year 8, 9 and 10 Netball v Middlewich & Hartford (Away) at Hartford HS.

Wednesday 26th - U18 Netball v The Grange 2pm - 3pm.

Wednesday 26th - Year 7 Netball Friendly triangular @ The Grange (5pm pick up at the The Grange) .

We are always delighted to welcome new people to our meetings and were thrilled when three new parents were able to join us on Monday. Our next meeting is our AGM taking place on **Tuesday 6th November** from 6.15 pm in school. Please come along and join us.



Lots of Year 7 families have already signed up for our fun **New Families Quiz** taking place next Thursday (27th September) from 6.30 pm. This is an evening to welcome in our new Year 7's and their families. The quiz is run in part by our Year 8 students and supported by 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, email [**kim@copley.co.uk**](mailto:kim@copley.co.uk) to confirm your attendance, family name and number of attendees.



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**](mailto:lisaandlenny@hotmail.com) – single stalls are £20, double £30. **OVER 30 STALLS ALREADY BOOKED AND IT'S ONLY SEPTEMBER!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.**



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.

The position of Chair will become vacant at our AGM when the current Chair steps down after four years. ***Without a Chair the PTFA will be unable to continue as the Chair is also a Trustee of the charity.*** If you would be interested in learning more about this rewarding position (description on the PTFA section of the web site) please contact the current Chair, Kim Griffiths, [**kim@copley.co.uk**](mailto:kim@copley.co.uk). Kim will support the new Chair whilst they settle into the position.

Matched Funding

Your PTFA works really hard to raise additional funds to support our childrens' educational needs in school. It would make an ENORMOUS difference to our fund-raising capabilities with the assistance of parents who are able to obtain MATCHED FUNDING through their employers. Your involvement can be as much or as little as you want, once a year or to suit your availability. Please contact [**kim@copley.co.uk**](mailto:kim@copley.co.uk) if you might be able to help.