



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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MacMillan Bake off Success!

On Friday 29th September, the staff and sixth form students showed off their amazing culinary and engineering talents in a joint Bake Off competition in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

This is a treasured annual event for staff, organised superbly by Steph Hornsby in RE and Kate McMahon of the Art Department, but it was the first time the sixth formers had been involved - it's safe to say they rose to the challenge, creating a range of tasty delights to complement their sartorial style on Charities Day where students pay for the privilege of wearing fancy dress, with proceeds going to the "Make a Wish" Foundation.

The "Theme of the Week" at St Nicholas was "serving others" - the bakes offered fantastic service to everyone at the end of a hard working week, and staff and students were thrilled to have joined forces for such a great cause, raising money for Macmillans. creative!"



Welcoming St Wilfrid's School Leaders!

We are very proud of our links with our primary schools. We believe it is very important to share as much as we can together so that we can become a supportive and successful community. Last week we were very pleased to welcome the Year 6 School Leaders from St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School for the day. They had come to spend some time with me and their new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs McEniff, exploring and reflecting on the skills they would need in their role as School Leaders. One of the most important skills, we decided, was the ability to listen to each other especially when trying to deal with a 'gravity defying' bamboo pole! By listening we were able to hear the one quiet suggestion that led to success.

Sometimes when we think we know the answer, we are so busy shouting out that we don't listen to the other voices who may know more than we do. Jesus always makes time to stop and listen to people who need his help and encourages people to listen to him. Sometimes that means being really quiet so that we can hear the one quiet voice that gives us the best advice possible.

School Leaders of St Wilfrid's certainly learnt a lot about listening on their retreat day and I am sure that they will be a really excellent support for their school in the year ahead.

God Bless

Mairie Gelling

School Chaplain



MP Visit with the Student Council

On Tuesday 3rd of October, St. Nicholas Catholic High School were pleased to welcome the MP for Weaver Vale, Mike Amesbury to the school. Mike joined the Student Council for a Question and Answer session. As a student body, we prepared the questions and tackled a wide range of topics, such as:

- What does Labour mean to you?
- What inspired you to be an MP?
- How does your party support the LGBTQ+ community?
- If education is a right, then why are tuition fees compulsory?

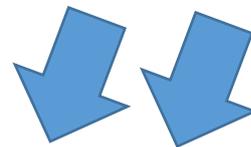
Mike gave us some great answers; it was clear that he was passionate about being an MP and took our concerns seriously. He spoke about supporting Young People and transport as fare costs was raised as a big concern for young people in the area.

It was an amazing opportunity to get an insight into the life of an MP and the important work that he does.

Huge congratulations to form groups below who have achieved over 97% attendance this week. Keep it up!



Weekly attendance update



	Bernadette	Camara	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward
Year 7	99.62%	98.97%	96.20%	98.57%	99.29%	95.18%	100%	N/A
Year 8	97.67%	96.33%	99.67%	98.62%	97%	98.62%	93.44%	N/A
Year 9	88.52%	95.93%	95.86%	92.33%	88.67%	97.24%	95.17%	97.24%
Year 10	97.41%	96.43%	97.04%	91.03%	90.34%	97%	89.31%	97.60%
Year 11	97.31%	97.31%	92.67%	97.83%	90.38%	99.23%	93.46%	94.23%
Whole School	96.81%	97%	96.28%	95.54%	93.15%	97.43%	94.26%	96.38%

Parent Focus Group

Building upon the success of our first parent Focus Group during the summer term, we are looking to run half termly meetings looking at a variety of topics suggested through your feedback from Parent's Evening and other forums. Our first discussion this year will focus on 'Assessment' and will take place on **Thursday 12th October at 6pm**. If you are able to attend, then please let us know via an email to admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

DON'T MISS OUT!

Road Safety Update

At the most recent road safety meeting it was agreed that there will be a 'Keep Clear' sign painted on the road to help buses arrive safely in the morning. Double yellow lines are also due to be painted on the road on Greenbank lane during half term so please don't get caught with a ticket!



PTFA are on Facebook!

Want to keep more up to date with our PTFA events?

Like our page!

www.facebook.com/stnicksptfa

A quick and easy way for the PTFA to communicate with everyone. Take a look!

St Nicholas Sixth Former Jessica Leigh gives us an insight into her outstanding contributions to Youth Parliament!

"I am passionate about getting young people involved and inspired, and for them to be able to take advantage of all the opportunities that life throws at them.

I have been involved with youth parliament for about two years now and it has been for me to have some of the most amazing opportunities I could have ever experienced. As the Member of Youth Parliament for Cheshire West and Chester I am lucky enough to work with young people across the county to engage them in youth parliament and represent them on a national scale.

Every year nationwide Youth Parliament run a ballot paper called Make Your Mark, giving young people the chance to have their say in political affairs. For St Nicholas' last year, the top issue raised was mental health and throughout the course of the year, Youth Parliament have tried to combat this. It is running again this year and over the CWAC area we are aiming to engage 10,000 young people to vote – I am always up for a challenge!"

Well done Jessica!!

What's going on?

Hungry?

With effect from the 2nd of October, our wonderful catering team are running a cooked breakfast between 9am-11am for our Sixth Formers. Only £1.85 for a full breakfast!



No more old money!

Please note that with effect from Friday the 13th of October, our re-valve machines will no longer accept the following:

Old £1 coins, old £5 notes and old £10 notes



SPORTS

Tuesday 10th October

- U15 Hockey – District Tournament at the Grange
- Boys 7, 8 and 10 Football v Hartford (H)

Wednesday 11th October

- Year 11 Boys Cheshire Cup v Congleton (A)
- U14 Girls Football Cheshire Cup v Congleton (A)
- Friendly Netball Tournament at the Grange

Thursday 12th October

- Hockey 2x U13 at Weaverham High School
- Year 9 & 11 Boys Football v Hartford (H)



Harriet Bailes one of our Sixth Formers is down to the final 70 in the country to be selected for the Sutton Trust America Programme! Here she tells us why she wants to apply to the US.

'My decision to apply to US Universities came about as I was fascinated by the prospect of a liberal arts curriculum; the freedom to take multiple classes in different subject areas and not have to declare my major till the end of sophomore (second) year will allow me to not be confined to explore just one subject. The Sutton Trust US Programme made this seem possible and the application process to get onto the programme was extremely competitive: I am one of 150 out of the 1000+ that applied. The final phase of this process were very demanding and required an enormous amount of the work to be able to stay on the programme (as there is now less than 80 of us left), but the programme itself has equipped me with all the right tools necessary to be able to apply and I genuinely cannot wait to see where the journey takes me!'

We are all wishing Harriet the best of luck and we will keep you informed on her progress!