



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Be the Change

Our first week back after half-term has certainly been an inspiring one. The Sunday gospel reading for last Sunday included the challenge 'But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,' (Luke 6:27), an instruction that is certainly counter-cultural and demands a willingness to do something that we might find difficult. With our focus for the week being 'Be the Change', it certainly gave us several things to consider over the week.



We continued with our Form Saint Assemblies and remembered the inspirational lives of Mother Teresa, St John Paul II and St Margaret Ward. Each one of them had been challenged by authority and had responded with love. You may remember that St John Paul II survived an assassination attempt in 1981 and went on to meet with and publicly forgive his assailant, a true example of the gospel in action. All our patron saints are people who have 'been the change' in their communities and across the world. We hope that their inspiration will lead us to do the same, even, as Mother Teresa is often quoted as saying, in the 'little things'.

We were very pleased to welcome Year 3 students from St Vincent's, who came to spend a retreat day thinking about their preparation for Reconciliation. We thought about how small gestures can change an individual and a community and how Jesus gave us the example of his interaction with Zacchaeus, a man whose heart was changed through love. We hope that they will find their lives blessed and changed by the sacrament when they come to receive it.



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This is also the first week of Fairtrade fortnight. Students reflected on 'The story of Chocolate – unwrapping the bar' <https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/resource/the-story-of-chocolate-unwrapping-the-bar/> which showed that, by making the change to buying 'Fairtrade' chocolate, we can help raise farmers and their families out of severe poverty. The film is just ten minutes long and well worth a watch.

As we begin the journey toward Lent, we hope that you will be able to join us at 5.00pm on Sunday 10th March, when we will celebrate our Community Mass at St Luke's RC Church in Frodsham.

*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*





INSPECTION TEAM VISIT



As you were aware, an Inspection Team from Ofsted visited St Nicholas on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They involved themselves in many aspects of school life and spent their time visiting numerous lessons, speaking with students at break, lunchtime and within classes, looking through student books and folders, speaking with teachers, support staff, Year Leaders, Learning Mentors, Subject Leaders, and Senior Leaders alongside school governors, Local Authority Officers and representatives from the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

As always, the students here at St Nicholas were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school community and our visitors commented upon how our Catholic ethos is clearly evident in all that we do.

The team are now collating and writing their report which I will of course share with you when I receive a copy here at school.

Rich Wood

Sports Timetable

Day	Date		Fixture / Practice	Venue	Start Time	Pick up
Mon	4 th Mar		Staff Meeting			
		Mixed	Total Sport Club	Home	3.30pm	4.30pm
Tues	5 th Mar	Boys	Year 9 Basketball v Hartford	Away	3.15pm	5.15pm
		Girls	Year 9 Netball Tournament @ The Grange	Away	3.15pm	5.00pm
Wed	6 th Mar	Girls	U15 Girls Indoor Cricket Tournament	Home	3.15pm	5.15pm
Thurs	7 th Mar		Staff Twilight Meeting			
Fri	8 th Mar	All	Run Club	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
		Girls	Year 7 & 8 Indoor Football v Winsford	Home	3.15pm	4.45pm
		Boys	Year 7 Football v Hartford	Away	3.15pm	4.45pm

Period: 11.2.19 - 15.2.19

Weekly attendance update

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

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."



ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME TO BORNEO



Cerys May is travelling to Borneo on a 19-day expedition. She will be travelling with teachers and pupils from St Nicholas Catholic High School next year.

"I am excited," said Cerys, "The whole experience will be out of my comfort zone and it's just an experience I may never get offered to do again."

Cerys has to find £3,750 to pay for her fare, insurance, accommodation, food, activities and make a charitable donation towards the tribes they will be staying with. More than £700 was raised from a fun quiz her parents hosted at her former school, Wincham Community Primary School.

"So far I have raised over £2,500 which is just incredible," said Cerys. "And that's happened by me working, running events and through people's generous donations.

"The quiz went amazingly, 81 people came. It was such a fun night and we had some great feedback."

The teenager is looking forward to taking part in charity work whilst she explores Borneo, the largest island in the world, politically divided among three countries: Malaysia and Brunei in the north, and Indonesia to the south.

"We will be either helping local tribes with building things, teaching in local schools or cleaning litter out of the sea," she said.

"I'm a massive fan of learning about new cultures and ways of life so I think I am going to find the whole experience just incredible but also challenging.

"I love travelling and exploring new places. I definitely think I'll do some travelling during my uni days.

"I am a little scared of spiders but hopefully the trip will help me overcome that. I really can't wait to see the monkeys though, that's going to be amazing."

The pupils have been offered other exciting activities including climbing the highest mountain or trekking through the rainforest.

<https://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/17457320.teenager-prepares-for-adventure-of-a-lifetime-to-borneo/>

PTFA NEWS



There's a new event planned for the school calendar - the PTFA are going to be putting on a Festival of Running in September called St Nicholas River Run. More details to follow but this should be a fantastic opportunity for parents and young people alike to get their trainers on and get involved with the 2km fun run, the 5km event, or for the keen amongst you, a 10km trail run.

Watch out for more information on this.

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WINE TASTING EVENING

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Our Wine Tasting Evening is on Friday 17th May, details on how to purchase tickets to follow soon.

Please come to the next PTFA meeting Tuesday 12th March at 6.15pm. At this meeting, we will be looking at the strengths of the team, how we run PTFA so more can be involved, and welcoming new members - particularly those who are Year 7 parents. We would like to share out the work and decide who would like to what in the coming months. Our meeting is just an hour and we appreciate the effort involved in people coming into school. The funds raised by the PTFA do improve our children's school experience. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to get involved, meet other parents, make new friends and connections, or if you can help out on social occasions, then please email Lisa Davies, the Treasurer at lisaandlenny@hotmail.com or call 07551009783.

If you have any ideas for an event that could be organised to raise funds for the school, please let us know.