



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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LENT

The season of
Lent is a
blessing.

– Mari-Anna Stälhacke

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*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*

Our Lenten journey in school pauses at the end of this week and is highlighted with the celebration of our Whole School Mass. It is always a real community event with all members of the school coming together to organise and celebrate. As ever, the choir and musicians, including staff, led us into a time of prayerful reflection and joyful celebration. Our Readers, Altar Servers and Offertory Team, came from our Growing In Faith Together members and Anne Frank Ambassadors, as well as our lunchtime Drama and Music club. We thank Fr Simon O'Connor and Fr Paul Standish for being with us to celebrate our Masses and continuing our links with our parishes.

Thanks also to all the teaching and support staff who bring everything together so wonderfully.

During the Offertory we brought a Cross which has been painted by our lunchtime Art Club. It is based on the Romero Cross and is a testimony to the canonisation of St Oscar Romero. I will offer a more detailed description once the Cross is in situ.

The gospel for last Sunday tells the parable of the Fig tree which does not bear fruit. It can seem a very threatening parable until we think of the gardener who promises to tend the tree until fruit appears. We see Jesus as the gardener who will care for us in all our stages and experiences of life.

CARITAS, the charity that we are supporting this year, is made up of people from the community supporting and seeing the best in each other. Our charity events will continue, after the holidays, up until the end of April. Thank you for all your contributions so far to support the work of CARITAS.

SHREWSBURY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The brochure and details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have been sent out by Parentpay and are available as hard copies in school. If your child would like to be part of this year's pilgrimage, please follow the guidance on the Parentpay letter. Volunteers do have to complete additional forms and attend training and formative sessions so we do need to have booking forms returned by **18th April 2019**.

This is for students in Year 11 and Sixth Form who will help support our sick pilgrims during their time in Lourdes. The dates of the pilgrimage are 25th July to 2nd August 2019. Students must be at least 16 years of age on the date of departure.

If you would like more information please contact me:

m.gelling@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk.

Blessing for Lent

The purpose of Lent is to draw us closer to Jesus.

When we let go of outer things, we will have more space for God.

The less distractions, the more real life.

The season of Lent is a blessing.

TICKET

25% OFF STUDENT SEASON TICKETS WITH LONDON NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY

TICKET

Student Season Tickets are available for either the full summer term (15th April to 31st July), or a half term for those taking exams (15th April to 14th June) and also allow travel on evenings, weekends and holidays. Our 25% discount is brand new and will represent a significant saving for those who use the railway for school travel each day.

The offer can be redeemed via www.lnr.co.uk/students – you simply need select your destination and origin stations and the discount is automatically calculated as part of the price.

Any queries on tickets, orders or replacements can be directed to businesstravel@greateranglia.co.uk

THE GREATER THE ATTENDANCE, THE GREATER THE ACHIEVEMENT!

Research suggests that **17 missed school days a year** = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement.

- Going to school regularly is important for your future.
- If you miss school frequently, you can fall behind with your learning and your examinations will be more difficult.
- Good attendance shows potential employers that you are reliable.
- Improved performance in coursework tasks.
- Enhanced performance in examinations.
- Continuity of relationships and friendships.
- Good references for further education or employment.
- Good habits are formed for later life, for example in the workplace.
- It is illegal to miss school with no valid reason, persistent absence could lead to prosecution and a fine.



Period: 18.3.19 - 22.3.19

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	98	96	96	99	99	98	98	98	98
Year 8	89	98	99	99	99	96	95		89
Year 9	98	97	99	98	93	98	93		98
Year 10	99	98	98	99	97	96	98	98	99
Year 11	98	97	96	97	95	98	98	95	96
Whole School	96	97	98	99	97	97	96	98	96

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

TECHNOLOGY NEWS



This term the Technology Department has had two trips out; one to the Land Rover factory and another to the Grange Theatre.

On the 5th March 30 Year 10 students and 2 Year 13 students went to the Land Rover factory. Here the students could put into practice some of the concepts they have learnt about, for example Just in Time and Continuous Improvement. We were able to watch how in less than two days, a piece of metal can be formed into a car which is sent around the world. It was a fascinating and interesting day which cumulated in a talk about some of the fantastic apprenticeships they offer. For more information go to: <https://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/go/Advanced-Apprentice-Programme/3202501/>

On the 27th March 2019, the Food Technology department was pleased to be invited to attend a talk by the chef (and co-owner) of Snugburys ice cream company (of Nantwich) at the Grange Theatre. Here, the students learnt how ice cream is made and how new products are developed. It was a fantastic talk and was helped by tasting some of their fantastic honeycomb ice cream! We would like to thank the Grange school for inviting us to this fantastic opportunity.



KEEP AN EYE OUT...Next term we will be sending out letters regarding the Year 9 Rotary Club Master Chef competition. This is a national competition which St Nicholas Catholic High school has a strong reputation in!



Sports

Day	Date		Fixture / Practice	Venue	Start Time	Pick up
Mon	15 th Apr		Department Meeting			
Tue	16 th Apr					
Wed	17 th Apr	All Years	Athletics Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Thurs	18 th Apr	Year 11	GCSE Practical Moderation	Home	9am	1pm
Fri	19 th Apr		GOOD Friday			

YEAR 8 RUGBY SUCCESS

Our first game of the season against Hartford High wasn't a very challenging match with St Nicholas winning 70-5. Will Devenney scoring 4 of our tries on his birthday! This couldn't have been possible without the brilliant support play coming from the whole team consistently throughout the match. In defence, we were solid with big tackles being made especially when Luis O'Sullivan tackled their biggest player stopping a certain try in the corner.

Ben Lilley (8K)



ST NICHOLAS RUGBY RESULTS

Year 7 - St Nicholas 25-25 Weaverham

Year 8 - St Nicholas 20-25 Weaverham



PTFA NEWS

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Annual Wine Tasting Evening on Friday 17th May at 7.30 pm**. Entrance, including generous sharing platters, tasting of a minimum of 8 quality wines, fun quiz, an opportunity to buy wine on the night and to place orders *and* fantastic company, is **just £18 per person**. Tickets are available via Parentpay and limited to a **maximum number of 80**.

Get yours now before they disappear!

Those outside the school community with no access to Parentpay can use Eventbrite - please see the PTFA Facebook page for more details.



DATE ANNOUNCED FOR THE ST NICHOLAS RIVER
RUN:



SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER!

The winners of the T-shirt design competition are Charlotte Mullett, Scarlett Stapleton and Molly Pritchard-Yates. All three provided designs, the elements of which will be combined to make the final T-shirt design for the St Nicholas River Run. The girls have won a trip to the cinema.

Please save the date! This will be a fantastic opportunity for parents and young people alike to get their trainers on and get involved with a running festival put on by the PTFA. There will be a 2km fun run, the 5km event, or for the keen amongst you, a 10km trail run. We are looking for sponsorship and prizes so please contact school and ask for offers to be passed to the PTFA.

Our next meeting will be on the **29th April at 6.15pm** in school. The 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 this 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 **07551 009783**.

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