



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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EASTER SEASON

We wish you all the blessings of the Easter season. In the Church calendar, this lasts all the way to Pentecost in early June and gives us the opportunity to consider our relationship with the Risen Christ.

This week's gospel readings are accounts of the various encounters with Mary Magdalen, the travellers on their way to Emmaus, the disciples and 'doubting' Thomas. It is very heartening that Jesus makes this time to renew his friendships and to make new ones. In the Risen Christ we find a companion for life.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019-20

One of the ways our young people can consider and deepen their relationship with Jesus is through the preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this Diocese, young people are Confirmed around Year 8 or 9, though people can be confirmed at any time in their faith life. If your child is in Year 8 and above and would like to be Confirmed, please look for details in the parish newsletters or contact your parish priest. Preparation does take place in parishes these days and not in school though I am happy to help with any questions students may have.

CARITAS

This is our last week of fundraising for CARITAS. Thank you for all your contributions so far to support the work of CARITAS. I will let you have the total amount collected in next week's newsletter. One of our events involved the St Margaret Ward forms having breakfast together: community in action.

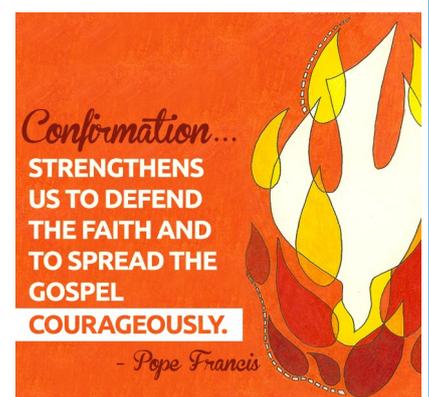
JESUS AT THE CENTRE

"Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the centre of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him in all things and above all things. With him, we will rise again."



*Pope Francis – Easter Homily
2019*

*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: SUMMER SPORTS

	<u>LUNCHTIME</u>	<u>AFTER-SCHOOL</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	N/A	STAFF MEETINGS
<u>TUESDAY</u>	YEAR 7 FOOTBALL (FIELD) YEAR 7 TENNIS (COURTS)	ALL YEARS ATHLETICS KS4 TENNIS
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	YEAR 8 FOOTBALL (FIELD) YEAR 8 TENNIS (COURTS)	GCSE & A LEVEL REVISION ALL YEARS CRICKET
<u>THURSDAY</u>	YEAR 9 FOOTBALL (FIELD) YEAR 9 TENNIS (COURTS)	ALL YEARS ROUNDERS KS3 TENNIS
<u>FRIDAY</u>	YEAR 10 FOOTBALL (FIELD) YEAR 10 TENNIS (COURTS)	ALL YEARS RUN CLUB YEAR 7 TENNIS

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE LEADS TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET JEREMY CORBYN

After completing an amazing two weeks of work experience with the local MP Mike Amesbury, I was informed by his constituency office that Jeremy Corbyn was visiting Winsford. With school's approval I spent my morning with the local Labour party in Winsford, knocking on doors and delivering leaflets. Despite the large, overwhelming national issues that dominate every headline and discussion, I learnt that in reality politics is actually about helping real people, with real issues. Politics is about being the helping hand allowing people to lead better and more fulfilling lives.

After a morning canvassing, we assembled in the Red Lion where we spoke and discussed the quickly approaching local elections. It was here where I had a fantastic opportunity to speak to Mike Amesbury again and catch up with other people I had met through work experience. Then the room suddenly grew silent, as Jeremy Corbyn entered the stage. With a cheer from his supporters he proceeded with a passionate speech outlining the new policies Labour Councils would implement and what they would mean for local people. This was an incredibly inspiring moment, and a dream come true for me.

I am very grateful for this amazing opportunity, which completely inspired me to get more involved in local politics and activism. Subsequent to this event, I have been invited to a fundraising meal with the Shadow Secretary for Education Angela Rayner to hear first-hand her opinions on education and teachers' rights. I cannot thank the school enough for allowing me this opportunity through work experience.



Joshua Freestone - 12 Bernadette

Period: 15.4.19 - 19.4.19

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	98	96	96	100	99	94	100	99	98
Year 8	94	98	99	96	99	94	98		94
Year 9	98	98	100	100	93	98	97		98
Year 10	94	97	98	96	96	99	100	99	97
Year 11	97	100	100	95	99	98	95	98	97
Whole School	96	97	98	98	97	96	98	99	97

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

MUSIC NEWS

Huge congratulations to Eleanor Corker, Year 11 who won 1st prize in Sandbach Young Musician of the Year award last weekend.

Congratulations to all those who took exams last term:-

Grade 5 Theory

George Bainbridge - Distinction Will Roberts - Distinction Ryan Saputil - Distinction

Charlie Potts - Distinction Matt Tarry - Merit Sam Chadwick - Merit

Eve Gavin - Merit

INSTRUMENTAL EXAMS

OWI BALL	CLARINET	Grade 4	Pass
EVE GAVIN	ALTO SAXOPHONE	Grade 5	Merit
LILY KNIGHT	CLARINET	Grade 4	Pass
WILF MORLIDGE	PIANO	Grade 1	Merit
LYDIA RISLEY	CLARINET	Grade 3	Pass
WILL ROBERTS	FLUTE	Grade 5	Pass
KAYLEIGH THORN	FLUTE	Grade 1	Pass
TOM TRAWICKI	ALTO SAXOPHONE	Grade 4	Pass
NADZIEJA KOLODZIESKI	CLASSICAL GUITAR	Grade 4	Merit



REHEARSALS NEXT WEEK

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL 1M/Assembly Hall
MONDAY	SINGFORMERS Ukulele Club	
TUESDAY	Flute Ensemble	GCSE revision
WEDNESDAY	String Ensemble GCSE vocal ensemble	<i>A Level composition</i> <i>recording 3.15-5pm</i> DRUM SHED
THURSDAY	Vocal Harmony	
FRIDAY	Jazz Band Keyboard Club	Concert Band



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.



Are you an employee of MBNA or do you know someone who is?

MBNA are offering grants for schools under the MBNA Inspiring Education Programme. The grants are up to the value of £8,000 over a year for new or extended extra-curricular activities. Please get in touch if you can access this grant. You don't need to be a parent of a pupil at the school but you do need to nominate the school. This sort of funding makes a real difference to the students of St Nicholas.

Please contact: PTFA@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk.

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.

YEAR 11 PROM

Year 11 are looking forward to their Leavers Prom at Vale Royal Abbey. Every year, the venue is decorated for this special event by parents. If you have a pupil in Year 11, please will you volunteer an hour or two to help with setting up the event during the day? We will be decorating tables, putting up fairy lights, bunting and balloons.

Please contact school to offer your assistance. Reception will pass your details on to the PTFA organising team.