



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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YEAR 11 MASS OF CELEBRATION

It was lovely to welcome the students and families of Year 11 to our Mass on Tuesday. It truly seems no time at all since we were celebrating the beginning of their school life in St Nicholas'. Five years later, it is with great pride that we celebrate how far they have already come and the endless possibilities that lie before them beginning, of course, with the season of exams that begin next week.

In our homily, Fr Simon encouraged the students to have the courage to live a life filled with acts of justice and compassion in the belief that they can, and will, build a better world. He reflected that we are not promised our tomorrows nor limited by our past. You may have seen the recent Pilgrimage programme when Pope Francis met with the celebrities who had crossed the mountains to Rome. He said to them that each and every life is a pilgrimage and that the times when we pause are as holy as the times that we travel. It is important to see God in the everyday and to make those moments of reflection as valued as the moments of activity. Hopefully our Year 11 and Year 13 students will be able to find the right balance over the next few weeks.

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. Students from St Mary's and St John Vianney parishes have been visited by their parish deacon and catechists already.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS TAKING EXAMS

The beginning of May reminds us that the exam season is on the way. We remember all our students at this time and invite you to pray for them as they face this important milestone in their school lives. Year 13 will be having their Celebration Mass next week to bless them in their studies and their future.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Father of Light and Wisdom, thank you for giving our students a knowing mind and a loving heart.

Help them to keep learning every day -- no matter what the subject may be -

and help them know how to find you and love you in all the things you have made.

Encourage them when the studies are difficult and when they are tempted by distractions.

Enlighten them when thoughts come slowly and help them to grasp all they need to know.

Bless them with concentration, calm and determination to persevere.

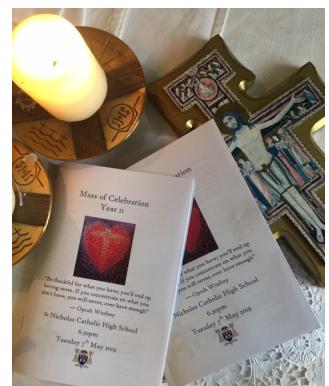
Grant them the grace to put their knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth,

Acknowledging the dignity and value of all and protecting those in need.

Amen.



*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Charlie Potts, Year 12, who auditioned for one of 34 places to play with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales at the Proms in London in September. An amazing opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra, well done Charlie!



REHEARSALS, CLUBS AND REVISION SESSIONS NEXT WEEK:

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL 1M/Assembly Hall
MONDAY	Ukulele Club	
TUESDAY	Flute Ensemble	Year 11 GCSE Revision
WEDNESDAY	String Ensemble GCSE vocal ensemble	CHOIR 3.15-5pm DRUM SHED
THURSDAY	Vocal Harmony	Year 10 GCSE Rehearsal/ Composition
FRIDAY	Jazz Band Keyboard Club	Concert Band



Period: 29.4.19 - 3.5.19

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	97	94	97	96	98	98	98	93	95
Year 8	92	100	100	98	95	100	96		92
Year 9	96	99	100	97	94	99	97		96
Year 10	96	98	96	96	94	97	97	96	96
Year 11	90	97	94	97	98	95	95	94	92
Whole School	95	98	98	97	95	98	97	96	95

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

PTFA NEWS



Friday, 17th May 2019

Our Annual Wine Tasting Evening is next week 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, to place orders and enjoy fantastic company, is just £18 per person. There are some tickets left and they are available via [Parentpay](#).

Those outside the school community with no access to Parentpay can use Eventbrite - Please see the PTFA Facebook page for more details. We look forward to seeing you there.



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

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.