



# SCHOOL NEWS

## ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Issue 3

### St Nicholas' Hosts Diocesan Mini-DASH

Each term, students from High Schools across the Diocese come together with Chaplains and RE staff to reflect on contemporary aspects of their faith. It is a really valuable opportunity for students from across the diocese to share their faith experience and to learn from each other. In October, our students were welcome ambassadors to over seventy other students and staff who gathered here at St Nicholas'.

Our theme for the day continued Bishop Mark's dedicated Year of Mission. The students considered the life of St Paul and reflected on how each of us are challenged to change our lives as we live out the mission that God has for each of us. Various workshops were delivered on a range of topics included seeing ourselves through God's eyes and then seeing the world as it is meant to be. Our school already has great examples of faith in our Form saints and as a group we looked at what the saints stood for and selected some of their most famous quotes to inspire us. For example, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

After the workshops, the students shared what they had learnt with each other and then presented their ideas to the headteachers from the various school. All were inspired to a great sense of mission to make the most of what we have and to use what we have to serve others. God Bless

Mairie Gelling

School Chaplain



### Thanks to Sonja Bernhard from the University of Manchester.

**Where do our graduates work?**

- **Retail Management:** Aldi, House of Fraser, M & S, Majestic Wine, Next, Sainsbury's
- **Finance and Management:** Accenture, American Express, Bloomberg, Deloitte, KPMG, PwC, Lloyds Bank
- **FMCGs:** L'Oreal, Mars, P & G, Unilever
- **Health:** NHS, Bupa, Cancer Research UK
- **Hospitality, Sport and Leisure:** TUI Travel, Manchester City Football Club, Clifton Hotel Group, Ski Olympic
- **HR, Recruitment and Training:** NHS, Michael Page, Reed
- **IT/Consultancy:** Accenture, Amazon, Google, IBM, Microsoft
- **Research consultancies and think tanks:** New Economy, Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, Kwest Research, Capita

Source: UoM Career Service

**Where do our graduates work?**

- **Media organisations:** The Guardian, ITV, BBC, Independent production companies
- **Creative Industries:** Advertising, Marketing and PR, Communications Agencies, Universal Music Group
- **Public sector employers:** Local government/councils, Central Government Departments, European Parliament, Housing Associations
- **Cultural heritage sector:** Museums and Galleries, Theatres, English Heritage, Arts Council, Auction House
- **Education:** Schools, Colleges, British Council, Universities, The Tutor Trust
- **Charities:** Oxfam, After Adoption, Shelter, The Children's Society
- **Law:** Clifford Chance, Eversheds, Hogan Lovells

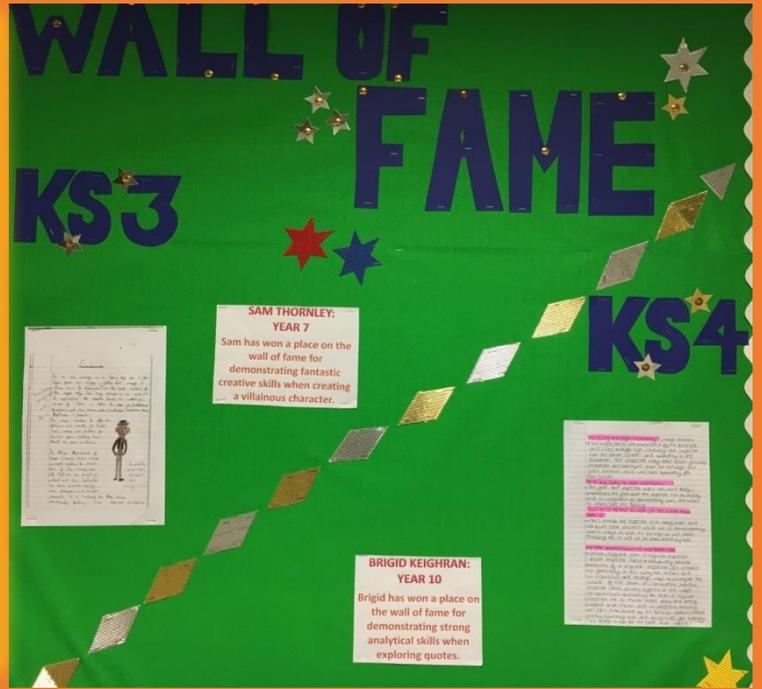
Source: UoM Career Service

On Tuesday 26th September we welcomed Sonja Bernhard from the faculty of Modern Foreign Languages who came to St. Nicholas' to talk to our GCSE French and Spanish students about studying languages and pursuing careers in languages. Sonja inspired our students to think about continuing their language studies to A level and beyond and talked about the opportunities that are available to them. She also discussed how the study of languages improves both students' self-confidence and knowledge of the world. Above are some of the career paths some of her graduates at Manchester University have taken.

***"One language sets you in a corridor for life. A second language opens every door along the way" – Frank Smith***

# Congratulations

**Brigid Keighran, Year 10, and Sam Thornley, Year 7, whose excellent work made it onto the English Department's Hall Of Fame this week.**



## Weekly attendance update

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



	Bernadette	Camara	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent De Paul	Ward
<b>Year 7</b>	99.62%	98.62%	98.62%	93.57%	97.86%	97.93%	97.86%	N/A
<b>Year 8</b>	92.67%	95.33%	98.67%	96.56%	94.67%	95.52%	86.21%	N/A
<b>Year 9</b>	91.93%	98.52%	96.55%	92.67%	93.33%	96.56%	93.79%	98.62%
<b>Year 10</b>	98.52%	96.79%	95.93%	94.14%	98.97%	98%	95.87%	96.80%
<b>Year 11</b>	91.15%	95%	92.33%	96.09%	90.38%	97.31%	95.39%	95%
<b>Whole School</b>	94.74%	96.87%	96.41%	94.53%	95.10%	97.06%	93.76%	96.88%

# ROUND 5 FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

- Year 7 won 7-2
- Year 8 Lost 4-1
- Year 9 Lost 2-1
- Year 10 won 6-0
- Year 11 away win. Hartford couldn't field team.

## English schools football results

- Year 7 V Manchester won 1-0
- Year 12/13 V Birchwood won 1-0

## Cheshire Cup football results

- Year 11 V Congleton won 4-2
- Year 10 V Ruskin High won 9-0
- Girls U13 County Cup V Congleton Lost 6-2

## The girls had a great time!!!

### Year 7 Netball Results v Middlewich



Year 7 girls had a successful trip to Middlewich with the following results:

- Team A - Won 6-4
- Team B - Won 4-2
- Team C - Lost 1-0
- Team D - Won 4-1

## What's going on?

# SPORTS

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

- Student Council trip to London (Years 8-11) departs, returning Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 7 Welcome Mass 6pm

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- Student Council Meeting 12.30 – 1pm

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 7 Information Evening for Parents 5pm – meet your child's Form Tutor.
- 5:45pm Year 7 Residential Information.



### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

- Netball 8 & 10 Triangular V'S HHS & CHSL (A) HHS
- Hockey Yr9 (A) Hartford
- Boys 7, 8 & 10 Football v Leftwich (H)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- SSCO Year 5/6 Mixed Football
- Mid-Cheshire Cross Country Competition Years 7 - 11

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- Boys 9 & 11 Football v Leftwich (A)

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

- Girls Football Practice





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Dear Parents and Carers

As we arrive at the half-way point of the Advent half term, the academic year is in full flight here at St Nicholas. We are very grateful to Fr Paul who joined us to celebrate our Whole School Masses in September within which we marked the start of the year together in the most appropriate way by offering our prayers, hopes and dreams for the year ahead.

Our recent 6th Form Open Evening was a wonderful event and was the busiest for some years. Students and families from St Nicholas alongside many visitors from other local and not so local schools visited the many subject areas offered at Post-16 where current sixth form students were able to share their experiences and guidance. In the assembly hall, myself, Mr Smith and Mr Bradley along with current students shared our vision and provision for post 16 education at St Nicholas - we know that in our Sixth Form we can offer small class sizes and degree level professional teachers to maximise learning and some of the best outcomes in the area, underpinned by unrivalled pastoral support and enrichment opportunities to deepen student formation and facilitate applications to University. Our new look prospectus and course information booklet provides all the necessary information for prospective 6th Form applicants and is available on our school website.

Year 11 November mock exams are very much on the horizon and I would ask that parents and carers consult the Mock Timetable and revision information that will be issued soon to support their children through the weeks ahead so that they gain the best possible outcomes in these most important of exams. Year 11 students have also begun individual consultation meetings with our newly appointed Careers Advisor who looks to encourage and advise students on their next steps into education, employment and training.

I hope that our new weekly newsletter has reached you via ParentPay – if it hasn't then it is available on our website via a new tab on our home page and it contains lots of information regarding events past and future here at St Nicholas. Thanks to all who have offered positive feedback on our 1st edition and any further comments would of course be welcome via the usual channels of communication.

We very much look forward to the Year 7 Retreat Day and Welcome Mass over the coming weeks and hope to see as many families there with us on the 17th October to formally welcome the newest members of the St Nicholas Community through prayer and worship together. Thanks to all who were able to attend the PTFA Year 7 Family quiz this year – over 90 people gathered in the 6th Form Common Room for a fun filled evening hosted by students from Year 8 Form Representatives.

I would like to offer a reminder to you all that our 2nd Parent Focus Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th October at 6pm and will focus on Assessment. Please email [admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.

Finally, as winter draws ever nearer, can I please remind you that the only items to be worn under the school blazer should be a shirt, tie and school jumper. Hoodies are not allowed to be worn at any time. Appropriate coats can of course be worn and full details are available on our website.

As always, thank you for the support you continue to offer to the St Nicholas Community.

**Richard Woods**  
Headteacher