



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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In the life of the Church, we have just celebrated the Church's 'birthday' with the celebration of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost is most clearly recognised by the reading from the Book of Acts - the book of the Holy Spirit – with all the drama of the Holy Spirit's entrance. The Holy Spirit helps the disciples to develop gifts of faith, courage, wisdom to be witnesses in their community. With the Holy Spirit, even now, people find themselves more than they were before.

Our Confirmation candidates will be working with their parish catechists to think about how the Holy Spirit might influence and support them in their faith life. Some of our candidates will be Confirmed next month and some in the new school year but I am sure they will all be glad of your prayers over the next few weeks.

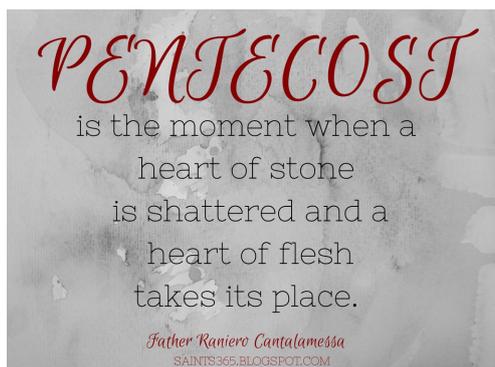
Focus on Lourdes – Snapshots on Lourdes in preparation for this year's pilgrimage

Where it began - In November 1950 Bishop Murphy asked that each parish priest to gather in names for the pilgrimage and to arrange savings groups. On Tuesday 4th September 1951 a train left Birkenhead Woodside at 12:40 p.m. with 360 pilgrims, arriving in Lourdes at 6:00 p.m. with breakfast and lunch being served and making it a journey in total of some 30 hours. The return journey, on 11th September was just as long. The cost of that first pilgrimage including first class travel and the meals on the train was £25. According to the pilgrimage booklet the rate of exchange was around 980 French francs to the pound.

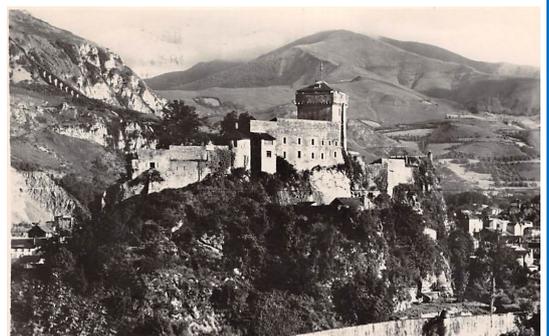
Jesus at the Centre

"Let us hear the Holy Spirit. Let us listen to the Holy Spirit and may we move forward on this path of love, mercy, and forgiveness"

Pope Francis



*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*





St. Nicholas Catholic High School
Art & Design Department

Proudly invites you to their GCSE and A-Level Art
Exhibition on Monday 1st July 2019, from 4pm – 7pm in the
Assembly Hall.



BARCELONA 2019

On the 28th March, my school and I went to Barcelona by plane. The first day we went swimming. It was fun because we could chat with our friends. We did many things. For example, we visited Las Ramblas, Parc Guell and we went up to Montserrat. Besides, we visited the Sagrada Familia. I loved Barcelona because the climate was quite good and we did a lot. My friends and I took a lot of photos.

El 28 de marzo, yo y mi colegio fuimos a Barcelona en avión. El primer día hicimos la natación. Fue muy divertido porque podíamos hablar con nuestros amigos. Hicimos muchas cosas. Por ejemplo, visitamos Las Ramblas, Parc Guell y subimos a Montserrat. Además, visitamos la Sagrada Familia. Me encantó Barcelona porque el clima era bastante bien y hicimos mucho. Mis amigos y yo sacamos muchas fotos.

Alex Zaspa & Teresa



Period: 3.6.19 - 7.6.19

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	98	97	97	93	98	96	96	99	99
Year 8	90	97	99	100	99	100	100		90
Year 9	98	96	97	99	92	93	98		98
Year 10	97	99	100	91	96	97	98	99	98
Whole School	96	97	98	96	96	97	98	99	96

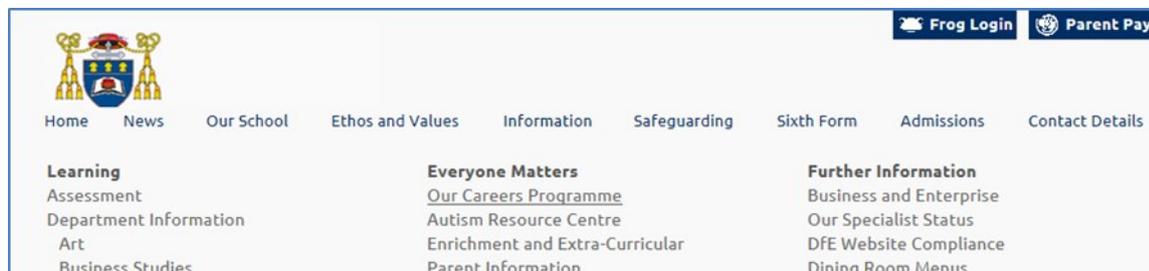
*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

Our Careers Programme on the School Website

In the recent Ofsted inspection, our Careers programme was described as excellent and a key strength of the school. They were really impressed with the Careers section of our school website which has been recently set up. It is relevant for all year groups, including the 6th Form.

I strongly encourage parents and students to explore 'Our Careers Programme' on the school website. It can be found under the section 'Information', in the section called 'Everyone Matters'.



Please have a look at all of the useful information, guides, website links, videos and pdfs which cover a broad range of areas of Careers education information, advice and guidance. You can also find an overview of our Careers programme in school, and see how it ties in with the required framework.



In a few weeks we will be sending out a parent questionnaire to assess the quality of our Careers programme. It would be really useful if you could spend some time looking through the Careers section on our school website prior to completing the questionnaire. This will allow us to discover what you think our strengths are, and also determine how we can further improve the Careers programme.



Sports Update



On Saturday at the County Athletic Championship at Victoria Park (Warrington), St Nicholas had 21 students selected to represent Mid-Cheshire. All of our athletes turned up and gave 'their all' in what was miserable weather conditions.

Many of our students finished in the top three in the County and amazingly we had three Cheshire Champions:

Andrea Hill-300m, Jacob Foster-High Jump & Gabriel Mikoleisik-100m.

2nd: Patrick Griffith-800m, John Humphries-1500m, Lucas Trawicki-800m & Jaz Blackwood-Discus.

3rd: Ben Webb-3000m, Tom Kudd-300m, Euan Hickey-100m & Ross Morrin-Discus.

New personal bests were achieved by Scarlet Stapleton 4th-200m, Tarlia Higginsbotham-1500m, Jessica Philips-Triple Jump, Dylan Carney-1500m, Euan Hickey-200m, Misha Blackwood-100m, Alex Eden-800m, Benji Jackson-Discus, Sam Law-200m and Ruby Tickle-Long Jump.



Change to May 2020 Bank Holiday



The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The school term dates have been changed on the school website.

PTFA NEWS

ST NICHOLAS RIVER RUN 2019

On 21st September 2019, we would like to involve as many runners as possible, young and not so young, in promoting mental and physical health through participation in one of the simplest exercises possible—running. So, for those who have the running bug and for those who haven't yet, the events are as follows:

10km trail run – a chip timed event

5km trail run – a chip timed event

2km family fun run with fun run medal

There will be a bespoke blue bridge medal for finishers of the timed events.

Experienced or not, get your trainers on and give it a go!



We would also like to ask if anyone is willing to sponsor the event to please get in touch. We are looking for prizes, sponsorship of refreshment stations etc. To discuss possible sponsorship packages, please get in touch via: ptfa@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

See our bookings website to secure your place:

<https://st-nicholas.niftyentries.com/St-Nicholas-River-Run-2019>



FINAL PTFA MEETING OF THE YEAR



In our final, formal meeting of the year we were delighted to be able to celebrate so many events that have contributed to the positive character of the school. But our involvement continues to the end of the summer term. We hope that the weather improves enough for our students to enjoy our ice lolly treat on Sports Day, Tuesday 25th June. That same day, members of the PTFA will be at the Year 7 Intake Parents' Information Evening from 6.00pm to talk to parents and carers about the work we do. At the Year 6 Summer Disco on 12th July, we will be providing refreshments and hoping to speak more personally about the role of the PTFA and the valued contribution it makes to the school life of our children.