



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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ST NICHOLAS ' IN THE COMMUNITY ' MASS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St Nicholas Catholic High School is joining with the local parishes to celebrate the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 3rd December - with a community Mass at St Joseph's, Winsford. An invitation is offered to all our students to come and help prepare the Mass and then celebrate as a community with families and parishioners. Preparation time will begin at 3.00pm, with Mass at 5.00pm and refreshments to follow. As this is a Diocesan event, young people attending by themselves will need to have a parental consent form completed. St Nicholas' students can collect these and get more details from the School Chaplain. Forms are also available in the Parish. We hope that young people from across all our parishes will be able to join us with their families.

POPE FRANCIS' WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

In his message for the first *World Day of the Poor*, to be celebrated on 19th November this year, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to unite in love, in acts of service to one another and in genuine encounter. As a school, we have already committed ourselves to recognising our responsibility to others in the funds raised by Sixth Form staff and students, in events such as our Mini-Market Day and the planned Hamper Appeal that takes place in Advent. Throughout the school, people engage in ways of recognising the needs of others, and more opportunities will be offered during the school year. There are many ways that we can contribute to these days such as supporting some of our Sixth Form who are collecting for the homeless or donating items to our Foodbank. By taking practical steps we take part in building a better world for everyone.



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YEAR 9 RETREAT

A BIG THANK YOU to all who took part in the Year 9 Retreat! We had lots of really positive feedback about the day and the theme of 'Wonder'. Here are just some of the students' comments:

- "I learnt that Science is even more amazing and had a link to religion and faith that I didn't really know."
- "I felt confident in myself after the retreat day. I learnt that everyone has value and to aim high in life".
- "It was good to be able to debate and for everyone's opinion to be heard".
- "I do feel more connected to God and that helps me to have hope. I feel more motivated to be the best person I can be".
- "It was odd but good that the art made me think about who I am".



Mairie Gelling
School Chaplain



PRAYER FOR A BETTER WORLD

GENEROUS GOD, we thank you for the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us. For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share. COMPASSIONATE GOD, we ask you to fill us with your love; to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need. Lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come, all your children may share in our hope for a better world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

What's Happening

BUSINESS STUDIES

25/10/17

TYCOON IN SCHOOLS 2017

Dragons Descend on St Nicholas

Four teams of Year 10 St Nicholas students have successfully secured £1,803.21 in funding from Peter Jones to start up and run their first real business as part of the Tycoon in Schools 2017 Competition.

As part of the Year 10 Business GCSE course St Nicholas Catholic High School have been taking part in the National Tycoon in School's competition headed up by Dragon's Den Star, Peter Jones. GCSE Business students have had to develop a proposition and write a business plan to secure investment from Peter Jones to start up and run a real business between 30th October and 15th December 2017.

For four teams, Peter said "I'm In!"

In taking part they will gain experience in market research, business planning, trading (buying and selling) and budgeting. They will also develop skills in team work, problem solving and business tenacity. More information can be found on

www.tycooninschools.com



Teams, Investment Secured and Students Involved:

aScent – Secured £523

Zoe Burrage, Evonne Lam, Oliver Adamson, Lauren Wilson, Jodie Millington, Katie Wilkinson.

mlcase – Secured £583

Lauren Halloran, Holly Lewis Eleanor Hornsby, Siobhan O'Hora, Euan Purves, Oliver Scragg, Jacob Bennison.

Ho Ho Hampers – Secured £401.29

L Chloe McPhee, Sam Davison, Natasha Chambers, Alfie McAteer, Beth Boddy, Harry Cusselle.

Scenti – Secured £295.92

Abbie Kelleher, Lucy Oliver, Elizabeth Metge, Isshita Seeburn, Jay Nolan.

HISTORY



REPORTING 8 BERNADETTE/H1 ...

LAST WEEK, Oliver Jones, Tony Jacob, Aislinn Clark, Phoebe Bowen, Charlie Rattigan, Milly Allen and Tom Rudd have been creating fantastic boat replicas from the Spanish Armada for their homework. Oliver Jones and Tony Jacob baked their ships following a 'How to' Guide on creating an Armada cake ship. Furthermore, Aislinn Clark built stream-lined British ships, which were able to manoeuvre the Spanish ships.

WELL DONE to the class for a great homework!



Well Done!



ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL CHOIR
will be performing at Tatton Park on
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 8PM
Led by their conductor, Mrs McKenna
CALL BOX OFFICE 0161-247 2220 for TICKETS
(Tour of the Mansion & Festive Drink included)



Wednesday 22nd November 3.30pm – 5.30pm
St Nicholas' Sports Hall



Every year Miss Reid works closely with our feeder Primary Schools to provide teaching and learning support for staff in primary school lessons. In addition, she also organises primary competitions in a range of sports hosted on our school site at St Nicholas'. All of these competitions are linked into the Vale Royal School Games Competition. Format with any winners progressing to the next level of the competition. This allows primary pupils not only to enjoy taking part in competition, but also to familiarise themselves with the school site and PE staff.

BOYS FOOTBALL FIXTURES

TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER
Year 8: 6-aside tournament
Away—Middlewich
THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
Year 11 Cheshire County Cup
Away—Weaverham



CHESHIRE CUP GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

U16s ST NICHOLAS vs POYNTON
6-1
U13s ST NICHOLAS vs ST CHAD'S
8-2



PARLIAMENT WEEK

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
has been promoting democracy by getting involved in **Parliament Week 2017**.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL supported with funding from the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) took over the school's Citizenship Day and delivered Politics Education. The day began with an introduction to Parliament and British values with staff delivering workshops on debating skills and pupils taking an active role in running their own debates on issues that mattered to them. Pupils were also very fortunate to listen to inspiring speakers throughout the day and to take part in their very own mock election.

One Year 9 student stated that "The day was well planned and gave us the opportunity to discuss and share our views as young people, it was great taking part in the mock election and thinking about the issues that are important to us."

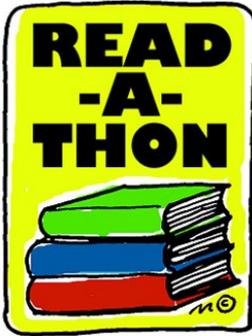
The day was supported by Lesley Dixon from Cheshire West and Chester Youth Service, Jessica Leigh, a Year 12 student and Member of Youth Parliament, and a number of talented speakers including Jo Austin-Preece from the Gunjur Project, Sonya Basseby MBE and Dr Andy Mycock Politics Lecturer from the University of Huddersfield.

Mr Woods, Headteacher, said "I am delighted that the students at St Nicholas have been able to participate in this fantastic opportunity which has enabled us all to reflect, discuss and engage with democracy in action. As a Catholic Christian community this is just one example of the many ways we support the formation of our students' social conscience and strengthen their commitment to the common good of our local communities and beyond."

As well as this day, the School also took part in 'Make Your Mark', this is an initiative run by the UK Youth Parliament. It gives young people across the country an opportunity to vote on which issues are most important to them. These issues are then debated in the House of Commons at the National Youth Parliament debate. One of St Nicholas' Sixth Form student's, Jessica Leigh, represented the school and the Youth Parliament at this event.

Finally, the Student Council were given the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in order to further expand their knowledge on politics. Whilst there, they took part in a tour around the chambers and demonstrated great enthusiasm when taking part in a debating workshop.





READ FOR GOOD

Read for Good's vision is for all children in the UK to be given the opportunity, space and motivation to develop their own love of reading, benefiting them throughout their lives – for good. From 27th November, St Nicholas will be joining some 3,000 schools who are involved in the Readathon every year encouraging almost one million pupils to love reading. At the same time, the monies raised by the Readathon benefit the UK's major children's hospitals who now receive regular deliveries of brand new books and storyteller visits and schools receive support for their own library. More details will be coming from our English Department. What a great way to encourage reading and an innovative way of supporting others!

Cheshire Vale
Teaching School Alliance



BECOME AN
OUTSTANDING
TEACHER

Train to Teach

with Cheshire Vale TSA

For further information:

Please join us at our train
to teach event at
Queen's Park High School, Chester
on Thursday 23rd November
4-6pm



Applications to School Direct are made through UCAS
For further information on how to apply for School Direct in our Alliance
E-mail: admin@cvtsa.co.uk
www.cvtsa.co.uk/become-teacher

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

"On Sunday 12th November, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, a group of St Nicholas' students together with Mairie, our Chaplain, and Mrs Pardoe attended the Northwich Remembrance Parade and laid a wreath, on behalf of the School, at the Northwich Cenotaph. With the Mayor, local MP, marching band, cadets, scouts, guides, brownies and even the Northwich Carnival Queen, we paraded from the Police headquarters to St Helen's Church. There we all joined in a service to remember those killed in war. After the service, we walked to the Cenotaph and took part in the wreath-laying service. We listened to the Last Post being played and all the wreaths looked very impressive laid out together. Finally, we marched back past the Mayor to the Brio Centre where we had refreshments. It was a really memorable morning and it was a great honour for all of us to represent our School."



Scarlett Stapleton, 7 Romeo and

Weekly attendance update

Period: 06/11/2017 to 10/11/2017

	Bernadette	Camara	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	95.00%	96.43%	94.48%	97.50%	98.93%	97.14%	93.93%	NA	96.20%
Year 8	95.33%	96.33%	94.67%	92.41%	96.33%	94.48%	98.28%	NA	95.41%
Year 9	90.00%	95.19%	95.36%	93.67%	95.67%	97.24%	97.24%	99.31%	95.46%
Year 10	95.71%	98.57%	88.15%	94.48%	97.59%	98.67%	93.45%	90.00%	94.58%
Year 11	90.38%	87.31%	90.67%	88.70%	87.31%	91.92%	88.85%	91.92%	89.63%
Whole School	93.29%	94.77%	92.66%	93.35%	95.16%	95.89%	94.35%	93.74%	94.15%

"EVERYONE MATTERS, SO ATTENDANCE MATTERS."

VOTING CLOSSES AT 12 NOON ON 21ST NOVEMBER

– don't leave it too late to cast yours!

A sincere thank you to those who have already cast their votes for this project to provide a **Public Access Defibrillator** at St Nicholas. WE STILL NEED YOUR VOTES PLEASE! Whether we get the funding or not will depend on how many votes our project receives and, in this round, it is the projects that receive most votes that will win! You can cast 10 votes from every email address you use. Please take five minutes to register and cast your votes and to share with friends and family via social media:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4596>



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET takes place **NEXT THURSDAY**, 23rd November from 5.30 – 8.00 pm. PLEASE JOIN US at this **fantastic family event** for what promises to be a wonderful evening. In addition to all the fabulous shopping opportunities – and gift wrapping – PTFA will be manning their usual tombolas, 'Chime' will be providing delicious fresh pizzas, we will be serving mulled wine, home-made mince pies, tea, coffee and soft drinks. St Luke's Hospice are joining us once more, their Big Red Bus bringing along Santa and his Elves for the young and young at heart. Cost per visit to Santa will be £3.00. We won't insist on seeing a ticket on the night but if you could please register for your **FREE** tickets via Eventbrite it will give us an idea of numbers attending (apologies, the wrong link was included in last week's newsletter):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hartford-christmas-market-2017-tickets-38778773355>

Grand Christmas Raffle

Our first **Grand Christmas Raffle** is up and running! We have some fabulous prizes at a cost of just £1 per ticket (available via Parent Pay and at the Christmas Market). Please support us in this new endeavour. If every family in School bought one ticket per student we could raise over £1200! Our students have repeatedly requested new outdoor lunch and break seating areas and the funds raised from the raffle will go to this cause. Please be generous.

1st Prize is an incredible 7-day **EURO CAMP** holiday for a family of 2 adults and up to 4 children under 17 (terms and conditions apply, see full details in the PTFA section of the school website).

2nd Prize is a luxury Christmas Hamper (small and standard sizes to suit varying appetites).

3rd Prize is £50 cash.



The Big Heart Ball

The highlight of our PTFA social calendar will be our **BIG HEART BALL**, taking place on **Friday 15th June 2018 at Vale Royal Abbey**. Tickets for this not-to-be-missed event go on sale **TODAY!** Please download the Booking Form from the PTFA section of the School website, make your payment and email the completed form to our Treasurer Maureen Ferguson (details on the Booking Form).

The fabulous surroundings of Vale Royal Abbey will be the location for our **Big Heart Ball**.

For all other information, please see separate the Parent Pay communication.

THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
'The Little Shop of Horrors'

is now cast ...
rehearsals are underway!
Performances will take place
in February 2018.



And here it is, the news you have been waiting for! Our first **Grand Christmas Raffle** is ready for the off! We have some fabulous prizes for you at a cost of £1 per ticket (available via parent pay).

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