



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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YEAR 9 RETREAT DAY

This week our Year 9 students spend their retreat day at St John's church and parish centre in Hartford; the first year that we have chosen to go off-site for their retreat.

We were warmly welcomed (including the underfloor heating) into the church for our welcome liturgy and the introduction to the day. Our theme was reflecting on the meaning of 'happy' and whether a faith focused happiness was more important than just getting what we think will make us happy. This included workshops on forgiveness and recognising the good in everything we see. The students also engaged in an exercise to describe St Nicholas Catholic High School 'at its best'. We also looked at the life of St Oscar Romero, one of our form saints who was recently canonised by Pope Francis. Romero was one of the first 'saints' to use social media, recording his sermons each Sunday and sending them out over the radio. Social media is often criticised but, we decided, there are definitely ways that it can be a force for good.

After lunch we were joined by Rise Theatre, a Christian theatre group, who gave the students plenty of food for thought with a variety of sketches about finding joy and meaning in life, even in some very difficult times. They were very entertaining and included some very willing participants in some of the sketches. Well done to all those who volunteered.



The retreat day was a great way for Year 9 to start the second half of this term and we look forward to building on what we have learnt in the months ahead.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Sunday, some of our students will be joining with the Northwich parade of Remembrance and many others will be with their cadet and scouting groups to remember those who have died in conflict. We will report on the events that are taking place in school in next week's newsletter. 'Lest we forget.'

MAIRIE GELLING, CHAPLAIN



**Wednesday 28th – Friday
30th November 2018**

7pm School Hall

**STUDENTS/CONCESSIONS £6.00
ADULTS £10.00**

Available now via Parentpay

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Year 11 Students Reminder -
Sixth Form Applications for
September 2019 need to be
made via the school website by
23rd November.





St Nicholas Achieve Platinum



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Sports Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements last year include:

- Boys U15 Cheshire Champions (Football)
- 2nd in Cheshire for Boys Indoor Athletics (U12 &13)
- Regional Shooting Girls Champions (U15)
- Boccia Mid Cheshire & North West Finalists (Mixed)
- Mid Cheshire Cross Country Girls Champions (U12)
- Mid Cheshire Cricket Girls Champions (U13 & 15)

We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Alex Cartney & the Learning Mentors whose lunchtime programme that was run all year in the sports hall helped to engage the harder to reach students and encourage them to enjoy sport. Also, the many staff who have contributed to the variety of clubs on offer after school.

This year only 80 other Secondary schools in the country have achieved this accolade which would place us in the top 1% in the country for our sports provision and opportunities for young people.

The PE Department are proud that we will hold this award for 2 years.

Period: 22.10.18—26.10.18

Weekly attendance update

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

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

Sports Page

Day	Date	Fixture / Practice	Time	Pick up
Monday	12 th November			
Tuesday	13 th November	Year 7 Boys 6-a-side Football v Hartford (Away on 3G)		5.00pm @ Hartford
		Girls U14 Football Cheshire Cup match at home		4.00pm
Wednesday	14 th November	Year 5/6 Primary High 5 Netball Festival (Outdoors)	3.15pm	5.00pm
		Netball Practice (Indoors)	3.15pm	4.15pm
Thursday	15 th November	Girls Cricket Practice (Outdoors due to Year 11 Mock Exams in the Sports Hall)	3.15pm	4.15pm
Friday	16 th November	Year 7, Year 8/9 and Year 10/11 Girls Football Fixture v Middlewich (Away)	3.15	5.00 @ Middlewich 5.15pm @ St Nicholas

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS

Ella Forbes & Kiera Smith



The Lee Valley Synchronised Ice Skating Competition; they had a very successful start to their season, with a PB in their Long Programme, cumulating in their highest Total Score to date, winning GOLD, & finishing 20 points ahead of their nearest competitors. This was great preparation for the British Championships in January, where they hope to retain their British Championship title.



Amy Mather— I am a Second Dan in Karate (one above Black Belt) In January I was invited onto the WKC England Team to represent the Country at the 10th WKC World Karate and Kickboxing Championships. The World Championships took place at the Powerleague Trafford Sportsdome, Manchester over the weekend of Friday 25th Sunday 28th October.



Huge congratulations to **Luke Chambers** on fulfilling his dream of getting a two year football contract at Port Vale; something which he has worked extremely hard to guarantee. Well done to him!



Thanks to everyone who joined us for our meeting on Tuesday evening. We are well on the way to another fantastic Christmas Market event and look forward to seeing many of our St Nicholas families there!

We have a vacancy for a new Chair with effect from our AGM on 14th January 2019. The Charity Trustees would be happy to meet informally, over coffee or a glass of wine, with anyone who has any questions about the role (full details on the PTFA section of the website). Please contact our current Chair, Kim Griffiths kim@copley.co.uk to arrange a no-obligation chat.

Christmas Market

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Thursday 22nd November from
5.30 pm until 8.00 pm.

Come along and join us at our annual Christmas Market – a great evening to shop, eat, and enjoy the festive spirit. Aside from the freshly baked mince pies and mulled wine, we will be joined by Chime with their wood fired pizza oven and Halloumi Fries offering a tasty veggie alternative.

There will be a nominal entrance charge of £1 per adult (no charge for children/students).

If anyone can spare an hour on the afternoon and/or evening to help us out setting up, assisting on one of our PTFA stalls or serving drinks and refreshments from the kitchen we would be very grateful – we need about six additional helpers. Please contact kim@copley.co.uk

It's a great fun evening for all the family!

****Don't forget to send your chocolate donations into school for the Chocolate Tombola! Thank you****

Christmas Raffle Lift Off!



First Prize is a 7 night Eurocamp family holiday.

2nd Prize is beautiful Christmas Hamper (complete with wicker basket) and a magnum of Prosecco. Third prize is £50 cash.

Tickets £1 each, available to via Parentpay.

The Raffle will be drawn during the last week of term. Please support us by buying a ticket or three!

Matched Funding

Are there any more wonderfully generous parents out there who work for companies that offer a Matched Funding scheme? If so, we would **LOVE** to hear from you. Not only is it a great way to get involved with school/PTFA on your own terms but you will also be making an enormous difference to our fund-raising capabilities. Whatever time you can spare, we will work with you to make the most of your generosity. Please contact

kim@copley.co.uk if you can help.

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