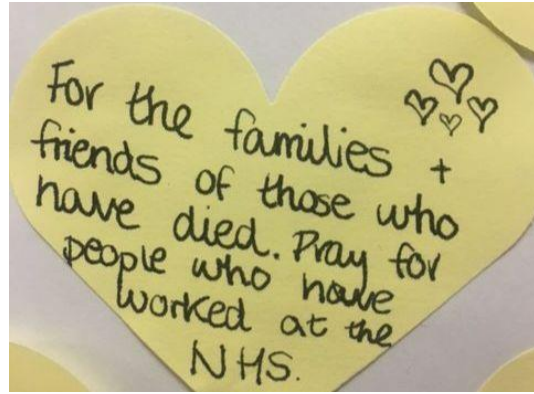




ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

National Day of Remembrance



*God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with love,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen*

National day of remembrance

This week in school we have joined with the nation to remember the anniversary of the first day of lockdown. I am sure that this will become one of those dates when everyone will know what they were doing that day. So much has happened in the meantime and we might feel that there is a long way to go still. Hopefully the coming of spring and the brightening of the days will give us hope for the future. I have been listening to Year 7 students as they have shared their experience of these past two terms and I am delighted at the positivity and resilience they have shown, finding the good in everything that has happened.

It was, nevertheless, a very poignant moment when we stood together, as a school, for the Minute's Silence. We had also put names on yellow hearts to share our thoughts and prayers with each other.

We remember all those who have lost their lives, all who continue to suffer and pray, with thanks for those who are involved in the vaccination programme and continuing to provide medical care for those in need.

Mairie Gelling - School Chaplain

KS3 Short Story Competition

There was a fantastic response to the Short Story Competition last half term! Congratulations to the winners on their excellent stories on the theme of 'Trapped'.

These were the standout entries, but they had some very tough competition. Well done to all the students who entered; the English Department had great fun reading them all!

Please do have a read below - they are well worth a look.

The stories are also on the English page on the website

Each winner have received a £10 Waterstones voucher on their return to school.

[Year 7 - Henryk Wieckowski \(7 Ward\)](#)

[Year 8 - Adam Brown \(8 Bernadette\)](#)

[Year 9 - Eleanor Ma \(9 Vincent\)](#)

Sporting achievement



Here is Tarlia with her medal for completing 75k running distance over February.

I am amazed by her dedication to completing this.

Tarla recognises that exercise helps clear her mind and uplifts her mood

(especially during lock down)

Fantastic achievement.

Mrs Simms

Covid-19 Testing

The government have announced that it is vital to continue testing at home over the following weeks. As a result, we have received a further delivery of test kits for all students which will be distributed during form time next week. All students are strongly encouraged to

- test twice weekly at home over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for the start of the summer term, the night before, or the morning of the first day back
- report results as positive, negative, or void online here <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and to school via the '[Reporting a covid-19 test result](#)' button on the school website homepage.

PE After School Activities

The PE Department have loved being able to do boys' football and Year 11 Girls' PE after school this week. The sessions will continue next week.

Key Stage 3 Boys' Football

Tuesday 30th - Year 7 football training

Wednesday 31st - Year 9 football

All sessions will take place after school 3.05pm - 4.30pm.

All boys welcome. Bring full school kit and a drink.

Girls PE is for Year 11 only. The students have been informed.

Wednesday 31st March - GCSE NEA Coursework :

Thursday Tuesday 30th March - Trampolining/ Basketball

[Click here for the video of Y7 playing last Tuesday](#)

Attendance

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	98	97	99	98	99	100	97	99	98
Year 8	97	98	90	94	100	94	99	99	96
Year 9	99	98	95	98	98	97	98	98	98
Year 10	98	98	99	96	98	98	99		98
Year 11	98	97	99	93	97	95	99		97
Whole School									97
*Data includes 96% of students in each form.									

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."