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July 2016

As we are about to break up for the summer. As always, we do say goodbye to some colleagues who are moving on to pastures new and I wish them all the best for the future. I also look forward to welcoming some new colleagues in September and I hope that they will have a very successful career here at CtK.

May I take this opportunity to thank you once more for your continuous support with what has been a very long term. May I remind you that the new term will begin on Tuesday 6th September for

Celebration of Success

On Wednesday 13th of July we gathered at the Good Shepherd Church in Woodthorpe for our annual Celebration of Success. Nearly 250 awards were given out to deserving students who have worked extremely hard over the course of the academic year.

Awards were given out for Attainment and Merit in each of the subjects studied in school to students in each year group. Four students were also presented with Headteacher's Ties on the evening; these were Eva Norridge, Ethan Wilson-Davis, Klaudia Sikora and Jay Kelliher Dougal.



There were also several superb performances inbetween the distribution of the awards. Leah Hutchinson began the musical

performances with a beautiful rendition of 'Where is Love?' from the musical Oliver, having played the lead role in the school show earlier in the year. Elizabeth Harrison, Poppy Scoffings, Hannah Harrison and Theo Dixon also played a beautiful rendition of 'Somewhere Only We Know,' originally by Keane and later covered by Lily Allen. Alex Bartley was on lead vocals and her beautiful 'dreamlike' voice brought many a goose bump to the Good Shepherd Church. The final musical performance of the evening was a fun and sassy 'Almost There' from the Princess and the Frog by Chiara De Vivo (Year 8, not Year 7!).

Congratulations to all of the performers and thank

Year 7 and the Sixth Form, all other students will start on Wednesday 7th September.

Wishing you all a very happy summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes.

Carlo Cuomo

you for sharing your talents with such a huge audience at the church.

Mr Burke began the proceeding speaking about what a fantastic achievement it was to receive the awards and how students should be congratulated for their hard work and effort over the course of the academic year.

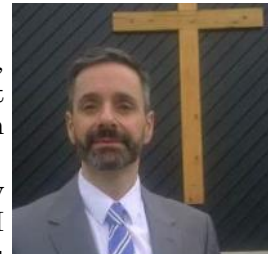
The evening concluded with the awarding of an award for 'Outstanding Service to Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy.' Mr Burke spoke about the service given to our school community by James Akers and Conall McNally, the recipients of the award, over the past seven years. Both students were worthy recipients of the award having dedicated much time and energy to the needs of our school. Over the past year, James has acted as Head Boy of the school and Conall has worked closely with him in his capacity as Deputy Head Boy.

We wish them both all the very best as they await their A Level results in the Summer and then move

onto life at University in September.

Congratulations to all who were presented with awards at this year's celebration, it was a magnificent occasion. Special thanks to all who contributed to the evening including Mr Reg Carter, School Governor, who presented the awards.

Mr Brogan - Assistant Principal



UK Junior Mathematics Challenge

In April, 63 of our students from years 7 and 8 took the Junior Mathematics Challenge. The Challenge is for students who are gifted in Mathematics. Our students were very successful, with the following awards:

Gold Yr 7: Nathaniel Anstock

Silver Yr 8: Zoe Williams
Kyle Middleton

Yr 7: Kobey Wilks

Bronze Yr 8: Alicja Kwiecinska
Evie Hall
Kieran James
Anna Wyatt

Special Governors Award

Keeva Holmes is pictured with Vice Chair of governors Mr Reg Carter.

Keeva attained the most Achievement points out of all students in the last school academic year – 194 in total. We are all very proud of this outstanding Achievement.

Mr Burke - Vice Principal



Paris Trip

43 Year 8 and 9 Art and French students enjoyed a four day visit to Paris at the start of July. In addition to watching the Euro 2016 final in the host city and soaking up the atmosphere, the group visited a number of famous monuments such as the Eiffel Tower, the Sacré Coeur



and the Musée d'Orsay, and the highlight of the trip was an evening boat cruise along the River Seine, during which the Eiffel Tower twinkled! Everyone had lots of opportunity to practise their French and interact with the locals and other international students in the hostel, which welcomes students

from all over the world. The trip was a fantastic success and the MFL department hopes to run another visit to France next academic year for GCSE and A Level students.

Mrs Dennis - MFL Teacher



Floran Steeples
James Sulley
Uzuazoghene Akpareva

Yr 7: Samuel Gul
Evie Newman
James Cureton
Shay Mitchell-Rose
Hasan Fazal
Punya Biju
Aidan Daly
Raheim Powell-Phillips

Congratulations to all who took part, especially these Certificate winners. Well done to Zoe Williams and Nathaniel Anstock for winning the Best in Year award, and Nathaniel was also the Best in School.

KS3 Examinations

Our Year 7 and 8 students have completed formal examinations for English. These were quite daunting for some students, yet they coped really well and conducted themselves with a maturity beyond their years.

We would like to congratulate all our Key Stage 3 students on the very positive feedback we received from the invigilators monitoring the exam conditions and wish them all a very relaxing summer break.

Mrs Shields



Duke of Edinburgh News

This year has seen many successes for the Bronze and Silver candidates of the 2015-2016 cohort. For those who previously completed the award, CTK has the highest completion rate for Bronze and Silver Awards in Nottinghamshire, something that we are proud of and I hope the current cohort achieve the same level.

The weather this year has played a major factor as we have had torrential downpours, flooding of campsites, hot days where dehydration has been a major factor and finally snow, blizzards and a ground temperature of minus 2!

34 Bronze candidates and 15 Silver candidates have completed the expeditions and other elements this year with pride and determination. There has to be a special thanks to the staff team of Mr Gallagher who has led Silver and supported at Bronze, Miss Craven who has supported both Bronze and Silver as well as Alex Hoyle and Owen Moore for supporting both levels.



As we move to the 2016-2017 season there is a new direction. We say a heartfelt farewell and massive thank you to Mr Gallagher and Miss Craven. We will also only be offering the Gold Award to 7 candidates to complete during the 2016-2017 season. This will be made up of students who have completed the award levels in past years. Those interested will have had information back in May and all future

information regarding this will be on the D of E notice board outside L7. For those wanting the opportunity to complete the award there will be an assessment day on Saturday 17th September 2016. Candidates will be put through their paces in the Dark Peak to see if they have the mental and physical ability to undertake the challenge. The Gold final will take place in the Brecon Beacons in July 2017.

For candidates who wish to continue with the Silver they can access this through other local centres (contacts on notice board). They will still be able to hire equipment from us etc. For those wanting to complete the Bronze Award they too will be able to access other centres



Another successful year of many positive memories.

Mr Bull - Centre Co-ordinator

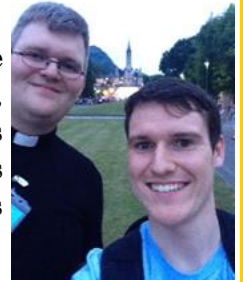


Chaplaincy News July 2016

We come to the end of another year, 2015-2016 comes to a close and what an amazing year it has been so many things to give thanks to God for.

Goodbye Fr Neil

Fr Neil has been a great support over three years as he's been ministering at the Cathedral, unfortunately from September he will be appointed to St Mary's, Derby. The Cathedral was the first place he has ministered as a Priest and it has been wonderful for us to see him grow into his priesthood and live out his vocation. We wish him all the best in this new appointment and hope he enjoys this new challenge.



Good Shepherd Confirmation

Friday 1st July saw 45 young people from Good Shepherd confirmed by Bishop Patrick. Of this group 14 were from Christ the King and Sam our Head Boy was one of the catechist. It was a wonderful Mass and it has been an incredible six months walking with these young people on their journey in faith. We hope this is only the beginning of their growth in faith, Fr Philip and I have already begun speaking about where we can encourage and look for future developments

Post-Holy Communion Retreat



The Chaplaincy Team were invited to spend the day with Year 3s who had made their Holy Communion from Good Shepherd School. This day followed on from their celebration Mass and we lead workshops around the theme *We are the body of Christ*. This includes making posters of how they will live out the theme, built a disciple together, competed in a quiz and then wrote affirming messages to each other on Bishop Hats they had made to celebrate that they are now leaders in the Church and school. The Chaplaincy Team designed and ran the whole day and I was very proud of the

very structured and thought provoking day they created.

Mary's Meals

Our most recent fundraising efforts have seen us put together 54 school bags for children in the developing world. These bags consist of clothes, candles, school equipment, and basic toiletries to equip children for and encourage them in school. We also raised £330 from watching England vs Wales as a school, amazingly 27 children were fed for a year in school just from watching the first half of a football match!



Lourdes



We have just returned from an amazing week in Lourdes. I can't put into words how incredible this week was, I knew in advance that this was going to be a special pilgrimage from the great group of 6th formers but even I wasn't prepared for what was coming our way. It was also wonderful to have a couple of returning students, Dan Bartley left us last summer and he returned as an 18+ helper making it his third pilgrimage in three years; and Rachel Fitzmaurice who came in 2011 and returned this year as a qualified nurse on the health team.

Every single one of our young people have made me immensely proud and filled me with joy. A pilgrimage will only give you as much as you are prepared to receive by



engaging with it, if I told you that these wonderful 11 teenagers went to Mass every day and at least another two prayer services... and loved it you would not believe me. It would have been very easy for them to take the approach this will look good on my CV and then go for purely selfish reasons, to see the Masses and times of prayer as something you have to endure to get the credit you deserve but that's not what these guys did. They opened their heart to God, they came with open minds, with enthusiasm to give everything a go, to take the opportunity to give of themselves to one another and those in their care. What I witnessed this week I am not truly able to put



into words, as what I saw were lives changed, hearts and souls being healed, and people discovering the joy of Christ and learning how to respond in prayer and service. See the miracle of Lourdes doesn't necessarily mean restoring sight to the blind, making the paralysed work etc. It is seeing teenagers making friends with the elderly, finding common ground with them and really caring about them, spending time with them and discovering the wisdom that they have and seeing the person not the wheelchair. The miracle is in the taking time to reflect on our own lives and see where we have not lived up to the ideals God wants us to and then rejecting what society says is fine to be humble and

brave enough to confess these to a priest and ask for Christ's forgiveness. The miracle is that in amongst 1000s of people they simply kneel and stare at what to the world seems like a piece of wafer but they know is Jesus truly present, they kneel in silence, they don't look at their phone, they don't need to be entertained they are happy to just be in his presence.

I was told by a member of staff from another school that she believed our students worked the hardest by far, that they never tired in serving others, that no job was too menial or too tasking. I am very touched by these kind words, I will never forget this week and how it has deeply touched me and encourage my faith by just witnessing them. I pray that God will continue to accompany them in faith and love.



Thank you Sam, Fraser, Alex, Joe, Brodie, Niamh, Shania, Emily, Maddie, Nicole and Molly for being who God is calling you to be and helping me to experience the best pilgrimage I have ever been on.

On that note I finish by wishing all of our students, staff, parents and other members of our community a wonderful, happy and restful summer holiday. To our members of staff who are leaving us, thank you for all you have given to our school and may God bless you in the new adventures you are yet to face.

God bless
Joe Hopkins
Lay Chaplain

Cultural Day

On Thursday 14th July Margaret Nwagwu and Maggie Mason organised 'Cultural Day'. Once again this was a resounding success. A dinner of Jerk



Chicken, Jellof Rice, Dumplings and Tomato sauce, followed by a pudding of Tropical Cheesecake. They catered for 120 students and completely sold out plus lots of water was needed as it was nice and spicy!!



Meal Deal Price Increases

From September all meal deals will increase to £2.20 in line with the Council's Free School Meals. Could all parents please ensure their child's Squid accounts are in credit as it can cause delays at the tills. Don't forget there is the option to have automatic top up.



Mrs Mason - Catering Manager

Is Your Child Entitled To a Free School Meal?

Eating well at the right time is proven to have a significant impact on the learning and the ability to concentrate of young people. It is extremely important that young people are well equipped for school and ready to learn. One contributing factor to this is eating healthily. At Christ the King, we understand the financial difficulties that some parents experience on a daily basis and we would like you to consider applying for a free school meal, if you think you are eligible.

If you are entitled to one of the following benefits, you may be entitled to claim:

- income support
- income based jobseeker's allowance
- income related employment support allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 guarantee element of state pension credit

Because we are a cashless school, all students in receipt of a free school meal remain anonymous and the information is treated as private and confidential. There is no longer the need to feel that there is a 'stigma' attached to students in receipt of a free meal.

You may or may not be aware that claiming your entitlement to a free school meal also now guarantees your child access to additional funding which could help with the purchase of uniform, school equipment and contributions to school trips.

If you live in Nottinghamshire visit the County Council website or call 01623 433009.

If you live in the City of Nottingham visit the Nottingham City Council website or call 0115 915 4084.

Art News

On the 23rd June the Art Department hosted it's annual Art and Photography exhibition.

On display were some skilful and imaginative Fine Art pieces from the A Level Art students,

some very interesting photos from the AS Level Photography students, some amazing portrait paintings from the GCSE Art students and a



collection of ceramics, paintings and drawings that were created by the talented Year 8 Art

Academy students this year as part of their 'Bronze' Arts Award qualification. As always the display looked fantastic and we are very proud of all the CTK students that were involved.'



The Year 8 Art Academy students visited the 'Hands on Pottery' studio in Sherwood to develop their artistic skills in using clay. Each student created an imaginative and sturdy vessel that was fired and glazed. The workshop leaders

commented very positively about the students, saying that not only were they a talented bunch, but they were some of the nicest and well-mannered children that they had worked with. It was a really lovely day and the pots look very



professional.

Mrs East - Art Teacher



Christ the King
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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7 pm
Open morning tours from 19th September

During the week commencing 19th September 2016, Christ the King will be holding open mornings with hour long tours available every day at 9 am.

Please contact the school for more information. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Providing the
best experience
we can for all
in our care

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