



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School

NEWSLETTER 21



Friday, 24 February 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Trust in God**

COATS FOR SCHOOL

We were alarmed today to see some pupils arriving with no coats and some others wearing inappropriate jackets, despite the appalling weather. If your son/daughter tells you that there is nowhere to store their coat at school, this is untrue. Every child has been given a locker and time is built into the school day to allow them to access this. Please encourage your child to wear a proper weatherproof coat for the journey to and from school.

DANCE DIVA

Our annual Dance Diva extravaganza took place on Wednesday at the Charter Theatre and what a fantastic night of entertainment it was! Over 300 boys and girls from Year 7 to 11 performed 'Dance Through the Decades' which chartered the history of the 20th Century and how popular music was influenced by different events and eras. Pupils had been preparing their dances since January in their Drama and PE lessons as well as in Musical Theatre and Dance Clubs after school. If you were lucky enough to witness the event we are sure you will agree what a wonderful evening it was.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day is on Thursday, 2 March which starts a week of activities to promote reading in school. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher. They may use this voucher in a book store or if they are unable to visit a book store we have arranged for the books to be made available in school; these can be collected from the LRC. The following week, Thursday, 9 March, we have best-selling author Chris Bradford coming into school to talk to our Year 8 and 9 pupils. Pupils will have the opportunity to buy a signed copy of one of his books for £6.99, if they wish to do so. All pupils will be reading a book throughout the day on World Book Day; this book will be provided by school. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure as much as possible as this will not only aid their exam success but give them an enjoyment beyond the classroom.

KS4 PARIS TRIP

On Thursday, 9 February, 48 Year 10 and 11 students and 5 members of staff had a very early start as they set off for a trip to Paris. After a long coach journey, they spent the first evening cruising along the River Seine, taking in the sights and atmosphere of Paris. The following day was spent at the Louvre Museum, the Palace of Versailles and the Jardin de Luxembourg with an evening trip to the Montmartre area and the Sacre Coeur. On the Saturday, pupils visited Notre Dame Cathedral, Saint Chapelle, had lunch in a traditional French restaurant follow by a guided coach tour and then finally some serious shopping on the Champs Elysées. On Saturday night the group admired the views of Paris from the Eiffel Tower. Sunday was the start of the journey home, stopping at the lovely town of Boulogne-sur-Mer en route to the shuttle!

GCSE ART EXAM

Please see below a reminder of the dates for the GCSE Art Exams:

20/03/17 - 11B and 11C - P1-4

23/03/17 - 11A - P1-4

27/03/17 - 11A - P1-4

28/03/17 - 11B& 11C - P1-5

RESTAURANT UPDATE

Over the next few weeks many changes are due to take place in the Restaurant. Work is underway to streamline our services with the aim of not just making lunchtimes an enjoyable experience but also providing a healthy and exciting new menu for our pupils. A new Deli Bar and Carb Bar are to be launched, watch this space for more updates!

YEAR 11 STRESS MANAGEMENT 'PUPPY ROOM'

Over the coming months, Year 11 pupils will be working extremely hard for their GCSE examinations. We are offering Year 11 pupils (and staff) a unique opportunity to relax and try to forget the pressures of the upcoming examinations. Taking inspiration from a number of universities, we have arranged for the Guide Dogs to come into school on Monday, 8 May and host a 'puppy room' therapy experience for our Year 11 pupils. Any Year 11 pupils or staff who wish to take advantage of this incredible opportunity should get their ticket from Finance, for the small sum of £1.00.

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

For current Year 10 pupils looking at admission to Cardinal Newman College in September 2018, the next Open Day is Saturday, 7 October 2017. Year 11 pupils who have been offered a place for September 2017 will have the opportunity to visit for the Newman Festival Day on Tuesday, 4 July.

Open Events at other local colleges are listed below:

Myerscough College, Saturday 25 February, 9.45am-12.30pm

Runshaw College, Wednesday 8 March, 4-8pm

Preston's College, Tuesday 16 May, 4-7.30pm

Dates to remember

Monday, 27 February – Year 11 Revision Programme begins

Thursday, 2 March – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday, 7 March – Options Evening

Thursday, 16 March – Year 11 Photographs

Friday, 31 March – School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 18 April – School opens for the Summer Term

Thursday, 27 April – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 1 May – May Day, school closed

Friday, 26 May – School closes for half-term

Monday, 5 June – School opens