



Welcome

from the Headteacher

On behalf of all the staff at Sacred Heart, I would like to welcome back all our pupils, parents, carers and the wider school community.



The return to school in these challenging times has been met by pupils across all years with optimism and determination.

They have been supported with a wealth of resources, lessons and materials uploaded to Google Classroom, enabling them to continue learning at home without interruption.

Live lessons are being used to support those who are isolating, ensuring all pupils have access to the vital support from their teachers and the face-to-face contact they need.

This school year will be unlike any other, with in-person, remote and hybrid learning experiences for our students.

However, by working together, we will be able to care for our pupils and meet all of their educational and pastoral needs.

God bless,

Dr Patrick Caldwell,
Headteacher

Sleepout Plan Proves A Grand Idea



In these strange times, many of our normal fundraising activities are unable to take place in the way we have always done them.

These include our annual sleepout event, which helps give our young people a taste of what it's like to experience homelessness.

So this year we came up with a different plan – the "Sleepout...Sleep in" – and so far, we have raised more than £1,000!

Staff and pupils were asked to give up their cosy bed for a night and sleep out in their gardens or find a place on the floor in the house to spend the night.

Many immediately volunteered to give up their beds and raise money to support our Christmas Community Fund.

The money raised will help us make this year's Christmas hampers for those in need in our local community are that extra bit more special and ensure everyone can enjoy a happier festive period.

This event helps us to understand what

others go through and help those in need in a practical way.

Don't take our word for it – here's what some of the students who took part said...

"Doing the sleep out has made me think that homeless people don't even have a shelter if it rains. I am very lucky for my bed and everything I take for granted." Olivia, Year 8

"It made me appreciate the comfort of my bed. However, I did enjoy the experience, even though it felt different." Buddy, Year 7

"I definitely have more appreciation for my everyday luxury of a bed." Isabelle, Year 8

Well done to all who took part and thank you to everyone who sponsored them to help raise a fantastic amount of money to help support our local community.



Renewing Our Mission As A Catholic Community



This term we have been reflecting on our mission as pupils and staff in a Catholic school community.

The leadership team have rewritten our vision and values statements so they reflect how we want to move forward and live out our faith.

Our new vision statement...

Sacred Heart exists to enable all members of the community to "live life to the fullest" (John 10:10), using their God-given talents for the benefit of themselves and others.

Our vocation is to inspire our students to flourish academically and spiritually and to empower them to fulfil their hopes and aspirations.

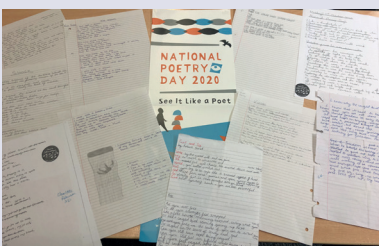
Young Poets Set Out Their Vision

Pupils spent National Poetry Day seeing life as a poet as they explored this year's theme of Vision.

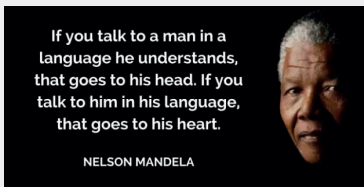
During form time they read poems, watched performance poets in action and were introduced to the vast array of different types of poetry, from villanelles to haikus.

In English lessons, pupils were asked to write poems on the theme of Vision.

The winning entries in our competition were Eve Stabler, Oliver Bowley, Ivan Carrick and Cecylia Glinowiecka.



Marking European Languages Day In Style



Our Modern Foreign Languages department invited all tutor groups to take part in a virtual Escape Room in the week leading to the European Day of Languages.

Participants learnt interesting facts, discovered idioms and worked out word sequences in a variety of languages.

Staff and students were also given the opportunity to take part in a competition to create a design for the 2021 European Day of Languages T-shirt.

Proud Day For Year 8 Pupils



An impressive range of Art, English, RE, Science and Geography work was brought to our Year 8 PROUD event.

Pupils explained why they were proud of their work and the improvements they have made.

This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate together after not being in school for six months.

Pupils received certificates and sweets to acknowledge their hard work. We're now looking forward to our next event after half term with Year 7.

Duo Celebrate Short Story Success

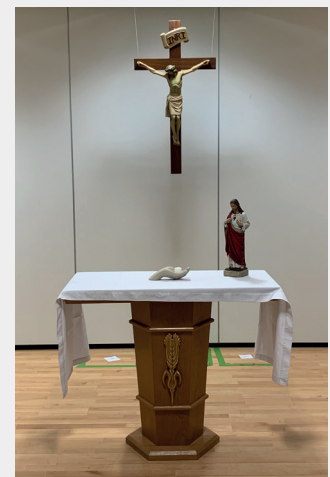
Two Sacred Heart pupils were among the winners in a trust-wide creative writing competition during lockdown.

Children throughout the trust were invited to submit entries on the theme "And the world came together as the people stayed apart."

Jasmine Guy in Year 11 took her inspiration from an image of an escaped World War II prisoner, while Year 10 pupil Joe Sutherland linked dystopian sci-fi to challenges of the current pandemic.

We were moved by their thought-provoking pieces and the impressive talent they displayed.

Fresh New Look For School Chapel



We have been working hard to improve the school environment for our pupils and are particularly proud of our newly updated Postgate Centre chapel. This has involved many hours of rearranging the space to make it a more welcoming and spiritual space for both staff and pupils and a place of sanctuary in our busy world.