



Welcome

from the Head of School

Welcome to St Patrick's Catholic College first newsletter of this academic year.



We have certainly faced a very different environment due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

However, we have worked together to ensure the impact on our young people is minimal and I would like to thank everyone for the ongoing support we have received.

I have been incredibly proud of the resilience and determination pupils have shown in adapting to the "new normal" and adhering to the routines and measures we have put in place.

They are demonstrating a dedicated approach to their learning in the classroom and embracing the opportunities they have during social time.

It is an exciting year for the college as we continue to enhance our fantastic teaching and learning and we are looking forward to the successes that this new school year will bring.

Mrs Deborah Law,
head of school

New House System Underpins Our Catholic Values



"Faith in God"



"Courage in adversity"



"Charity through care"



"Wisdom in Judgement"

This year we have been introducing a new house system at St Patrick's Catholic College.

We believe having a house system in place helps create an identity for our pupils, enabling every pupil and member of staff to feel a sense of belonging as part of a Catholic school.

The underpinning Catholic ethos behind each house has deep roots linked to the virtuous life of each of the holy people and places they represent.

Each of the four houses demonstrates virtues that encourage all our young people to seek the Kingdom of God through word, deed and understanding.

Our four houses and their virtues are:

Ampleforth – Faith in God

Clitherow – Courage in Adversity

Postgate – Charity through Care

Whitby – Wisdom in Judgement

Talented pupils came up with designs for each of our four houses and we received a wide variety of colourful and creative entries from each year group, with some fantastic ideas being put forward.

The winners of the St Patrick's Catholic College House Logo Competition are...

S Robson 7AMP

S Speight 9CLI

M Marley 9POS

A Chakraborty 8WHI

The new house system is also incorporated into our rewards culture. Pupils can receive house points for both pastoral and academic achievements, which will then increase the running totals in each house.

This means all pupils are able to contribute to improving their house totals to win weekly, termly and yearly awards. All are linked firmly to our Catholic understanding of all pupils fulfilling their potential as creations of God.

Pupils have welcomed the system, saying it has motivated them to work harder and contribute more to the school community.

We'll have more news about the new house system at St Patrick's over the coming months.

Remembering Those In Need On Harvest Fast Day



Each year we come together and remember those less fortunate than ourselves on CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day.

As a Catholic school community we aim to develop virtues of compassion and hope in our young people through prayer and almsgiving.

This year differed from past years, when we have gone into Christ the King parish hall and served homemade soup. Instead, students donated their spare change to this worthy cause.

Young Poets Share Their Vision

Staff began our National Poetry Day celebrations by reciting their favourite poems.

Key Stage 3 pupils wrote their own poems in their English lessons and the English department then invited all pupils to enter a poem on the theme of Vision into a competition.

Well done to our winner Tia and runners-up Lucy and Eva.



Praise-Fest Returns With A Bang



Praise-Fest is back this academic year, with pupils encouraged to showcase work they are proud of every week.

We have had some fantastic entries already from a wide range of pupils and year groups. They receive a certificate and a small token of our appreciation.

Here at St Patrick's we call on each and every pupil to be a positive influence on their peers and Praise-Fest provides an ideal opportunity for everyone to do this.

Follow our social media platforms to see our Praise-Fest pictures.

Enrichment Programme Brings Rewards



Our enrichment programme has begun with a bang this academic year.

Activities have been well attended, ensuring pupils enhance their learning beyond the classroom.

Year 11 pupils have enrichment four times a week, consisting of Maths, English, Science and optional sessions.

One pupil said: "It's making a big difference because we go over the gaps in our learning and look back at topics we studied earlier."

Year 7 have also embraced activities on offer this half term, attending science and sports clubs.

Some pupils have also made crafts to sell during the festive period, raising money for several worthwhile charities.

St Patrick's Has All 60,000 Answers!



St Patrick's pupils have already answered more than 60,000 questions correctly as part of our Tassomai online learning programme.

All pupils should have signed up for Maths, English and Science. Our Tassomai leaderboards are visible for all pupils and updates are posted on social media.

Letters will be sent home inviting parents and carers to sign up for a weekly homework report and monitor their child's progress. There are also weekly prizes on offer.

Support And Additional Needs Help Is Available



Our Special Education Needs and Disability Coordinator Mrs Hawthorn and lead for vulnerable learners Mrs Mitchinson are here to offer additional needs or SEND support and advice.

We are proud of our open-door policy at St Patrick's, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or need help. You can also phone the office to make an appointment.

For more information, visit the Key Information area on our school website.