



Welcome from the Head of School



Welcome to the latest edition of the St Patrick's newsletter – and what an exciting few weeks it has been!

Our Year 11 pupils are well into their GCSE examinations and continued to show their dedication to their studies with a visit to Middlesbrough Football Club for a revision conference, where they showed a mature approach to their studies. We look forward to celebrating with the pupils at their prom.

We prepared our pupils for their pilgrimage to Lourdes with a team building day to ensure they were ready to play their part in what was a very special experience.

Our departments also planned unique lessons to share their individual links with the Feast of Pentecost, as we celebrated the birth of the Church with descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

God Bless

Deborah Law
Head of School

RIVERSIDE VISIT HELPS PUPILS PREPARE FOR EXAM SEASON



Year 11 pupils are well into their GCSEs and they continue to show the hard work and resilience they have displayed throughout their time with us.

During their alternative timetable in school, pupils have been engaging in revision sessions before their public examinations.

Early in May, they travelled to Middlesbrough Football Club's Riverside Stadium for a revision conference.

This gave the RE, maths, English and science curriculum teams some dedicated time with the full year group away from the classroom.

Pupils attended in their own clothes and spent over an hour on each subject, working on areas that will support them during the exam season.

They were also treated to a restaurant-style meal and a tour of the stadium, which included a visit to the changing rooms and a walk down the players' tunnel, with the highly knowledgeable MFC staff acting as guides.

Feedback from the staff was very positive, with lots of welcome

comments about our pupils and their behaviour.

We would like to thank them and the club for their welcome and support throughout the day. We hope to be back soon.

As Year 11 pupils continue with their examinations throughout June, we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Lord, I'm here today with open hands and an open heart, ready to depend on you to help me through the day and all it will bring my way. Help me come to you for guidance, strength, provision and protection.

As I face tough choices and hard situations, help me remember my belovedness, help me remember that I am your child and your representative to the world around me. Help me live today in a way that brings honour to Your holy name.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

MADONNA HOUSE STAFF SHARE VOCATION MESSAGE



We were delighted to welcome Father Michael and Cheryl Ann from the Madonna House community at Robin Hood's Bay for a visit.

They joined Michael, a retired school chaplain, to speak to our Year 10s about vocation.

Pupils listened with interest as they told us about what it means to live in community, committed to living the Gospel through loving one another and carrying out the duties of the day.

An early lesson in revision strategies



Year 10 pupils learned about key revision strategies during a special session.

The five revision strategies discussed were quizzing, chunking, metacognition, elaboration and spacing.

Pupils could create a revision timetable in preparation for their upcoming pre-public examinations (PPEs) and ultimately for their GCSE exams.

One pupil said: "I'll definitely be trialling the techniques in my PPEs so I can become an expert in the strategies by the time I sit my GCSE exams."

Formation day prepares our Lourdes pilgrims



Pupils taking part in this year's Lourdes pilgrimage joined their counterparts from other trust schools for a formation day at Postgate House.

The aim was for everyone to feel that sense of community that is so important when working together.

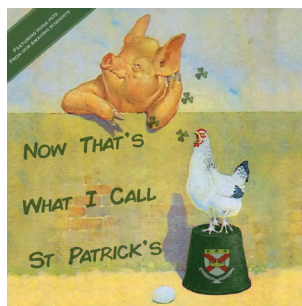
We began with a beautiful liturgy led by trust lay lead chaplain Angela O'Brien.

Pupils made welcome bags for the supported pilgrims they would be meeting, each containing a key-chain rosary, bookmark and a booklet explaining a little about themselves.

The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the five-day pilgrimage, working hard to assist the supported pilgrims in the blazing French sunshine.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL ST PATRICK'S!

A fantastic compilation CD recorded by our pupils has been played around the school to mark their time with us.



"Now That's What I Call St Patrick's" is a collection of famous songs that our students recorded with Mr Mackin in the Music Department.

It has certainly given our staff and students a wonderful summer vibe!

SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR OUR STAFF

STAFF APPRECIATION APPLE



Mr Wilson

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BECAUSE OF
THE WONDERFUL WORK YOU DO!

Here are the reasons Mr Wilson has been chosen:

- Leadership
- Pastoral Support
- Driven attitude
- High Expectations
- Challenging excellence
- Creating opportunities for success



"I couldn't have
picked a better
teacher"

We have been thanking a member of staff each week and reminding one another how thankful we are for the work they do.

Staff Appreciation Apples have been growing rapidly throughout our school over the term as we focus on staff wellbeing.

Employee wellness is essential to our school's success and is the foundation of our school family and community.

We want to not only help our pupils to thrive, but our colleagues, too.

Meet Fred and Wilma, our loveable axolotls!



For the last two years, St Patrick's science department has been home to Fred and Wilma the axolotls.

We bought them to study respiration. They originate from Mexico and remain in larval form, which may be seen as an evolutionary handicap for "neotenic" axolotls (that means they keep most of their larval features into adulthood).

However, they thrive in their watery worlds, feeding on small prey such as worms and crustaceans.

We have been lucky enough to have reared seven baby axolotls this year.