



Welcome from the Headteacher



As we begin another very busy half term, it is very clear to see our pupils living out the mission of the school: "Live life to the full"—John 10:10.

Year 11 pupils have embraced the challenge of their examinations and the enormity of what was before them with resilience and determination. Their maturity and approach are a credit to the whole Sacred Heart community.

I would like to thank pupils, staff, parents and carers for all their care and support.

We will soon begin writing another chapter in the Sacred Heart story, welcoming Year 6 pupils who will join us in September.

It will be our pleasure to welcome them into the Sacred Heart community.

It's wonderful to see Sacred Heart going from strength to strength as we work together to ensure our young people get the Catholic education they deserve.

God bless,

Michael Burns
Executive Headteacher

PUPILS READY TO REAP REWARDS OF THEIR HARD WORK



GCSEs are back! This is the first time exams have taken place since 2019, after two years of cancellations as part of the measures to control the spread of coronavirus.

The dedication that staff and pupils have shown has been testament to their talent, dedication and resilience.

Every morning, Year 11s are greeted by staff and given breakfast, followed by an intensive 20-minute pre-examination booster delivered by subject leaders.

The pupils have faced these examinations with confidence and determination to be successful, holding their heads high and knowing they could not have done any better.

Emily F said: "The exam season has gone well and the breakfast club has been a great success, allowing us to come in early and speak to staff and helping us cope with the pressure and become more focused."

Deputy head Mrs Welbourne said: 'We are very proud of the way in which our pupils have approached their revision over the last few weeks.

"They are showing incredible maturity in how they are conducting themselves in the exams and continue to work extremely hard in lessons, which is particularly impressive given the amount of disruption they have experienced over the last two years.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers of our Year 11 pupils for their continued support of the school.

"Being a parent of a child in Year 11 is not easy at the best of times, but their support during the lockdowns and the encouragement they continue to give our pupils at home is invaluable."

We are all hoping this year will be extremely successful after all the hard work.

We are looking forward to celebrating their achievements in the summer.

Formation day prepares our Lourdes pilgrims



Twenty-eight pupils from Sacred Heart, St Patrick's, St Peter's and Trinity came together to spend some time together, preparing to join the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Pilgrimage.

There was an opportunity for us to come together in prayer, to get to know each other, work together through a challenge and make a welcome bag for the supported pilgrims they would be helping.

There was also a chance to think about this year's Lourdes theme, "Go tell the priests".

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

Jubilee celebrations honour the Queen



The Sacred Heart family came together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee.

Mrs Carter, from the technology department, organised a tea party in the Queen's honour, with pupils from all year groups joining the fun.

The English department held a special poetry competition to mark the occasion. The winner was Eva P, with Esme S coming second and Phoebe S in third place.

All three girls are in Year 7. Congratulations to you all!

Joey takes next steps in Boro career



Year 8 pupil Joey T continues to make a name for himself with Middlesbrough Football Club's Academy.

Left-back Joey joined the club aged seven and trains at Rockliffe Park several times a week, with games on Sundays.

He has loved every minute and had some amazing experiences.

Next season he will take the next steps in his budding career with Boro's Under-14 team.

Good luck from all of us, Joey!

Medals galore for sporty Sacred Heart



Our pupils enjoyed sporting success at the annual Redcar & Cleveland Athletics Championships.

Among many excellent performances were winners Leon T (Year 7 high jump), Joey T (Year 8 1500m and long jump), Andrew E (Year 8 high jump) and Jack V (Year 9 200m and long jump). Our Year 9 boys won their team event.

Jack and his younger brother, George, qualified for the 200m and 70m hurdles at Gateshead.

Meanwhile, Year 11's Mia W came away from the National Deaf Swimming Championships at Loughborough with three gold medals.

ENDING HUNGER IS A WALK IN THE PARK

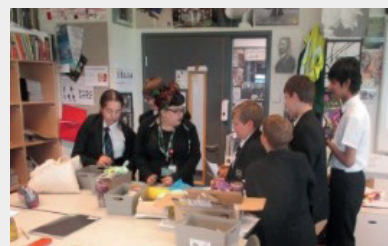


Year 7 reached out a helping hand to those most in need by taking part in CAFOD's walk against hunger.

The charity asked schools, parishes and individuals to walk 40,000km to help end world hunger and our pupils contributed 250km towards this target with a walk in Locke Park.

We'd like to thank everyone who sponsored them and raised more than £600 to help communities who are struggling to access food and clean water.

ENGLISH MEETS ART FOR MYTHICAL CREATURES' PROJECT



Our English and art departments worked together to help Year 7 pupils stretch their imaginations.

First, the pupils used their creative writing skills to describe their own fantastic mythical creatures.

They then worked in art lessons to bring their creatures to life in physical form, using vibrant colours and textures – and the results were stunning.