



Welcome from the Headteacher



As the academic year draws to a close, I am filled with many emotions.

Since I became executive headteacher in October, I have been touched by the warmth you and your children have shown me.

The school has changed significantly in that time and is now poised for a bright future under Louise Dwyer, who will become our new headteacher from September.

I have no doubt Mrs Dwyer will enjoy great success here for many years to come.

Sacred Heart is a special place and I will still be supporting the school as part of my wider role with NPCAT.

Our Year 11s are also beginning a new journey after completing their final exams.

We had a brilliant time celebrating with them at their prom.

They fully deserve a long, relaxing summer after everything that has been thrown at them in recent years.

God bless,

Michael Burns
Executive Headteacher

LOURDES: YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!



Seven of our pupils and two staff joined the NPCAT party that took part in the Diocese of Middlesbrough Pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of May.

The adventure began with an early morning start as an excited group of slightly sleepy young people gathered at Teesside Airport at 4am ahead of their flight.

The week in Lourdes was simply phenomenal. Our young people were so compassionate and caring towards the people they were helping.

Every day we turned up for duty at the Elisio Hotel, where the supported pilgrims were staying, and the pupils greeted them with a smile as they paired up before taking them to the services and other activities.

There was lots of humour and laughter with the supported pilgrims, which made the week enjoyable for all.

No job was too much trouble for our young people, who were happy to do whatever was asked of them, whether that was pushing wheelchairs, carrying banners or taking part in the services.

Our pupils went on what was not just a physical journey to Lourdes, but also a spiritual journey for each of them as individuals.

They had the opportunity to spend time in prayer in a way they don't normally, and they valued this experience deeply.

They talked about being able to be more "fully ourselves" during the week as they spent time in reflection, as well as getting to know each other and the supported pilgrims.

We'll give the final words to the pupils themselves.

"I would describe Lourdes as a wonderful experience, but it's one you can't imagine, you have to see it!"

"Lourdes was an amazing experience. I made so many great memories, especially going to the baths and into the underground basilica."

Celebrating God's love on our school patron's feast



Year 7 pupils had their first opportunity since the start of the pandemic to celebrate Mass together at Sacred Heart Church.

And it was especially significant that we chose the Feast of the Sacred Heart for this very special occasion.

Tutor groups prepared bidding prayers and pupils read the readings. Ashton also signed a verse of a hymn.

We ended by sharing biscuits we had made with the parish community, who said how lovely it was to have our young people join them.

In school, we had prayers and reflections on the significance of the Sacred Heart for us as a community.

Energy and waste in focus for form reps

Form representatives from all year groups were invited to attend a presentation by Steve Campbell, from Redcar and Cleveland Council.

Steve has been working with us to see how environmentally friendly we are, examining everything from waste to electricity usage.



He has used this data to run a competition among the schools he works with. The most environmentally friendly school will win £1,000.

The form reps' role is to drive environmental change in school.

Year 11 prepare to say goodbye in style!



What an eventful five years it's been for the Class of 2022.

Through two years of Covid, multiple lockdowns, online learning, 1,000 school days and 6,000 hours, your resilience and determination have seen you through. You're all amazing!

Thanks for the memories and showing you know how to live out the school mission statement, to "Live life to the full" (John 10:10).

It was wonderful to see you in all your finery at your well-deserved prom.

Good luck and God bless from all of us.

Inspiring women offer workplace experience opportunities



The Inspiring Women Awards recognise the talents of the area's most amazing women and the impact they have on their community.

As part of this programme, we have been successful in obtaining opportunities for Year 9 and 10 pupils to shadow inspiring women across the Redcar and Cleveland area.

We received six placements, plus eight places on an Inspiring Women's workshop at Inspire2Learn.

We are grateful to all the women for giving our pupils these opportunities.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS BRING LESSONS TO LIFE



Year 10 geographers took part in their compulsory fieldwork at Redcar beach, investigating whether the groynes were stopping longshore drift and protecting the coast.

They enjoyed seeing their classroom topic in real life.

Next, they will go to Whitby to investigate sustainable transport.

Both trips will help prepare pupils for their GCSE Paper 3 exam.

SPORTS SUCCESS FOR TALENTED CRICKETERS



Our Year 7 cricketers travelled to Ampleforth to compete in the Yorkshire Cricket Dynamo's Competition.

The boys played well against strong opponents and finished fourth.

Our U13 and U14 sides competed in the Redcar and Cleveland Schools finals at Guisborough, both finishing third.

Finally, our young leaders hosted an introduction to sport festival for more than 100 reception-age children at Redcar and Cleveland College and received glowing praise from staff.