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# Welcome from the Headteacher



Welcome to our latest newsletter, marking the beginning of an exciting academic year at our school.

In this edition, we are thrilled to showcase the new opportunities and personal development pathways that await our pupils.

We have opened our doors to prospective pupils, extending a warm welcome to those eager to join our school community.

Our Year 11 pupils are forging ahead with unwavering focus and determination as they prepare for their future examinations. They are receiving valuable support and guidance to help shape their career aspirations.

Enriching opportunities are on offer for all pupils, enabling them to nurture their unique talents and gifts, a testament to the potential within each one of them.

As the days grow colder and the nights longer, we are reminded of the warmth and light that Jesus Christ brings to our lives.

In this season, we look forward to the journey ahead and the growth it promises for our school community.

*Deborah Law*

HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE



## Pizza treat for wonderful pupil ambassadors

**We were delighted to extend an invitation to our open evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils from throughout the Thornaby area and beyond.**

Parents, carers and pupils had the opportunity to meet our headteacher Miss Law, who shared a wealth of information about our exceptional school.

It was gratifying that more than 100 of our pupils volunteered as ambassadors for the evening. These pupils represented the school extremely well and the feedback we received from families about them was outstanding.

"The pupil helpers were friendly and showed a genuine interest in my child" one parent said.

Another said: "The pupils who guided us on the tour spoke with pride about their school."

A third parent added: "Our son really enjoyed the St Patrick's open evening. He got to try loads of new things, like building a bird box and the staff were so helpful and patient with him.

"The pupil ambassadors were extremely polite and respectful and helped to organise the evening, giving us a chance to get around every department."

Year 5 and 6 pupils enthusiastically participated in various activities

offered across departments.

These included science experiments involving dissections, bubbles and flames, coding in IT, crafting bird boxes and mug cakes in technology, practising menu ordering in French and engaging in a variety of sports and quizzes.

During their tour of the college, Year 5 and 6 pupils were given an anagram related to Catholic life to solve.

These entries were entered into a prize draw and Luka from Harewood Primary School emerged as the winner, receiving a £50 Amazon voucher.

To recognise their excellent representation of St Patrick's, we treated the ambassadors to pizza and snacks.

We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to invite our delightful Year 5 and 6 pupils to our Discover and Connect days throughout the year as part of their preparation for the induction days.



## Coffee morning fundraiser takes the biscuit!

**It never fails to impress us how much love and support we have for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning – and this year was no exception.**

Donations of cakes, biscuits and scones baked by parents, carers and pupils alike came flooding into school.

It was lovely to open our doors again to members of our local community and share a morning of tea and cake to raise money for the charity.

A huge thankyou to all who supported the event, which raised £473.72.





## HEALTHY TURNOUT FOR EXAM INFORMATION EVENING

There was a large turnout as we welcomed Year 11 pupils and their parents and carers to an exam information evening.

Core curriculum leaders engaged parents and carers in discussions about GCSE specifications, the curriculum, effective revision strategies and helpful tips for the upcoming PPEs (pre-public examinations).

Each pupil received comprehensive revision packs that included study guides and workbooks for Mathematics, English and Science.

Parents and carers could connect with curriculum leaders to discuss their child's progress and address any enquiries they might have.

Mr Scarr, representing T6 sixth form, was present to assist with questions about post-Year 11 pathways.

The event underlined the significance of maintaining wellbeing and provided valuable advice on striking a healthy balance in life.

## MUSIC USHERS IN LANGUAGES DAY CELEBRATION

Continental music filled the dining hall as we celebrated European Day of Languages.

We received more than 50 entries for our "Guess the language" competition - congratulations to joint winners Karsen L and Neive O'K, both from Year 7.

The Modern Foreign Language department is

looking for language ambassadors to promote and lead language events throughout the year.

They need to be enthusiastic, creative and passionate about languages. If you would like to take on this role, speak to your MFL teacher.



## CAREERS FAIR HELPS UNLOCK A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Our Year 11 Careers Fair was a resounding success, offering pupils a glimpse into a world of possibilities.

The event united pupils with professionals from diverse industries and educational institutions. Through interactive exhibits and discussions, pupils explored an array of career paths.

Notable highlights included one-on-one interactions with experts and guidance from universities and colleges.

We hope this fair has inspired pupils to dream big and equipped them with the insights and motivation to shape their future careers.

We are proud of our school's commitment to empowering pupils with informed choices as they embark on their journey towards a fulfilling future.



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## ROWERS NAVIGATE NEW WATERS WITH INFINITY BOAT CLUB

**In a continued partnership with Infinity Boat Club, our Key Stage 3 rowers are once again embarking on an exciting journey of skill and teamwork.**

With oars in hand and determination in their hearts, these young athletes are showing their passion for the sport.

Their experiences have not only honed their rowing skills but also taught them valuable life lessons of teamwork, perseverance and the joy of striving for personal bests.

We are so proud of our rowers, both girls and boys, and grateful for the ongoing support of Infinity Boat Club.

## YOUNG CAFOD LEADERS SHOW OFF CULINARY SKILLS

**We have now enrolled our new cohort of Young CAFOD Leaders from Year 10.**

Young CAFOD Leaders promote the work of the Church's international development charity CAFOD, both in school and the local community.

They got off to a flying start by making their own soup to serve to local people as part of Family Fast Day.

They impressed parishioners with their cooking abilities and we received some lovely comments – some even asked for our recipes!

Thanks to their hard work, the Young CAFOD Leaders helped raise £173.04 for this very worthy cause.



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