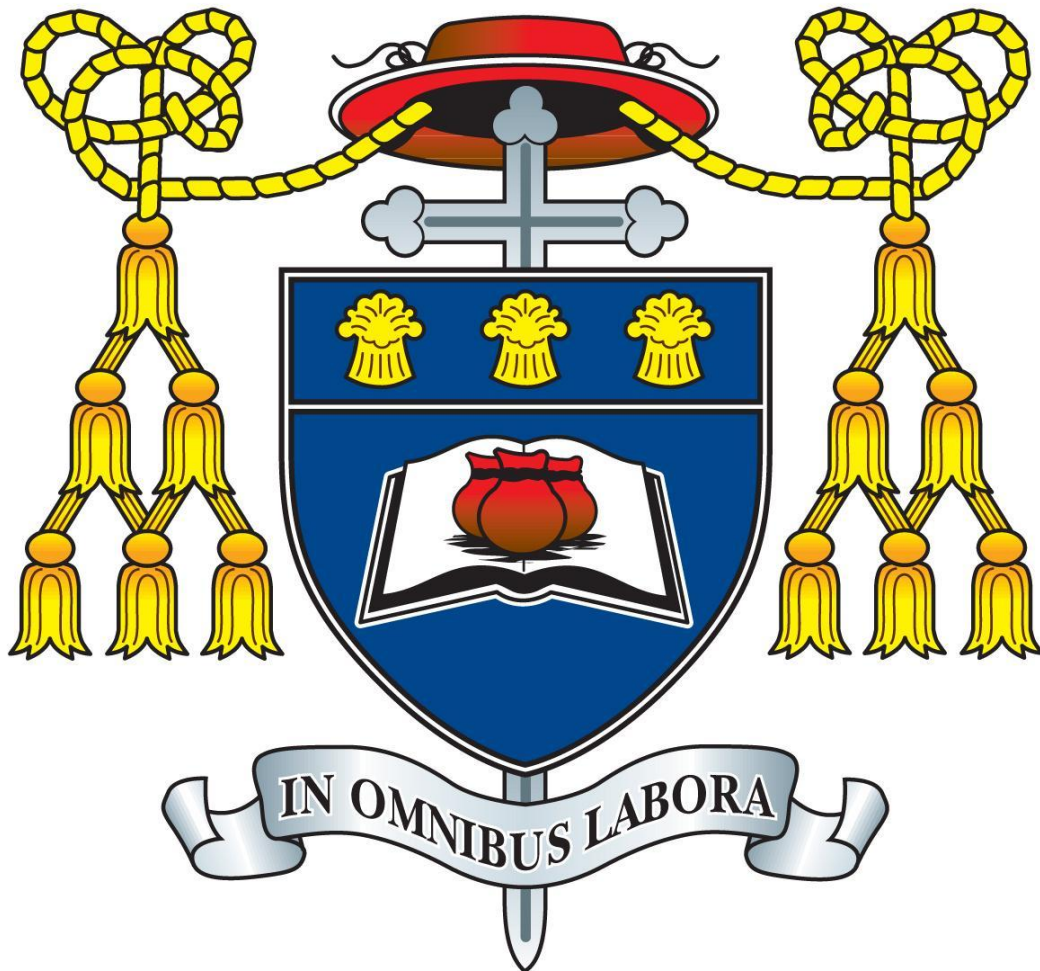


St Nicholas Catholic High School



Head's Newsletter
July 2007

School Liturgy

Since Easter we have had a number of liturgical celebrations. We had two very uplifting leavers' masses with so much involvement from the students. The hall was full for the Year 11 mass, to which parents and families were invited and it was certainly a heart-warming celebration. Some days after we had the Upper Sixth leavers mass in the drama studio. The students were exceptional with their enthusiasm and singing and left us all with such positive memories. We also had well attended masses for the feasts of The Sacred Heart and Saints Peter and Paul, while the weekly voluntary masses continue on Wednesdays. Happily, we continue to be well served by our priests and we are very grateful for their commitment to us.

Message From The Geography Department

A big well done to all the pupils who have worked really hard in Geography this year. We've been very impressed!!! Enjoy the holidays and remember to start taking lots of photographs as we launch the next photograph competition in October and the theme is "Tourism".

Blood Brothers

The English Department look forward to welcoming all budding Key Stage 4 thespians to join us as we prepare to put on "Blood Brothers" in November.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Aoife Waters, M.B., Ch.B. University of Glasgow

Christopher Trafford B.A. Hons in Landscape, Interior Design at Nottingham Trent University.

Past students Tom Hodson and Alice Fenton have both qualified as medical doctors this year.

Marie Fenton 2:i University of Warwick.

Sisters Jessica and Hannah Rose both achieved IIIi Degrees this year.

Liam Shields First Class Honours Degree, Keele University, B.A. Politics and Philosophy.

Congratulations to Natasha Stevens, James Griffiths and Hannah Paver who have been selected to represent Cheshire at the English School Athletics Association Championships.

Congratulations to Tom King, Natasha Stevens and Hannah Paver on their selection to represent Cheshire Schools AA at the Inter Counties.

The School won the Minor Girls Mid-Cheshire Athletics Championships with the Boys achieving a very creditable third place.

Congratulations to the following sixth form students who have gained their ECDL qualification this term. This proves that they can use a range of computer software efficiently.

David Bamber

Charlotte Baker

Marianne Rizkallah

Sam Chawner

Congratulations to Lauren Garvey – Grade 4 merit for her flute.

Jazz

Kyran Matthews VI Form has won a place on a jazz mentoring programme and he will be performing at the Manchester International Festival in July.

Water Polo

Conor Dean, Year 10, plays water polo at a national level. He has been asked to be a pool side steward at the European Championships in Manchester.

Diocesan Newsletter

An extract from the Diocesan Newsletter: Inspired by Livesimply

St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich.

“This year in St Nicholas Catholic High School and College, we supported CAFOD through the motto of “living simply”. Year 7 made paper chains to symbolise joining the world as one. Years 8 and 9 contributed by giving a donation to buy stickers to place on their collage of the world. All of these visual chains and posters were displayed in classrooms around the world. Year 10 took part in a feast and famine; it really showed the students’ willpower that they were able to fast during lunch. Year 11 collected loose change in large tubs all going to the CAFOD cause. The lower sixth designed posters with a clear message on how to live simply and therefore attempt to make poverty history once and for all. Some lower sixth students challengingly fasted for 24 hours and made donations to the appeal. Overall, pupils really pulled together on a range of activities and spent time in form considering the motto to live simply and how everyone matters in our world family.” The results of all this fundraising was a magnificent total of £1500 - thanks to you all for your hard work.

School Day September 2007

On Arrival

- 8.35am (onwards) E-registration
- 8.50am Warning Bell
- 8.55am Lesson I
- 9.55am Lesson II
- 10.55am Break
- 11.15am Lesson III
- 12.15pm Form/Assembly
- 12.50pm Lunch
- 12.51pm (onwards) E-registration
- 1.40pm Warning Bell
- 1.45pm Lesson IV
- 2.45pm Lesson V

Please note there are no changes to the start time and finish times of the day. The key changes are two lessons before break (one previously) and Form time has been consolidated into one thirty-five minute period, immediately before lunch; lunch is for fifty-five minutes.

There are NO plans to make any other changes at this time and there is a statutory requirement for a full consultation process over a period of months should there be any proposals to change start and finish times at any school.

Magistrates Mock Trial Competition

Congratulations to the Year 9 students who reached the national finals of the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition. The team reached the final which involved eighteen schools out of an entry of over 350 schools.

9L

Simon Clarke

9P

Rachael Williams

Alistair Norman

9Q

David Rattingan

Catherine Sturman

Daniel McTasney

9R

Thomas Flamini

9T

Genevieve Darwin

Lizzie Thomas

Rowing

Long-shot partnership win coxless pairs gold for Britain in the World Cup. Past student Matt Langridge put Britain back on the gold standard in coxless pairs – an event once owned by GB for years with names such as Redgrave, Pinsent and Cracknell.

Holiday Programme 2007 – 2008: Students

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Summer 2007		Tues 4 September
Autumn Half-term 2007	Fri 19 October	Mon 29 October
	Tues 6 November	Thurs 8 November
Christmas 2007-2008	Fri 21 December	Mon 7 January 2008
Spring Half-term 2008	Fri 8 February	Mon 18 February
Easter 2008	Wed 19 March	Wed 9 April
May Day 2008	Fri 2 May	Tues 6 May
Summer Half-term 2008	Fri 23 May	Mon 2 June
Summer 2008	Tues 22 July	

International Days

If any parents are fluent in any of the languages and would like to help they should contact Mrs J Robertson at the School.

Wednesday 3 October 2007 – French Day
Tuesday 4 December 2007 – German Day
Monday 4 February 2008 – Polish Day
Thursday 10 April 2008 – Spanish Day
Friday 27 June 2008 – Europe Day for all of Year 8

Health & Safety Notice

With effect from 1 July 2007 a No Smoking Policy is in operation. The policy is for the premises which includes the grounds and buildings. Please do not smoke anywhere on the grounds or within the buildings.

Traffic Management

- The maximum speed limit on the site is 10mph.
- Please do not use a hand held mobile phone whilst driving.
- Do consider all pedestrians and other drivers when driving on the site.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Junior UK Maths Challenge (Yr 8)

Congratulations to:

Best in School & Gold Certificate – Matthew Griffiths

Gold Certificates: Caitlin Rowlands, Chris McNabb, David Keegan, Lydia Costello, Ben Murphy, Ryan Kitt, Stephen Ronald

Silver Certificates: Bethany Cronin, Elliott Hitch, Liz Ashworth, Andrew Brown, Alex Shakeshaft, Anna Watt, Clare McKay, Jonathan Davies, Michelle Goodwin

Bronze Certificates: Nicola Wellington, Sarah Wellington, Anthony Orzel, Kate Mackay, Jessica Bates, Rebecca Semple, Lucy Butterfield, Sarah Jones, Jennifer Haney

Charity Donations for 2006-07

Well done to everyone. The following has been raised through the year:

St Lukes Hospice	1042
Mercy Ships	1000
Kiloraran – Sisters of Sion	100
St Lukes Hospice	42
Seeing is Believing	75 (Mr Paul 7M)
The Smile Train	75 (Mr Paul 7M)
British Red Cross	50 (Mr Paul 7M)
Catholic Children's Society	2000
Teenage Cancer Trust	70 (Mr Brown 7P)
Housing Aid Bosnia	150 (via Yr8 pupil)
BRAKE	25 (Yr8 pupil sponsored silence)
Teenage Cancer Trust	1000 (Non uniform day)
Secular Franciscan Order	100
CAFOD	1500
Camp Project Wales	200 (via C Snowdon)

Girls' Uniform for September 2007

The Governors' Policy is that all female students, Years 7-11 will be required to wear the school skirt or trousers. These are specific to school and can only be purchased from the school shop. The reasons for this policy change have been highlighted in my letters during the last six months. This current academic year is a period of transition, all Year 7

girls already wear the new uniform requirements. Please contact Mrs Cummins at the school for further details regarding ordering the uniform.

Thank you for your support in the school's intention to raise standards.

Staffing

Retirements:	Mrs Sylvia Capper	Mid-day Assistant – twenty-six years service
	Mrs Karine Mooney	Learning Resource Centre Co-ordinator – twenty years service
	Mrs Barbara Dean	Office Manager – eighteen years service
Leaving:	Mrs C Barnes	Food Technology – Career break
	Ms E Salisbury	English – Short-term contract
	Mrs F Gant	Art – Short-term contract
	Mrs Y Lovick	Science – Short-term contract
	Mr D Bett	Science – Short-term contract
	Mr M Clarke	Design Technology – Short-term contract
	Mrs C Hare	Science – Short-term contract
Chaplaincy:	Sister Catherine	New responsibilities
	Mrs Janice Wood	Seeking new challenges

We wish all our colleagues who are “moving on” every success in the future and thank them for their service and commitment to the students of St Nicholas School.