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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

The month of May is a busy time in all secondary schools as it is a time when all external examinations begin for both A level and GCSEs. May is also marked by the church in its dedication of the month to Mary. It is important that we take time this month to reflect on the remarkable role Mary plays in salvation history. Her "yes" to God's invitation forever changed the course of history. Today, Mary offers us three essential pathways for living our faith (St Bridget's Catholic Community, Marian Reflection 2012):

Mary shows us how to listen. *Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out-of-wedlock. She knew the cultural and societal consequences of her "yes." She knew what could happen if Joseph didn't understand. She had reason to fear her parents' reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary show us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking, God's invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centred attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.*

Mary shows us how God's word must be shared with others. *When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God's word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others. During this month, we are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joyfully with others.*

Mary shows us how to live in God's word. *Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and anguished deeply. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God's will and shows us how to live in God's word.*

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23 May

5pm-7pm

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to undertake a one week work experience from the 1 to 5 July.

Students are required to find their own work experience and to bring the supporting paperwork back to school by Monday 3 June.

Students who are attending the Geography field trip are expected to complete work experience for four days, Monday to Thursday, and attend the Geography trip on Friday 5 July.

Miss Duffy



There have been some changes to the after school sport clubs for this term

- Rounders for girls will now replace netball on Thursdays
- Flag (American) football will be available to all pupils every Wednesday
- Football for boys (Thursdays) will continue until the finals have been played and girls' football (Wednesdays) will continue as before
- Boxing and fitness also continue as normal



See Mrs North for details

attendance MATTERS

A **huge congratulations** to students who have maintained **100%** attendance since the start of the year. You should have received a text home if this applies to your child. To celebrate this achievement, we will be awarding prizes to these students over the next two weeks.

A reminder that any request for absence during term time must be made by submission of a purple holiday request form. These can be collected from Reception or your child can collect one from the Attendance Office. The Principal will consider the request in line with the Romero Attendance Policy. You will be informed of the outcome of the decision by a phone call/ letter.

Please remember that unauthorised time off in term time will result in a penalty fine from the Family First Team (£60 per child, per parent).

The Attendance Team

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Helping parents support their child's student finance application

Parents can support their child's student finance application by visiting the [GOV parent page](#) and watching the [parent playlist](#).

What's included on the parent page?

- an evidence guide – detailing acceptable financial and marital evidence
- information explaining why we ask for certain types of evidence
- a film for parents giving an overview of what they need to do to support their child's application
- a list of resources for more information about student finance.

What about the parent playlist?

The playlist for parents explains everything they need to know about what student finance is available, how to support an application, how repayment works and what to do if their income has dropped.

To keep up to date with SFE visit:



Last week some Year 9 and 10 students went to Soli House for a three day retreat. The theme of our retreat was 'Strong Towers'. They want to share some of their favourite moments with you...

My favourite part was the Mass and the affirmation. The Mass was really relaxing and the affirmation put a smile on everyone's face. - Alex Year 10.

Personally I enjoyed every single part of the retreat, but one of the things that really stood out for me was our services and religious activities. It was the one thing we fully shared and came together in. The team were absolutely amazing! - Esther Year 10



My favourite part of the retreat was when we had the opportunity to play mini games in our small groups. It made me understand the meaning behind our theme 'Strong Towers'.
-Leon Year 10

My favourite part was being able to use prayer to reflect on my life. I also enjoyed being around others and bonding to create positive vibes. - Denise Year 10

We all enjoyed every part of the retreat and would like to thank all the staff at Soli House for giving us memories that will last a lifetime.

 Chaplaincy Team

20 Random Acts of Kindness for Teenagers



1. Call your grandma/grandad.
2. Hold the door for someone.
3. Let someone go in front of you in line.
4. Put change in a charity box.
5. Send a message to someone to show your appreciation or thanks.
6. Use your manners. Say please, thank you and excuse me.
7. Give a compliment. It only takes one sentence.
8. Say good morning to your teachers and bus drivers.
9. Help to tidy up your classroom and put litter in the bins.
10. Help your younger brother or sister with homework.
11. Drop off old books to your local library or children's hospital.
12. Help someone in need carry their shopping bags.
13. Help around the house without being asked to do so.
14. Clearing out your wardrobe? Take clothes you don't wear to a charity shop.
15. Stand up for those who are being bullied.
16. Run an errand to the corner shop.
17. Walk the dog.
18. Cut the grass.
19. Thank someone when they show you kindness.
20. Hug your mother...or another!

Safeguarding



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