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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

We have been asked to distribute this letter as widely as possible on behalf of the Archbishop of Birmingham:



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Dear Brother Bishops,

Following my letter in December, I am writing with further details about the Settlement Scheme for EU/EEA citizens who wish to remain in the UK after Brexit.

Given the very large proportion of EU citizens who are Catholic, this is likely to affect many parishioners across England and Wales in the coming months.

The Settlement Scheme is due to fully open by the end of March. All the details and links to the application process can now be found at: www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus

As you know, since I last wrote, the Prime Minister has announced that there will not be a charge when applying to settle here. This is a very welcome move, for as we had conveyed to the government, previous proposals to charge people for securing their existing rights would not only be unjust but would also create an unnecessary barrier to applying.

Nevertheless, many of those who have made their homes here and wish to stay will still be facing uncertainty and confusion about what they need to do. The Bishops' Conference is therefore continuing to engage with both the Home Office and the European Commission to address problems with the scheme and help make people aware of their rights.

At this stage I would particularly like to draw your attention to a dedicated website recently launched by the European Commission: www.eurights.uk

This site includes:

- Impartial information about the Settlement Scheme
- Details of local information sessions across the country
- An option for parishes, groups or organisations to book an immigration solicitor free of charge to attend information sessions that they are hosting

I know that several dioceses are already making use of this valuable resource and encourage you to circulate it widely including to your Vicar General, Director of Education, Vicar for Religious and those responsible for social action in the Diocese.

With my prayers and best wishes,

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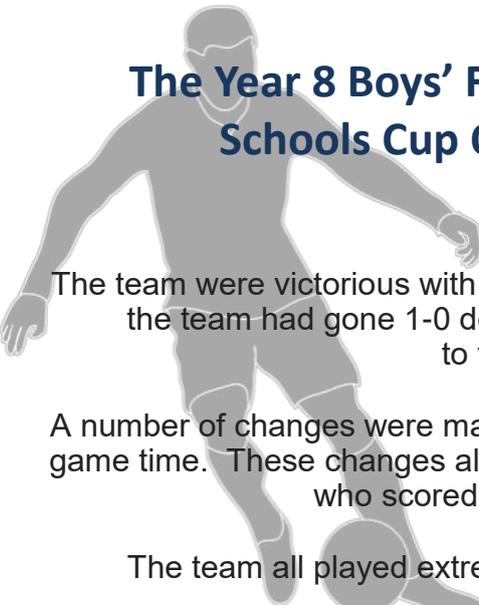
Upcoming Parents' Meetings

Year 9

Thursday 28 March - Year 9 Parents' Options Coffee Morning 9-10am

Year 11

Thursday 28 March - Year 11 Parents' Evening 5-7pm



The Year 8 Boys' Football Team triumph in the Coventry Schools Cup Quarter Final against Finham Park Thursday 14 March

The team were victorious with a 4-1 win. Daniel Onana scored a first half hat-trick after the team had gone 1-0 down in the opening minutes. The team battled back to take a 3-1 lead into half time.

A number of changes were made to the team at half time to allow the substitutes some game time. These changes also included a debut for the team for Ibrahim Ndikumana, who scored the fourth and final goal of the match.

The team all played extremely well and await the draw for the Semi-Finals.



Our Accelerated Reader star for this week is

Aleena Varughese 8C

who has become a double millionaire!

Congratulations!



Last week, a group of Year 12 History students and those interested in pursuing a career in education, visited Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in order to assist Jonathan, from 'Off The Page History', teaching Year 2 students about the Great Fire of London in an interactive way.

The day included workshops such as embroidery, ink making and weaving and role play.

Meanwhile the Year 2 students were taken through the historical events of the fire as a smoke machine simulated the advancement of the flames. It was amazing to see history come to life 'off the page' for the youngsters and it was a great source of work experience for us as History students.

We would also like to thank the staff of Sacred Heart for being so very welcoming and letting us take part in their day.

Casey Bartlett and Nicola Piorkowski, Year 12





FEATURED ARTIST GALLERY

This week's featured artist is Year 11 photography student, **Milena Sochowska**.

This is a piece of work from her exam project entitled 'Reflection'.

Keep up the great work Milena, well done.

Lenten Reflection and Prayer

In the bible it says “The Lord is compassion and love.”

We are reminded during Lent that God doesn't just act compassionately and lovingly, but God **is** compassion and love.

There is no distance between God and love. God doesn't have to try hard to feel love for us, or to show compassion for us. That is the state of God's being. No one is beyond the reach of God's love, there is no escaping it!

Lord, You are compassion and love. Work through me so that I may bring Your love to those I meet, and to those I might not meet but whose lives and stories still touch my own.

Amen.



Chaplaincy Team

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AWARENESS DAY 18TH MARCH

For more information visit: www.warwickshirecse.co.uk

What can I do as a parent or a carer?

As a parent or carer, it is important to discuss with children the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships to help highlight potential risks to them.

There are also a number of practical steps you can take to protect children such as:

- staying alert to changes in behaviour or any physical signs of abuse such as bruising
- being aware of new, unexplained gifts or possessions and carefully monitoring any episodes of staying out late or not returning home
- exercising caution around older friends your child may have, or relationships with other young people where there appears to be a power imbalance
- making sure you understand the risks associated with your child being online and putting measures in place to minimise these risks.

If you are concerned that a child is at risk of sexual exploitation, you may want to contact one of our specialist sexual exploitation projects for advice: www.barnardos.org.uk/specialist_sexual_exploitation_projects.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999 or contact your local police.

Barnardo's has launched its Cut them free campaign to reduce the number of children experiencing the horror of sexual exploitation in the UK.

You can find out further information about sexual exploitation and show your support at: www.barnardos.org.uk/cutthemfree.

Are you a parent or a carer?

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Sexual exploitation affects thousands of children and young people across the UK every year. As a parent or carer, you could have an important role to play in protecting children from exploitation, helping to cut them free from this horrific form of child abuse.

What is child sexual exploitation?

Sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse, in which a young person is manipulated, or forced into taking part in a sexual act. This could be as part of a seemingly consensual relationship, or in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or somewhere to stay.

The young person may think that their abuser is their friend, or even a boyfriend or girlfriend. But they will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the young person to do things they don't want to do. The abuser may physically or verbally threaten the young person or be violent towards them. They will control and manipulate them, and try to isolate them from friends and family.

Who does it affect?

This type of abuse could happen to any young person from any background. It happens to boys and young men as well as girls and young women.

The victims of abuse are not at fault. Abusers are very clever in the way they manipulate and take advantage of the young people they abuse.



How does it happen?

Many young people Barnardo's work with have been 'groomed' by an abusing adult who befriends the young person and makes them feel special by buying them gifts or giving them lots of attention. Young people may be targeted online or in person. Sexual exploitation can also occur between young people of a similar age.

In most cases, the abuser will have power of some kind over the young person. It may be that the abuser is older or more emotionally mature, physically stronger, or that they are in a position where they are able to control the young person.

There are some situations that can make young people more vulnerable to exploitation; by becoming distant from the people who would usually look after them. Young people who are having difficulties at home, regularly go missing or have experienced care may be particularly vulnerable.

What are the signs?

Children and young people that are the victims of sexual exploitation often do not recognise that they are being exploited. However, there are a number of telltale signs that a child may be being groomed for sexual exploitation. These include:

- going missing for periods of time or regularly returning home late
- regularly missing school or not taking part in education
- appearing with unexplained gifts or new possessions
- associating with other young people involved in exploitation
- having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- suffering from sexually transmitted infections
- mood swings or changes in emotional wellbeing
- drug and alcohol misuse
- displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour.



Safeguarding