

End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Summer holiday at 12:30pm after lunch on Friday 17th July 2015. Please be aware that the school buses may not run at this time and there may not be a school crossing patrol. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-3 on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform.

Staying safe over the Summer Holiday

Please might we take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to remind their children about staying safe over the Summer holiday, especially on the roads and when out and about near water or building sites.

2015-16 Term Dates & Holiday Pattern

AUTUMN	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS
	Wednesday 2nd September 2015 (Y7 & Y12 only) Term commences for Y8-Y11 & Y13 on Thursday 3rd September 2015	Monday 26th October 2015 to Friday 30th October 2015	Friday 18th December 2015 Well-Being Day (School Holiday) Monday 30th November 2015
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Monday 21st December 2015 - Friday 1st January 2016 Inclusive			
SPRING	Tuesday 5th January 2016 Inset Day (school closed) Monday 4th January 2016	Monday 15th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016	Thursday 24th March 2016
EASTER HOLIDAY: Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April 2016 Inclusive			
SUMMER	Monday 11th April 2016 Bank Holiday Monday (school closed) 2nd May 2016	Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016	Tuesday 19th July 2016 Inset Day (school closed) Friday 1st July 2016

Term-Time Absence

In September 2013 there were changes to regulations and Headteachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave for family holidays, extended stays or other recreational activities during term-time. Please bear this in mind when planning your 2015-16 holidays. Unauthorised leave is recorded and may result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice.

Bus Fares and IGO Passes

Children aged 11-16 require an igo pass in order to pay the concessionary fare on public transport within Greater Manchester. Information on igo passes can be found on the following webpage <http://igo.tfgm.com/>. Details of tickets, fares and passes can be found via the following link to the Transport for Greater Manchester website http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/Tickets/Pages/tickets.aspx

School Meals

The cost of a standard school meal is due to increase to £2.00 from 1st September 2015. Many children in the UK are entitled to free school meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement. We would like to encourage parents and carers to apply for free school meals for their child for two main reasons:

- Your child can select a good-quality and healthy lunch each school day using the school's cashless catering system.
- The school can claim a Pupil Premium for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us to provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child.

For more information on how we use our Pupil Premium funding please visit the school website www.clrchs.co.uk

For more information about free school meals, please contact Student Services here at school or visit the RMBC webpage: http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools_and_children/free_school_meals.aspx

Summer Holiday Activity Club

Cardinal Langley is once again running its sports and activity club over the Summer holiday with activities suitable for children aged 4 (Reception) -13. The core session runs from 9am-3pm at a cost of £9 per child per day, with an "early bird" and "staying late" option available. More information and details on how to book can be found on the school website - or call into Reception or the Community Sports Office for a flier.

Cardinal Langley's VOICE



Inspired by Faith Education Leads to Progress

As the summer holiday approaches, we reflect on a year in which our community has been united by both success and sadness and say goodbye to our Year 13 students who are leaving the safe harbour of Cardinal Langley and are eager to begin the next stage in their journey. They will always be a member of our Cardinal Langley family and we wish them every success for their results in the summer. We are proud of all of our students and their achievements this year and I thank parents and carers for their continued support. I am pleased to announce that we have secured funding for a new Year 7 base and construction will begin later in the year. This will provide dedicated classrooms, dining and outdoor space and will allow us to provide a stepping stone between primary and secondary school. This is an exciting opportunity for us to enhance the learning facilities even further and is due for completion in autumn 2016.

At the end of the academic year we will be saying farewell to Mrs Doherty and Mrs Maguire who are retiring after serving our community for almost 40 years. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to the education of the thousands of students they will have taught during this period. All who have had the pleasure to be in their classes have fond memories of their experience and we wish them a long and happy retirement. Congratulations to Mrs Brodigan on the birth of her daughter and we pass our best wishes to Mrs Green who is expecting in September. A number of staff are moving to the next challenge in their careers and we wish them every success; Mr Lord to Redwood Learning Community, Mrs Giles to Pontefract Sixth Form College, Mr Goddard to Falinge Park, Miss Walters to St Cuthbert's and Mrs Fox relocating to Guernsey. In September we welcome Miss Johnson (Food Technology), Mr Rainey (Assistant Head), Miss Hamid (ICT & Computing), Mrs McCorrison and Mrs Rodriguez (Religious Studies), Mr Cocks (English), Mr McLaughlin (Physical Education), Mr Kiff (History), Mr Bell (Maths) and Mr Farzaneh (Business Studies).

This term has seen the launch of our new website and we will continue to develop this over the coming months as we aim to enhance the communication between school and home. There are a number of important pieces of information in this newsletter and I ask that you take time to read it. I hope this newsletter gives you a greater understanding of all the fantastic work that goes on at Cardinal Langley.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.
Mr A Bridson



'St Joseph's Penny Appeal'

The 'St Joseph's Penny Appeal' has long been a tradition in Catholic schools across the Diocese of Salford where students raise money for children and families in need. The Appeal is now in 111th year. This fundraising contributes to people's lives in a number of ways, from helping to provide places to sleep for homeless people to giving expert counselling to people trying to overcome tough issues. The fundraising takes place throughout the season of Lent and Cardinal Langley came up trumps again and managed to raise £1000. Fundraising included cake sales, raffles, Easter egg hunt and sponsored events to name but a few. To recognise this we were invited to the celebration Mass at Salford Cathedral with Bishop John Arnold. The photo shows a selection of our students after they had presented the cheque to Bishop John. Well done to everyone at Cardinal Langley for their efforts!

Bon Voyage

As we approach the end of another school year it is time to say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on in their careers and as they look forward to their next challenge we wish them every success and God's speed.



The Kintbury Experience

St. Cassian's Centre at Kintbury is a residential retreat centre, owned by the De La Salle Brothers and run by a mixed community of Brothers, lay staff, gap-year volunteers and support staff. It was founded in 1975 to provide retreat experiences for young people.

The aims of the retreat are for students to get to know and understand themselves better, and to appreciate themselves more. Also, to develop their skills in getting on with other people in their lives and to make new friends from other De La Salle Schools. Finally, to appreciate more the place of God both in the wider world and on a more personal level.

'Kintbury was an eye opener for me. It made me realise things about myself that I would have never otherwise considered. It taught me how much I was appreciated and valued. I think that the most special thing to me was the friends I made. It was amazing to meet so many people who by the end of the retreat felt as we had known each other forever. I still keep in touch with these friends every day. Kintbury is a special place and is something I will never forget.'

Student quote

'Anyone who has stayed at St. Cassian's Centre seems to know instinctively what is implied by 'The Kintbury Experience'. For each individual it must have a different meaning, since no one person's life-pilgrimage is the same as that of another, but many would agree that coming to Kintbury has touched them deeply.'

'I don't know what you do at Kintbury but if you could bottle it you would make a fortune. I sent a rather shy student who lacked confidence on Monday morning to Kintbury. On their return from Kintbury they were so confident and had a level of maturity as they bounced through the door that we as parents had not experience before.'

Parent quote



Sheilagh Boylan 1954 - 2015

It was with great sadness that our community learnt about the death of our friend and colleague Sheilagh Boylan. Sheilagh and her husband Brendan retired from teaching in the summer of 2014 after long and distinguished careers at Cardinal Langley

Many colleagues refer to Sheilagh as a dedicated teacher but the description doesn't begin to convey the time and effort she dedicated to her pupils on their journey through Cardinal Langley. It was often said by many that Sheilagh opened the school for the caretakers.

Sheilagh's career at Cardinal Langley spanned eighteen years, and in that time she was personally responsible for high levels of academic success of a lot of our pupils in Religious Education. The undoubted pinnacle of Sheilagh's success in her subject came when a group of her students received letters of congratulations from the exam board for achieving the top five marks in the country for their GCSE RE exam. In addition to being a talented classroom teacher Sheilagh also shone in her role as our transition co-ordinator. In this role she ensured the Year 6 pupils were not overawed by the move up to "the big school". In this role the mother in Sheilagh shone through as it was her firm belief that the new pupils and their parents should be treated exactly the same as she would have expected her own three children to be treated.

Outside of Cardinal Langley Sheilagh had a passion for travel, particularly the Far East where she developed a keen interest in Buddhism to the point of becoming Cardinal Langley's in house expert. Her interest in Buddhism was only rivalled by her devotion to all things Bruce Springsteen and the fierce pride she felt in being a Geordie.

As a community we have felt the pain of loss already this year and the loss of Sheilagh has heightened that pain. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brendan and their three children, Damian, Rachel and Danny for their loss.

God bless you Sheilagh may you Rest in Peace.



Classical Cardinal Langley

Cardinal Pitch, Cardinal Langley's newly formed acapella vocal group have been entered into a competition in which selected groups will work alongside other students under the expert guidance of beatboxer Shlomo, choral conductor Greg Beardsell and vocalist Harriet Syndercombe Court.

Together they will create a brand new vocal composition and perform it on a professional stage in the main arena, leading a massed vocal ensemble with at least 400 adult delegates.

Cardinal Pitch have auditioned with the popular song 'Titanium' by David Guetta.

The group consists of 8 students from years 7,8 & 9; Isobel Coughlan, Trudie Wright, Alice McNally, Anna Gifford, Isabel Arnold, Madeline Spencer, Gracyrose Ndulue and Luke Jackson.

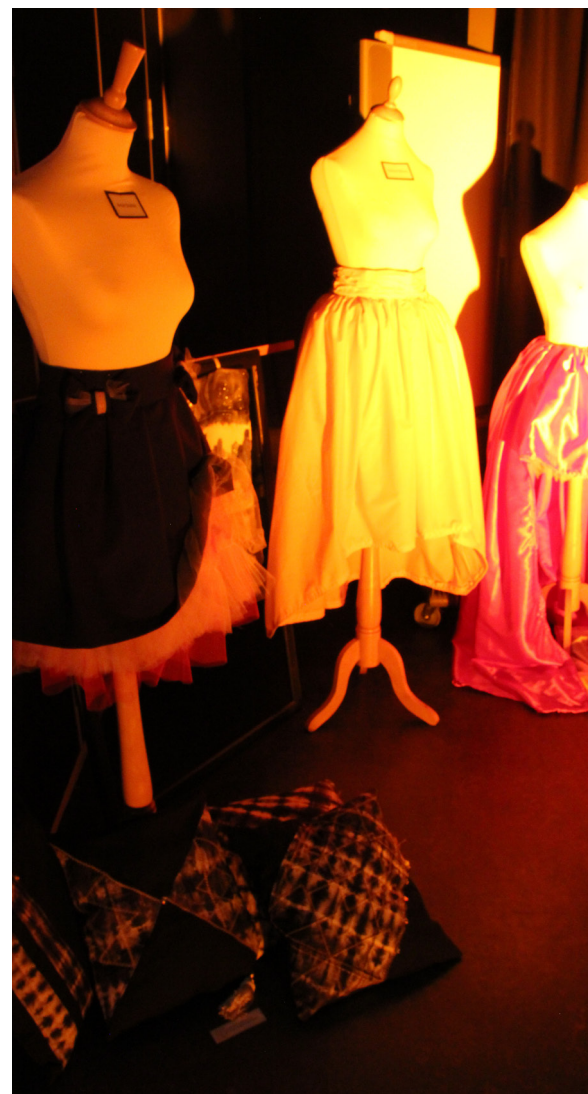
Good luck to all!

Sixth Form Open Day

A group of Year 12 students attended an Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Day at Lancaster University recently.

This was a great opportunity for our Sixth Formers to meet academics and student ambassadors and to attend taster lectures in a variety of subjects including Law, History, Film, Politics, Art and Social Work.





A-level Creative Arts Exhibition

As a final farewell to the school year, the Arts department held an exhibition, in which students were given the chance to display both their coursework and end pieces for their chosen topics.

The Sixth Form students presented their photography work in the performing arts common area, where parents and teachers were allowed to roam around the photographs- presented on large red boards with tacked information. The response was insane and visitors couldn't believe the level of work some students had produced.

Stephen Patterson, a year 12 student, observed: "The pictures were so poignant and the skill involved was impressive!"

A-level art students also had their work laid out on tables; their sketchbooks open for people to peruse through at their pleasure. Others had larger spaces to set out their end pieces, with professional lighting and music to fit the mood. An overwhelmed parent said: "I can't believe how high the quality of work was, to be honest, I would've paid a lot of money for the pieces."

The variety of artwork was immense and many art students had chosen a subject that was special to them for their exam. A popular question was 'Journeys' and the response was diverse; one student choosing to do about a journey through their family tree, another through the journey of conflict.

Georgia Frost, an art student within the exhibit, commented: "I think it went really well and seeing other people's work was extremely inspiring!"

"Some of the art work was really dark and chilling. I am very proud of my friends!" Lauren Perry, year 12 student.

There was also a selection of textile work shown at the exhibition, which included a variety of handmaid dresses, decorative cushions and patterned curtains. **Jennifer Coughlan**



Year 10 Taster Day at Bury College

Fourteen Year 10 students went on a Construction taster day at Bury College to experience Brick laying, Joinery and Plastering, they got to make their own plaster moulding, a wooden egg rack for Easter and help build a brick wall...all in 3 hours!

They really enjoyed the hands on practical experience and being in a construction environment. The students met other Level 1-3 construction students who were able to share their experience of the course; they even worked together with them on their bricklaying skills. It was a great experience and has really made them think about a career in construction.

Labour market information:

There are 1.14 million people currently working in Greater Manchester. The number of people who could travel in to work in Greater Manchester is much higher: over seven million people live less than one hour's drive away.

The majority of jobs are in very small businesses. It is forecast that more than 85,000 additional jobs will be created in Greater Manchester in the next ten years.

Outside of London, Greater Manchester is the UK's main centre for business, financial & professional services - currently 265,000 people are employed in this sector in Greater Manchester. Health and social care, creative and digital, education, and advanced manufacturing are all also important parts of the economy.

In 2011 just over 10,600 new businesses were created in Greater Manchester.

Important skills and sectors in this area

- Advanced manufacturing
- Creative and digital
- Education
- Business, financial & professional services
- Health and social care

Which are the main areas of growth?

Greater Manchester's employment growth, and related skills demand, has been driven by the large-scale and rapid expansion of the service sector, particularly financial and professional services.

Although smaller in size, the creative & digital sector has also grown.

The size, strength and importance of Greater Manchester's universities, colleges and providers mean that education is another key service sector.

The area's history as a centre of manufacturing has seen this sector continuing to be important.

The health and social care sector is the second largest employer in the area.

These five sectors are forecast to

continue to be important over the next decade. They are sectors in which jobs will be created and they will generate demand for skills.

In addition, there are expected to continue to be significant employment opportunities in retail, logistics, sport, and the hospitality & tourism sectors.

Forecasts are that the need for higher level skills (level 3 and above) will continue with over half of all new jobs expected to require at least a level 3 qualification.

There is also a lack of people with management and director-level skills. Employers also say that they need people to have good planning and organisational skills, basic IT skills, English and math's skills, plus customer service and team working skills.

CEIAG at Cardinal Langley RC High School

If you are a parent or student and you wish to make an appointment with the School's career adviser, you can do this through the School Website. Simply follow the instructions below:

1. Go on the School website: www.clrchs.co.uk
2. Click on Student
3. Click on Career Adviser
4. Request an appointment

If you want to, include reasons for the appointment. This will help us prepare the information you require.



A Journey to 'Wuthering Heights'

by Emerald Hill

It was just a happy coincidence that the English Literature trip to Haworth coincided with Mrs Woodcock's final week at Cardinal Langley, but it was a delightful way to see off such a beloved member of staff by taking her to the Yorkshire Moors to explore the origins of 'Heathcliff', 'Cathy' and of course Emily Bronte herself.

The trip was arranged by Mrs Dargan as part of A Level English Literature studies of the famous Emily Bronte novel, Wuthering Heights. The Year 12 English Literature class was invited along not just to boost the ranks of the Year 13 students but to aid with their own upcoming study of the novel commencing in September.

Following the first of many brief but tempting stints in the gift shop, we were guided down to the basement of the museum (the Parsonage that was the Bronte's home) and given a presentation on the cultural significance of Wuthering Heights, and a brief history of the Bronte family. It would seem that the surviving Bronte sisters, (tragically, the eldest sisters Maria and Elizabeth died at the ages of 12 and 10 following an epidemic of typhoid at the school that they attended), all had an exceptional imaginations. In their childhood, they created fictional worlds together, such as 'Gondal' and 'Angria', which served as a stepping stone for honing their creative minds, enabling them to produce the literary classics for which they each earned fame later on in life.

The end of the first seminar led on to a brief walk around the grounds of the Bronte Parsonage museum, taking us into a garden where we, sadly, saw a dead bird impaled on one of the branches of the trees, eerily reminiscent of an episode in the

narrative of Wuthering Heights. Although it was upsetting to see the dead animal, it served as a remarkable example of the harsh, natural environment in which Emily Bronte grew up, and offered some insight into how a young woman, a Vicar's daughter, in the 1800s could conjure up such a famously gothic novel. With dead animals floating around the garden outside of her bedroom window and a graveyard just beyond her home, it suddenly became a little bit easier for us to understand the origins of the brutal imagination locked inside the young Bronte girl's mind.

The grave yard was also a point of interest and our second stop on the walking tour. The old grave yard is on a slope and remains a mess of sunken headstones marking the final resting place of an anonymous Haworth resident of the 1800s. When the Bronte sisters were growing up, it would seem that Haworth had an unnervingly high mortality rate due to the water source having to trickle down through a maze of dead bodies in the graveyard before it reached the villagers.

Luckily for the lovers of Wuthering Heights, Jane Eyre and Agnes Grey, the Bronte sisters were spared this as their water did not have to pass through the graveyard prior to reaching them.

After lunch, we returned to the basement for a presentation on Wuthering Heights. We learned of an interpretation which saw Heathcliff as an unnatural force infiltrating the normality of the Yorkshire moors, disturbing the balance and upsetting the peace. Following Heathcliff's death, however, the peace appears to return.

Mrs Woodcock left us after the final seminar, but the rest of us stayed to explore the inside of the Bronte house, viewing with a slightly macabre interest the couch on which that Emily Bronte is believed to have died on at the age of 30, as well as the hundreds of original personal artefacts and documents linked to the literary sisters and their work.



Year Seven on Retreat at Savio House

Following an immensely successful experience over the past eleven years, we once again visited Savio House Retreat Centre in Bollington near Macclesfield, with our year seven.

The centre is owned by the Salesian community.

The retreat began with games and a walk in the Cheshire countryside, and went on to include a disco, group problem solving, murder mystery night, team games and time for reflection. The theme of the retreat was "Building Bridges" emphasising the message of being a support to one another in good times and times of difficulty.

The highlight of each retreat was the group celebration mass. The children interpreted a section of the mass into a drama, piece of artwork, dance and musical composition. The theme of the Mass was the Gospel reading "Jesus meets Zacchaeus"

The children were a pleasure to spend time with and a credit to Cardinal Langley. We hope their time spent at Savio House, and particularly that of prayer and reflection, has helped them to develop a deeper understanding of our faith and relationships with others.

Cardinal Langley receives breakfast club boost from cereal maker

Cardinal Langley RC High School received a £400 grant from cereal maker Kellogg's today after completing an innovative online breakfast club training programme which has been developed by Northumbria University.

The online course provides information on the benefits of breakfast clubs and healthy eating as well as offering helpful advice on planning, funding and marketing the club.

Mr. Andrew Bridson said: "The funding is fantastic but the handy tips we picked up through the training course were priceless. We are looking forward to using the grant money to subsidise breakfasts for the children as well as buying some new crockery.

"It's so encouraging to see companies like Kellogg's supporting breakfast clubs like ours as it means we can carry on delivering the same excellent service to our children and their families."

Kellogg's has been supporting breakfast clubs for 16 years and has set up more than 1000 new clubs in some of the most deprived areas of the UK.

Earlier this year, Kellogg's commissioned a national audit of school breakfast clubs across the UK which examined the challenges schools face in sustaining them.

The findings revealed 85 per cent of schools had a breakfast club and 45 percent of these admitted funding was the single biggest need for the future of their breakfast club.

This is why Kellogg's is offering sustainability packages of training and funding to schools nationwide to help safeguard the longevity of their breakfast clubs.

Kate Prince, Corporate Social Responsibility manager, at Kellogg's, said "We're really proud of what we have achieved through our breakfast club programme and are always looking for ways to offer schools more support.

"After sixteen years of setting up breakfast clubs, we've decided to focus on our support on existing clubs like the Cardinal Langley breakfast club which is why we have developed this training programme to give staff the skills they need to make their breakfast clubs as sustainable as possible to ensure a long and prosperous future."



Theatre Club's Terrifyingly Thrilling Night at The Lowry

Cardinal Langley's first ever theatre club has had a fantastically successful first year. Students from across the school (Y7-Y13) have come together, at least once per term, with the staff from the English Department for an evening of culture and fun. We have had the opportunity to visit both The Lowry and The Royal Exchange, and we have watched many shows including Sweeney Todd, Little Shop of Horrors, Educating Rita, Romeo and Juliet, and most recently, The Woman in Black. Luckily, for us, all shows have been brilliant productions; however, not all have been as spine chillingly terrifying as The Woman in Black...

After celebrating 23 years in the West End, *The Woman in Black* went on tour and visited The Lowry Theatre in May 2015. The Lowry asserted that it was to be 'one of the most exciting, gripping and successful theatre events ever staged'. This claim, as well as the highly acclaimed film adaptation starring Daniel Radcliffe, meant that Stephen Mallatratt's team had their work cut out for them as our expectations were high. They did not disappoint us.

After what was a slow start, which provided us with the context of the story, we were then plunged into a gothic world full of horror and terror, and within thirty minutes, we were literally on the edge of our seats! As the story and play progressed, we became increasingly uncomfortable and the mood in the audience changed as rapidly as the weather on the stage. At the interval, everybody was talking about what was going to come next (as well gossiping about the various cast members from Coronation Street who were in the audience...) and we couldn't wait to get back in.

The climax of the story came in the bedroom of the main house – who thought that a child's bedroom could be so terrifying? The scream from the woman in black was so chilling, that it reverberated around the theatre and caused many screams of terror from the audience... In fact, it was so chilling that I have heard that some of our Y11's had nightmares about it!

The play was completely different to anything we have watched before and all of the students had a fantastic time and were a credit to Cardinal Langley.

Don't miss out on our next theatre trip to see Arthur Millar's 'The Crucible' on Thursday 1st October. See Mrs Carroll for more details.



The End of an Era



I came to Manchester to train as a teacher with every intention of going back home to Liverpool to teach.

As with many things in life things don't always go to plan. My first teaching post was at St Dominic Savio's in Alkington where I met my husband to be. I have so many happy memories of St Dominics and I have now had the privilege of teaching two generations of the children of Middleton.

In 1986 St Dominic Savio and Cardinal Langley amalgamated and I started to teach at Cardinal Langley. So my whole forty years teaching career has been in Middleton at two fabulous Catholic high schools.

I have met some truly inspirational teachers and taught lots of fantastic pupils, many of whom have achieved excellent exam results, but for me it has also been a joy to watch young pupils blossom into caring young adults. I have worked in many different subject departments but I have always taught R.E.

The colleagues I work with in the R.E Faculty have a passion and a drive to give our pupils the true meaning of being in a Catholic school. We have shared lots of laughter and sad times too and I will miss them greatly.

Teaching Religious Education even in a Catholic school can often be very challenging in today's secular and materialistic society, but if the amount of money our pupils have collected for various charities and hampers for the homeless etc are anything to go by our pupils believe and act upon Jesus's message of caring for the less fortunate in society.

Going on school trips abroad and day trips really does give teachers a different perspective of pupils. I will never forget attending Mass in St Peter's in Rome. Over forty of pupils sat in their uniforms listening attentively, even though the Mass was in Latin. Many of the congregation came to us at the end to say how wonderful they thought our pupils

were, one even went and bought them a medal each! This was a testament to their upbringing and their education, they were a credit to their parents and Cardinal Langley.

Cardinal Langley is a unique school, it is a community where everyone works together to give our pupils the best possible Catholic education. Like all work places you rely on your colleagues not just for their support but also for their empathy in times of sadness and stress, at Cardinal Langley you receive this in abundance not just from staff but also from the pupils.

I have taught over a thousand pupils in Middleton many of whose names I cannot remember, but I never forget a face, so if you see me in the future in Manchester or Bury come and say 'hello'.

The decision to retire did not come easily but over the last few months I have come to realise I need to go before I start teaching grandchildren of pupils I have taught in the past.

My two big ambitions for retirement are to master the Italian language and to go to art classes to learn to draw. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed and been rewarded my teaching career at Cardinal Langley and it will seem very strange not to drive to Middleton anymore.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank past and present parents, pupils, staff and governors of Cardinal Langley. I wish you all every success and happiness in the future.

**God Bless
Ann Marie Doherty**

I came to Cardinal Langley School in 1986 due to reorganisation from St Dominic Savio School to join the Design & Technology department.

In my time here I have seen many changes to the building, name of the subject and content going from Domestic Science to Home Economics then Food Technology.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here but it is now time to hang up my apron. Being part of the staff at Cardinal Langley has been a very rewarding experience and I am very privileged to have worked with such supportive and dedicated people for whom nothing was too much trouble.

I have mixed emotions about leaving this community which has been like an extended family to me over the years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all their support and students for all the efforts they have made over the years to make my time here so enjoyable and rewarding and I wish them well in whatever their future brings.



Rochdale Schools Athletics

The Rochdale Schools Athletics Competition took place on the 16th June at the Manchester Regional Arena at Sport City, home of Manchester City FC.

On what was a beautiful hot, sunny day, boys and girls from year 7, 8, 9 and 10 made the journey and put on an excellent show of athletics ability with the year 9 Girls taking home first place overall for their year group with Latoya Gray leading the way with 3 gold medals for her team including as one quarter of the girls relay team alongside Alfi Farrell and Vanessa and Rosette Luamba. Mary Murphy and Rebecca Marsden also added medals for the year 9 girls who strolled to victory.

Somehow - and we really mean "somehow" - the year 8 boys couldn't come away as overall winners despite Nnandi Ehigiator (100m), Kaiden Andre (200m), Nathan Oliver (400m), Michael Dodgson (800m) and Harry Collier (1500m) all claiming gold medals in what was a clean sweep of the running events as well as a 2nd place in the relay and a further bronze medal in the triple jump from Dylan Harrison. 1st place will surely be theirs in 2016... Watch this space.

Other notable highlights from the day were gold medals for the year 7 girls relay team, Hubert Nowacki and Ben Tomkins (both year 7), Nell McKee (year 8), Wesley Wolfe and Ryan Beard (both year 9) and Leah Flanagan (year 10). A remarkable day with lots to be proud of, well done to everyone who took part.



Rochdale Cup News

The year 9 football team ended their season in dramatic style with a comeback 3-2 victory over Older Hill in the Rochdale Schools Final.

Despite their being a clear difference in quality between the two sides, it was the opponents who took the lead before Ryan Beard added a goal either side of half time to give Cardinal Langley a deserved advantage. Older Hill's long ball tactics were still causing problems and an equaliser arrived midway through the second half through another route one clearance. With the game looking like it was heading for extra time, up stepped Sebastiano Vergine with only seconds remaining to calmly slot home the winner after what can only be described as a penalty box scramble. A well-deserved victory for the team.

The year 8's also made it to their final although they would have to settle for being runners up after a tough match and defeat against Kingsway Park, the score line of 0-4 was incredibly harsh on the team as for long periods of the game they could claim to being the better team, and they made enough chances to have put themselves in a position to win the game. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, still a fantastic season and plenty of optimism going forward.



Rounders

Congratulations to the year 10 Girls team who finished runners up in the Rochdale school tournament

The year 8 Girls team went one step better in the Greater Manchester Catholic Cup and walked away as year 8 champions. An awesome performance from all the girls.



Cardinal Langley's Water Baby



My name is Michael Patterson. I am in Year 10 and I play water polo for Great Britain. It is a great honour and privilege to play at a National level and at such a high standard.

I have recently taken part in a National competition for Manchester. Although close, we unfortunately just lost in the final. However, it was still a great experience for me, as I was playing in an Under 17's squad. I also play in the under 19's squad. There are only a few major competitions a year, but I prepare and train all year round. It takes dedication and determination, which I have have needed to reach the level I am now.

I would recommend the sport to many people, apart from those who don't like contact sport. It is pretty violent, but there are a lot of friends to be made and skills to be learnt. Water polo is a very demanding game and requires you to be really fit and able.

The nearest club to start at is Royton, who play a decent amount of games in a season and only train once a week. I currently play for Royton, City of Manchester, North West County and Great Britain. If you want any advice or information, just ask me about it.

Joe Bannan is Cardinal Langley's very own Rory McIlroy

Some incredibly exciting and excellent news for one of our year 12 golfers Joseph Bannan, who can now proudly call himself the English Schools

Golfing Association National Boys Champion after he finished in 1st place in the tournament at White Tees Golf club in Peterborough on Monday 22nd June. Joe shot rounds of 72 and 73 to finish 1 shot clear to claim a tremendous victory. He will now represent England in forthcoming international matches against Wales and Scotland.

Sticking with golf, and Joe, alongside Elliot Morgan and Travis Heaton finished in 3rd position in the Lancashire Schools Knockout Final finishing only 3 shots behind second place. The year 12 trio put in a huge effort in reaching this stage, comfortably beating Blue Coats in the previous round.

