

# Cardinal Langley's VOICE



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## Christmas Message

As we come to the end of the autumn term we enter the season of Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus. This is a time when the days are short and we are reminded that Jesus is 'The Light of the World' whose teachings show us how to live our lives.

This term has seen many activities and successes at Cardinal Langley and I hope you will join me in thanking all the staff and students for their hard work throughout the term. This is an exciting time for the school and a new build programme to create extra classrooms, dining and sports facilities will begin before Christmas.

This will be a dedicated Year 7 centre and allow us to accept an additional 30 students per year starting in September 2016. Our commitment to serve the Catholic community has led to the need to increase our number due to the growth in Catholic applications. We are proud to have such strong links with local primary schools to ensure that we can respond to this increase in demand.

This advent also sees the start of the 'Year of Mercy' announced by Pope Francis which starts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and will be celebrated throughout the Church until November



2016. Pope Francis is calling on all people of good will to

come together for a year and thank God for his mercy and encourage us to show mercy to one another. We are looking forward to the activities planned across the year and the arrival of the 'Holy Door' which will be the symbol of the year throughout Salford Diocese.

In this season of celebration I would like to wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

**Mr A Bridson**  
Headteacher

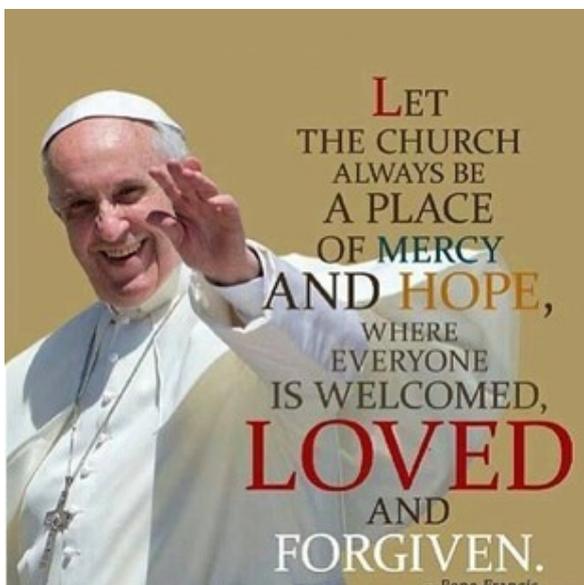


## Good Schools Guide Award

Cardinal Langley RC High School has won a 2015 Good Schools Guide Award for boys taking Business Studies at A-level.



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The school has been presented with this award by The Good Schools Guide for out-performing all other English schools in its category. The prestigious annual awards, which are in their 9th year, are based on a detailed analysis of the most recent examination results, and are designed to highlight consistently good teaching. Mr Bridson, Headteacher, presented the award to Mr Campbell who leads the Sixth Form and also teaches A-level Business Studies.

Mr Bridson said, 'We are absolutely delighted to be acknowledged in this way for the high quality of education

we provide. This is a very proud moment for the school and we are sure it will inspire and encourage all students who are working toward their A-levels.'

Ralph Lucas, Editor of The Good Schools Guide, comments, 'Our annual awards scheme is designed to recognise and reward excellence in teaching in every subject area at both GCSE and A Level or equivalent. Our awards give individual teachers and departments where teaching is at its very best the recognition they deserve.'

The Good Schools Guide Awards are based on a series of calculations which take into account relative popularity and performance of the subject, absolute performance, and percentage of pupils taking the subject.

The Good Schools Guide is the largest independent guide to UK schools. The celebratory hard-back 20th Edition is available now and contains 1300 good schools across both the independent and state sectors. It is available from good book shops or on-line at [www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk](http://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk).



## A New Year

**On 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open a Holy Year of Mercy.**

The Pope desires that the year "will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" (Bull of Indiction 5)

The Year will close with the liturgical

Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy, given to us by Pope Francis, invites us to contemplate the mercy of God revealed to us in the face of Jesus, his Son. The Year runs from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016 and offers us the opportunity to reflect on how we might better radiate and reflect the tender love of God in our world and to seek to draw others into experiencing that love and mercy.

## Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

**AMEN**



# Year 7 Students Fund Raising Walk



Four Year 7 students participated in a sponsored walk around Hollingworth Lake raising funds for former Cardinal Langley student David Eastham who has been left with serious injuries following a motorcycling accident in Thailand this year.

Ciara Duffy, Aimee Newton, Joe Collinge and Jamie King all trawled the streets around their local community raising £300 to help towards the costs of David's mobility. The students even had the imagination to wear specially designed T-shirts helping to boost collections as they asked for donations.

David and his Mum were both very touched by the thoughts of the students and commented on how 'passionate and caring' the students are. Mrs Eastham said that Cardinal Langley should be very proud to have such considerate young people and that they are all truly amazing.

David attended Cardinal Langley between 2006 and 2013 and played an active role in various aspects of school life. David is probably associated most with his love of sport being a key member of the school football team throughout his seven years. The £300 will help to pay for the sports wheelchair which David now needs.

## An appeal from Ella...

Hi! I'm Ella, a former student of Cardinal Langley. I had an incredible experience all the way through from Year 7 to Year 13 and am currently in my second year at Loughborough University studying Sport and Exercise Science.



I am all signed up and in training to do the Prague Marathon in May 2016 in aid of Breast Cancer Now. My aim is to raise £1,300 for this incredible charity.

If you feel you might be able to help, please visit my Just Giving page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/ella-mcloughlin>

Any donation would be really gratefully received, however small; it all helps and will go to support an amazing cause.

*"If we all act now, we believe that by 2050, no one will die from breast cancer."* [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org) Thank you.

A big **'Thank You'** to the pupils and staff for all their efforts, donations and involvement in raising money and awareness for the Teenage Cancer Trust .

We managed to send a cheque to them for £640 .

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To begin the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, pupils of Cardinal Langley attended a Reconciliation Service on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December where they reflected on the story of The Prodigal Son and its relevance to their own lives and wrongdoings. The Year of Mercy was launched by Pope Francis as recently as Spring of this year and he has encouraged Catholics around the globe to seek God's forgiveness by entering 'The Door of Mercy'. When inviting us to take up the challenge, Pope Francis explained that "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope". In keeping with the theme of 'The Door of Mercy', pupils walked over footprints with words such as 'Mercy', 'Reflect' and 'Repent' printed on to remind them of the purpose of this sacrament when entering the school chapel at the start of the service. As part of the reflection on the story of The Prodigal Son pupils were shown images and reflected on the lyrics to Elbow's 'Open Arms' song, reminding them that the opportunity to repent and return to God's favour as well as reconciliation with those whom we've offended is an open door.

# Operation Christmas Child



This year, Year 8 have taken part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Each form class was asked to donate shoeboxes filled with gifts that would be sent to orphaned children in many parts of the world, particularly countries that have been torn apart by war. The shoeboxes were beautifully wrapped and brimming with presents. It has been a great

success and we intend to open it to all year groups next year and build on this success.

Operation Christmas Child is part of Samaritan's Purse - an International Relief organisation that has Gospel values at the centre of its work. The beauty of Operation Christmas Child is that it is for children and by children. Children, who would otherwise have received nothing, are able to receive a present...a present of gifts, but also a present that represents love and faith, kindness and humility. A present that represents a thought - a thought about another person. There is so much power in a simple gift.

Since its creation in 1990, 124 million boxes have been delivered to children all over the world.

Many thanks to all of Year 8.

Mr Sidlow

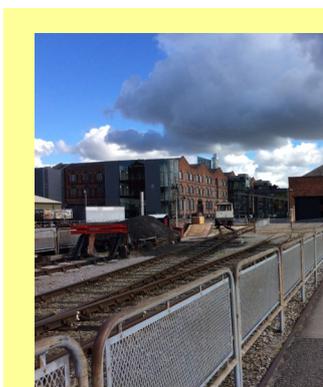


'Yorkshire Sculpture Park is a pioneering place that aims to challenge, inspire, inform and delight, welcoming over 400,000 visitors, including 48,000 learning visits each year'.

**As part of their Art and Design GCSE course Year 10 visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park this term.** They explored the park and its wide range of sculpted art works which they were able to photograph and sketch. The students thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the day and the experience of capturing the pieces in an outdoor setting. The pupils were able to

view pieces by famous contemporary artists such as Magdalena Abakanowicz, Sophie Ryder, Barbara Hepworth, Anthony Caro and many more. Whilst viewing Barbara Hepworth's 'family of man' the pupils carved their own small scale sculptures using bars of soap. The students also had the privilege of seeing one of the recent installations of the 'Poppies' wave that featured at Yorkshire Sculpture Park this year. All the pupils were a credit and have been working very hard to record all their experiences of the park since their return.

# Out and About



# Jaguar Land Rover Education Centre

**Students studying A level IT visited the Jaguar Land Rover plant in Liverpool.**

The visit offered students the unique opportunity to witness the production of two of the UK's most exciting & iconic cars, the bestselling Freelander 2 and the Range Rover Evoque. They also had a look at the highly desirable brand new Range Rover convertible Evoque.

The day started with a safety

demonstration followed by a presentation detailing the history and product range of the Jaguar Land Rover. During the tour of the factory students learnt about quality control, Right-First-Time, Just-In-Time and Lean Working to show how a modern manufacturing facility operates.

The visit benefitted students currently studying Information systems in A level IT.

The aim of this unit is to ensure learners understand how organisations use information and the surrounding use of information, know about information systems and develop the skills necessary to produce management information system. The day ended with students developing teamwork skills, working in groups to build a model car.



On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November staff, students and Fr Kieren Mullarkey, headed to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool for Embrace 2015.

Embrace was the North West Youth Conference, where hundreds of young people from the North celebrated their faith and reflected on the motto for Embrace "Build my Kingdom".

Throughout the day we listened to the keynote speakers David Wells, Fr Frankie Mulgrew and watched drama presentations from RISE Theatre Company.

The day concluded with a Vigil Mass for Christ the King, this was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Bishops and Clergy from around the North.

Embrace was a truly memorable day, and was enjoyed by all.

# about...



During September, **Year 11** were lucky enough to be able to take a trip to both Manchester Museum and Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, to gather research for their pre-public exam. They spent the full day looking at the large variety of exhibitions, which included items from nature, ancient Egyptian artefacts, industrial machines and much more. The primary purpose of the trip was to inspire pupils in preparation for their exam, by giving them the opportunity to record from direct observation. Kourey Rowe Archer commented that 'the day was really helpful for me and I enjoyed sitting drawing the machine parts'. George Wong commented on how he 'enjoyed lunch', and all pupils liked the day out of school gathering valuable resources to inspire their projects.





# Computing & ICT

Welcome to the Computing & ICT department at Cardinal Langley. Our Department is certainly thriving as over the last few years the numbers opting for IT & Computing has risen considerably. This is through the success of our KS3 curriculum and results at GCSE and A level. We are a successful department achieving ALPS 1 or 2 in our Level 3 vocational courses in ICT and Multimedia.

We strive to ensure every student in our classes succeed and fulfil their full potential. Many students move on to University to study an ICT based course and, most recently, game design courses with the introduction of Multimedia. The department comprises five teaching staff; Mrs Borrill (Subject Leader), Mr Gallagher (Assistant Subject Leader), Mr Gumbley (Teacher of ICT/ Computing and Subject Leader for Learning for Life), Mrs Hamid (Teacher of Computing & ICT), Mr Mundy (Teacher of Maths & Computing) with the support of Mrs Gorman (Learning Support Assistant). We work together as a team to provide a warm, welcoming, enthusiastic environment where students display a thirst for knowledge and learning.

In addition to preparing our students for their public examinations, we take great pride in the range of extracurricular activities on offer to the students. These range from trips to Jaguar Land Rover in Liverpool to explore how IT is used in business to taking KS3 students to Barclays Bank to explore the use of computing. We offer an after school coding club enabling KS3 students to explore the use of various technologies such as the Raspberry Pi, Lego robot and in the next few weeks the new Microbit which is being given to every Year 7 student.



Every Tuesday evening we offer GCSE computing revision sessions for Year 10 and 11 to enable students to consolidate learning and gain any additional support they need. Each evening a member of the team is available to support students through their learning journey, this ranges from homework help, coursework catch up or GCSE and A level revision, the sessions are tailored to the student's needs. Our goal is to provide the best possible outcomes for all of our students.

## BBC micro:bit is coming to Cardinal Langley



**The BBC has unveiled the BBC micro:bit, a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology, which is to be given free to every child in Year 7 across the UK.**

The micro:bit is the BBC's most ambitious education initiative in 30 years, with an ambition to inspire digital creativity and develop a new generation of tech pioneers. The UK currently faces a critical skills shortage in the technology sector and the BBC and partners aim to help change that. It aims to inspire young people to get creative with digital and develop core skills in computing, science, technology and engineering. The micro:bit will also be made commercially available later in 2015, so those not in the Year 7 group can get involved.



### Coding in seconds

"We happily give children paint brushes when they're young, with no experience - it should be exactly the same with technology," Sinead Rocks, Head of BBC Learning said. "The BBC micro:bit is all about young people learning to express themselves digitally, and it's their device to own. "It's our most ambitious education initiative for 30 years. And as the micro:bit is able to connect to everything from mobile phones to plant pots and Raspberry Pis, this could be for the internet-of-things what the BBC Micro was to the British gaming industry." The BBC micro:bit will start to arrive in schools in late January, giving children a chance to settle into the new school term,

# Study Skills Workshop



Year 11 students recently benefitted from an intensive Study Skills workshop delivered by presenters from Learning Performance. Having been split into two venues the students were shown a number of useful revision strategies and given guidance on which particular methods suit their individual learning styles. At the conclusion of the presentation they were then given the opportunity of applying their newly developed skills to actual GCSE revision topics and materials. All students responded positively to the session and unanimously agreed that both the presentation and the ideas would be very useful in the coming months.

## Anime Club by Anna Njoroge 9NJ

**Anime club is a group which is growing and extending throughout Cardinal Langley all over the school; no matter what age, interests or ability.**

The club takes place on Thursdays in Miss Fitton's room (S7). It was created by Taryn Cliffe and officially opened in October and, to her surprise, gained over 20 members in the first session. The idea that started it all was to provide a place in which people could go to discuss Anime. Although this seems quite simple, it is also quite hard to achieve with all the people that she knew that liked Anime having external commitments and being in different years. The idea of an Anime club had been passed around the small group of friends but to many people's surprise, Taryn, the youngest of them, decided to take matters into her own hands.

### What is Anime?

Anime is a Japanese cartoon that has become a phenomenon over the years. It

has many different types: romance, action and horror are three of the most popular, however with Anime, the possibilities are endless.

There are two different ways to watch Anime; subbed or dubbed. Subbed is often favoured over dubbed as it is the original voice actors in Japanese, with subtitles. Dubbed is the less commonly favoured as it is in different actors' voice, usually Americans, reading over the script in English so the Anime is considered English instead of Japanese.



### What do you do in Anime club?

The main goal for Anime club over this year and maybe next year too, is to create a manga of our own. It will be inspired by many different Animes, including Attack on Titan, Naruto, Hetalia and many more, including several Studio Ghibli Films. Thanks to the exceptional drawing talent of the people in anime club and

strong imagination of each member, I can put all my confidence in saying that it will be a great success and the next project will be even better than the last. We are also doing a small leaflet that will be going to primary schools; this is

an amazing honour that is very flattering. My personal favourite thing about anime club is the fact that so many people with such a wide range of talents are using those talents to create something that is loved and appreciated

by all of them and I think it is inspiring. Even if you are not a fan of Anime, you can't help but admire the amount of work and dedication people put into it.

To join Anime club, see Taryn Cliffe 8LG, Anna Njoroge 9NJ, Rebekah Evans 8LC or Miss Fitton, S7.

and teachers the opportunity to build it in to lesson plans for the rest of the academic year. It measures 4cm by 5cm, is available in a range of colours, and designed to be fun and easy to use. It can be coded with something simple in seconds – like lighting up its LEDs or displaying a pattern – with no prior knowledge of computing. It also connects to other devices, sensors, kits and objects, and is a companion to Arduino, Galileo, Kano, littleBits and Raspberry Pi, acting as a spring board to more complex learning.

Each element is completely programmable via easy-to-use software on a dedicated website ([www.microbit.co.uk](http://www.microbit.co.uk)) that can be accessed from a PC, tablet or mobile. A personal area on the website allows users to save and test creations in a simulator

before they are transferred to the micro:bit, and the available tools scale to be as complex as ideas, imagination and skills require.

The micro:bit will be built into lessons by the computing department

and resources will be provided for students to learn the basics. The computing department are also running after school coding clubs every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information please see your computer science teacher, Mrs Borrill or Mr Gallagher.



# Meet the new kids on the block...

## Miss Johnson

Hello, I have recently started at Cardinal Langley RC High School as a teacher of Food and Nutrition in Design Technology. I worked at St Cuthbert's RC High School as a teaching assistant for a number of years which developed my passion in wanting to be a teacher of Design Technology, specialising in Food; I have also worked in a restaurant developing a range of skills when it comes to food. I am very passionate about my role and get great satisfaction from seeing pupils do well and learning different skills and knowledge through cooking and nutrition. I have enjoyed meeting new staff and students and will continue learning more about the school. My aim is to introduce a fresh new look on food and nutrition and give pupils the motivation to want to look further into it. As a teacher I hope to see pupils learning but also have fun in cooking lessons, learning how to cook different things and researching into new ingredients. Outside school I enjoy sport and nutrition linking both of these together in my teaching, and would like to pass this passion onto pupils.

## Mrs Condron

Hello I came to Cardinal Langley after working at the offices at Kingsway Business Park. I have been a florist since the age of 16 and have studied Art since GCSE up to Degree level. I have also spent a few years working with resistant materials. I have good experience in metal work and used this strength to install a sculpted piece in a school in Liverpool. I was so pleased to become the new Art and Technology technician at Cardinal Langley as I intend to hopefully pass on my passion for creativity to current and future students.

## Mr Cocks

From a young age, I always had a keen interest in English. This was only heightened on three charity projects with Lasallian Developing World Projects; one in Uganda, a second in Sri Lanka and the final in Ghana. These trips comprised of approximately six weeks building facilities for deprived schools and teaching.

I studied English in Liverpool for a total of three years before completing a PGCE course with Manchester MU.

My teacher training took place in two contrasting schools; the first in Stoke-on-Trent and the second in Crewe. From there I began teaching at Manchester Creative and Media Academy in Blackley. I left that post to embark on a journey at Cardinal Langley as I wanted to be back into a Catholic school setting. I am very much looking forward to the challenges that are ahead.

## Miss Halpin

I joined the Design and Technology department in September as a teacher of Resistant Materials, Product Design and Graphic Products. Before joining Cardinal Langley I taught at Standish Community High School, Wigan and Manchester Communication Academy, Harpurhey. With a Bachelor of Science in Design with Engineering I have a special interest in sustainable technologies. Before embarking on a career in teaching I worked in Media in different locations around the world including Australia, Asia and central Europe. I love practicing yoga, flying light aircraft, travelling anywhere and everywhere, eating good food and spending time with family and friends.



Miss Johnson, Mrs Condron, Mr Cocks, Miss Halpin, Mr Kiff, Mrs Hamid, Mr McLaughlin, AM Rodriguez, N Gaffney, C Bell, S

## Mr Kiff

Born, raised and educated in Wales, I have recently joined the thriving History Department at Cardinal Langley. My career profile spans 24 years in both state and private educational sectors during which time I have held various positions of responsibility. I have taught History and Politics in East Sussex, London, Merseyside, Valencia and now Middleton. I am a passionate historian with hobbies and interests that include mountain biking, travel and rugby.

## Mrs Hamid

I am a computing and IT teacher. I started with Cardinal Langley in September 2015, coming back from last year's first term training here. Before teaching I was a trainer for children with Special Educational Needs and trained these young people to become independent individuals.

I am from Liverpool born and bred and support the best team Liverpool FC!

I am so happy that I got the post here, as the people who I work with are very welcoming and have made me fit right in with the team.

I look forward in encouraging girls to become future Computer Scientists, as clearly we girls ROCK!!

## Mr McLaughlin

I am a new PE teacher - originally from Manchester and went to university in Leeds. I enjoy playing, watching and teaching all sports. I referee futsal up and down the country and steward at Old Trafford at the weekend. I look forward to seeing my Year 7 form through their education at Cardinal Langley.

Originally hailing from Derry City in the north of Ireland, I have joined the staff at Cardinal Langley having spent over a decade at All Saints Catholic College in Tameside where I held a number of roles including Head of RE, Director of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher. I have also been fortunate enough to have taught in Westport, County Mayo. I already feel part of the wonderful Cardinal Langley community thanks to the warm welcome from both pupils and staff and look forward to being part of an exciting future for the school. Outside of work I have a range of interests, mostly involving Music (from choral works to indie/alternative) and Sport (cricket, golf and of course, Derry City FC).



## Our new Assistant Headteacher

Mr Rainey



bin, J Kiff, W Hamid, V McLaughlin, Hitchen, N Barker, A Farzaneh

### Mrs Rodriguez

I joined the RE Department at Cardinal Langley in September. My last teaching post was at St Matthew's RC High School in Moston where I taught for the last 6 years.

I already feel settled and part of the team here at Cardinal Langley. I am a Year 7 tutor and have a lovely form class where I look forward to helping them with their journey through Cardinal Langley over the next few years!

### Miss Gaffney

Before coming to Cardinal Langley I worked at The Manchester College for four years. There I taught Sociology, Psychology and Health and Social Care. I'm very excited to be working at a school in Middleton, as this is my hometown. I started working at Cardinal Langley in June and have been made to feel very welcome by staff and students.

### Mr Bell

I am a new maths teacher. I went to University of Manchester and am now glad to be part of the team after training at Cardinal Langley last year. Outside of school, I practice a martial art called Kempo and enjoy running the classes at my club.

### Miss Hitchen

I came to Cardinal Langley in September after maternity leave with my son. I studied English with Cultural Studies at Salford University and studied my PGCE at Edge Hill University. During the past 7 years, I have taught English and been involved in behaviour management in both FE colleges and schools across Manchester and Trafford. I have some lovely classes here at Cardinal Langley and have been made to feel very welcome. I am interested in creativity and would like to enthuse and encourage the students to be creative in both writing and reading. My aim is that students enjoy the subject of English and feel supported to meet their goals.

### Mr Barker

After commuting to Manchester for over 30 years as a professional, working in financial services, the opportunity to leave that behind and join the local Cardinal Langley family earlier in 2015 was an attractive proposition. The staff and children are caring and welcoming, and the spiritual ethos as a backbone to the school is to be envied. My reprographics role has enabled me to hone my technology and presentation skills further - though still with an eye on costs and bottom line of this 'business'. Old habits die hard!

### Mr Farzaneh

I am 34 and teach Business Studies. I have been teaching for 6 years and am very pleased to be here at Cardinal Langley.

In my spare time I enjoy the works of Brahms and Chopin, and learning languages.



### Mrs McCorrison

I have been a teacher since 2004. This is my third school and I was previously at Thornleigh Salesian College for 3 years as an RE teacher and head of year. I've returned to Cardinal Langley after an absence of 21 years - when I was a pupil here. I am enjoying being a member of a new school community, and thank the students and staff for the warm welcome.



### Mrs Stone

I come from a banking background: I worked at Barclays Bank for over 20 years, which has served me well to step into a Finance role here at Cardinal Langley. I work with Mrs Abbott in the Finance office, ensuring all school orders are input and bills are paid on time, as well as lots of other things relating to finance and office duties.

## October half term also saw us say goodbye to...

Mrs VM Lewis & Mrs L Johnston-Jones.

We wish them both all the best in their new roles.

## ...and the one that's only just left!

In 1998 I arrived at Cardinal Langley to start my secondary education. I did not realise at the time this would be the place I would end up working and meeting my future wife.

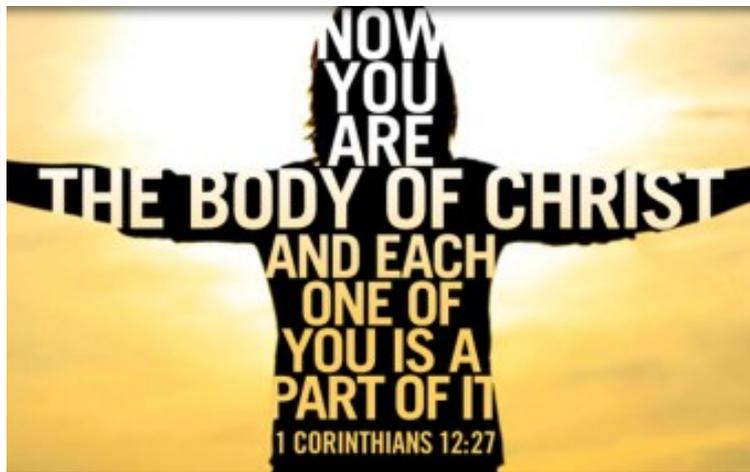
After 16 years of studying and working at the school, it's been a very hard decision to finally leave my home from home. Whilst in the Cardinal Langley community, I've studied, worked as an apprentice/technician and Network manager. I've met and been taught by some fantastic people! It is now time to put down my mouse and move on to a new and exciting challenge. I'm very sad to leave such a great school community and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, friendship & patience throughout my time at Cardinal Langley.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and all the best for the future.

### Mr Hoolickin



# An Introduction to the 5 W's



Five fold model of a Christian community is applicable to all Catholic Schools and Colleges. It provides a framework for understanding, evaluating and celebrating the distinctive and authentic living tradition of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Salford. Furthermore it clarifies and reasserts the particular role of schools and colleges in the Church's overall evangelising and pastoral mission, something which is timely in our current circumstances within the Church and within society as a whole.

## Welcome 'Come'

- \* We strive for inclusion – the diversity of students and staff is celebrated and this promotes mutual respect, builds self esteem, and builds a sense of community – keeping in mind the kingdom of God.
- \* The values, policies and processes we share are inherent in the pastoral care of our students and staff and provide clear evidence of the quality of the school's welcome to everyone.

## Word 'talk'

- \* All students receive their entitlement to be spiritually, morally, socially and culturally educated across the entire curriculum and lived experience of the school community;
- \* Celebrating the Word of God in worship and liturgy.

## Witness 'work'

- \* Recognising that God is with us in every aspect of school life.
- \* Adults who see and express their roles in school as co-creators with God and as part of the redemptive activity of Christ in all aspects of school life.
- \* Witnessing to the values of the Gospel such as reconciliation, compassion, justice, liberation, service, stewardship in every aspect of school life and in policies at all levels.

## Welfare 'walk'

- \* Service to and reverence for the dignity of the individual as a child of God;
- \* Enabling every student and adult to 'have life to the full';
- \* Cultivating an attitude of respect for each other among the whole community.

## Worship 'pray'

- \* Worship opportunities for students throughout the school (prayer, reflection, liturgies) including small groups, year groups and the whole school – which are appropriate to their backgrounds and faith experiences;
- \* The development of opportunities for students to worship according to their intellectual and life experience needs and stages of faith development.

## Cardinal Langley update

The Ethos leaders are witnesses in action! These are a group of 40 students from all year groups who are involved in all aspects of the spiritual life of our school community and are currently preparing for Advent through fundraising and putting together the Advent services.

## Accelerated Reader Scheme

September saw the introduction of our new, Year 7, reading scheme Accelerated Reader. The key focus of the scheme is to promote independent reading for pleasure. We achieve this by offering young people support with their reading. Each child has now been tested to identify their independent reading level. Every book in the library has a colour coded level and every child has been given their own coloured coded pathway. Through accessing books from their identified pathway, we are confident that each child is reading at a level that allows them to understand and enjoy the books they are

choosing. Each book also has a quiz attached so that we can track the level of understanding to ensure the students are on the correct pathway.

The aim of the scheme is to progress each student to a level that would allow them to independently read and understand the text on a GCSE paper. During this first term, we have identified a cohort of students who would benefit from additional reading time to achieve this goal.

During the remaining two terms, this cohort will be invited to attend sessions in our daily 'Reading Cafe'. In the reading cafe we will focus on helping students with the following

skills:

- To read accurately, fluently and with understanding.
- To understand and respond to the text they read.
- To read, analyse and evaluate a wide range of text (within their reading pathway).

Each session will be led by a librarian with the support of 3 of our 6<sup>th</sup> formers, who have received training on the scheme. Refreshments will be provided.

The Librarians and English department

# Communicating with Parents/Carers

**In addition to recent changes to the school website, we have invested in eSystems to enhance communication with parents and carers.**

The two main systems for direct parent/carer communication are **SIMS In-Touch & SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG)**. These allow more efficient delivery of information, whether it is for querying student absence, sending general information (electronic letters), or for delivering students' school reports which we now provide up to 6 times in the year, depending on the students' year groups.

## Queries regarding student absence

are sent using the SIMS In-Touch system. Parents will receive either a text or a voice message asking for the reason for a student's absence. Parents/carers can respond through this system and the information is sent back to our Administration Office. It is important both for child-protection and for learning that absence is monitored as quickly and efficiently as possible.

**Student 'data-only' reports** are emailed to parents/carers using SIMS In-Touch. These reports are also uploaded to the Sims Learning Gateway (SLG) where they can be read *once logged in*.

**The annual student 'text' reports** which contain both the performance and target data for each subject are currently only

uploaded to the SLG (from where they can be read). These cannot yet be emailed using In-Touch. In both cases, the reports contain a live *link* which allows parents/carers to give feedback on the school reports. The feedback link is to a response form on our website.

The SLG allows you to see both/all students where parents/carers have more than one student in the school. It is not necessary to have additional logins. The SLG also allows you to

advise the school of any changes to key details such as phone numbers and email addresses. This is crucial because all communication is controlled using the contact details we hold for you in the system. When you advise contact detail changes, these are viewed by our Admin staff prior to implementation and queried

directly with you if necessary.

## Why is it so complex to login or request new passwords?

Both In-Touch and the SIMS Learning Gateway are secure communication services which meet the **Data Protection Requirements** as defined by the **Information Commissioner's Office**.

Your username has to be unique, and is controlled through the service we obtain from Capita (who 'host' the SLG). When you request an update, we have to process this through their host service – which takes at least 24 hours to be requested checked and issued. We then have to send this safely to you.

## Difficulty in accessing the SIMS Learning Gateway.

Some parents/carers have had difficulty in accessing the SLG service. There are a number of

homework. Parents/Carers can help to support their child by talking to them about what they have read and by signing their reading log (page 9, journal), to confirm that the homework has been completed.

possible reasons for this, however it is often difficult for us to understand each individual circumstance.

Earlier problems surrounded the issue of passwords expiring after 180 days and passwords not meeting complexity requirements. These are security features as defined within ICO guidelines. You can define 'secret information', and request your new password directly from the Capita SLG login page as long as you have saved this initially.



## Coming up in the Easter edition of Cardinal Langley's VOICE



Callum Connor becomes the new WMO World Muay Thai Boxing Champion to add to his collection of 5 Title Belts.

Andrei Toader and Mia Linnik have just won the World Championship Ballroom Dancing title in Paris (U14). They are now British and World



Champions and have been selected as part of the GB Junior team next year.



Emily Griffiths in Year 12 has just qualified for the Irish Dancing World Championships in Glasgow next year.



are very excited by this programme; however, the scheme only works if the students are reading regularly. Students are encouraged to read for at least an hour a week at home and this forms part of their

## Remembering Charlie...

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November was a momentous occasion as we unveiled the 'Charlie Holden Memorial Dug Out' to Charlie's friends and family. Charlie will always be part of our community, and the money raised by his friends was set aside for a memorial to him at school. When we discussed how best to remember him and with his passion for football this dugout seemed appropriate. The dug out will be placed on the 3G and it is there to provide shelter and a place of reflection for our school community.

In Memory of  
**Charlie Holden**  
13.05.1999 - 18.01.2015



## Sports News Round-up

**The Rochdale Schools Cross Country tournament** was an amazingly successful 3 weeks of competition for our school. Out of the 8 team events competed in, Cardinal Langley's athletes won six of the events (Year 7, 9 & 10 Boys and Year 7, 9 & 10 girls) finishing third in another (Year 8 Boys).



The Year 7 teams started like a whirlwind with a clean sweep of both the boys and girls events. Kristian Walker and Olivia Hall both ran tremendously hard and finished second overall in their individual races. The Year 8 boys came a respectable third place overall and the Year 8 girls were unfortunate to narrowly miss out on the top 3. It was "pure gold" from Year 9, as both teams, led by the powerful running of Harry Collier (1<sup>st</sup>), Alyssa Davey (1<sup>st</sup>), Maddie Spencer (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Michael Dodgson (2<sup>nd</sup>) cruised to first place finishes for their year group.



The boys and girls senior teams made it a hat-trick of complete year victories and put the finishing and conclusive touches on the overall victory in style thanks to a comfortable win for the boys and a closer than close win for the girls. The boys were in control throughout with John Hassall (1<sup>st</sup>), Brad Cassidy, Robert Smyk, Sam Oko and Ryan Beard all putting in top performances. The most dramatic victory of the whole tournament came at the hands of our senior girls team. Trailing by a

single point after 2 weeks, the girls turned it around on the final day to gain the extra 2 points required to claim victory by a single point. Mary Murphy (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Olivia Davey (3<sup>rd</sup>) ensured jubilant scenes upon the announcement of their success.

The entire PE department wish to congratulate **ALL** the athletes who took part over the three weeks, you did us proud.



## The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award took place this September in Corwen, Wales.

18 pupils from Years 11-13 made the journey South-West and embarked on 2 days of hiking, orienteering, camping, tin can cooking and (almost) bull riding.

With 25 miles of accumulative distance being covered over 3 separate days, there was drama on the second hike when Mrs Keefe (wearing a red hoodie) abandoned her post at checkpoint 2, due to the presence of one of nature's more aggressive mammals, and "aimed off" at speed towards Mrs Thompson at checkpoint 3... Leaving all behind unaware that checkpoint 2 was now being patrolled by something slightly less frightening.



It was a long, cold, couple of nights for the group, but after solving (Head Girl) Melissa Collins' 45 minute "mystery of the evaporating water," everyone was able to cook some fantastic meals and get some much needed rest. (Spoiler: there was a hole in the pan)!

*Congratulations to all who took part.*

*"A common misconception widely repeated in depictions of bull behavior is that the colour red angers bulls, inciting them to charge. In fact, like most mammals, cattle are red-green colour blind. In bullfighting, it is the movement of the matador's cape, and not the colour, which provokes a reaction in the bull. (Wikipedia, 2015)"*



## Girls Football.

The Under 12's made the short journey to the football factory in Castleton to take part in the Rochdale Regional Futsal Tournament.

The girls played fantastic in all their games, coming away as undefeated champions with 2 victories and a draw. A single goal from Rebecca Smith gave the girls a 1-0 victory in their first match before a sensational 6-0 victory over St Cuthbert's in match two. A brace from Kelci Fediak made the game 2-0 early on before goals from Bethany Grimes (2), Alyssa Perry and Katie Scoffin rounded off the impressive win. In the girl's final game, a Katie Scoffin equaliser cancelled out an earlier penalty in a 1-1 draw. The girls will now go on to represent Rochdale at the Manchester Regional Tournament as well as being presented with their trophy on the pitch during half time at the League 1 football match between Rochdale Vs Colchester on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm. Come along if you can to give the girls some well-deserved support and appreciation.



**The annual netball trip to Condover Hall** is always a memorable occasion and this year saw girls from Years 8-11 being invited to participate in the Condover Hall Tournament. The girls were given a tour of the beautiful Thorpe Building and the activities available for the weekend included: archery, rock climbing, a silent disco and cinema room. All the girls gave their all and had a fantastic time with the Year 11 team going unbeaten up until the final playoffs where they ended up eventual



runners up by only a single goal. The Year 9 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall behind two independent schools from London and the Year 8 girls recorded a superb 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Another tremendous weekend at Condover Hall and everyone involved did themselves and Cardinal Langley proud.

**The Year 7 football team** have made a sensational winning start to life at Cardinal Langley with 3 victories in a row starting with a 4-3 victory over Middleton Tech; Jack Allott, Dylan

Evans (2) and Mason Gavin with the goals. Victory 2 came at the expense of Oulder Hill in a 5-1 triumph with Dylan Forbes and Dylan Evans each netting twice. Victory 3 was a tough, hard fought 2-1 victory over Holy Family. Liam Forshaw made some fantastic saves whilst Jack Allott was dominant throughout, scoring one of the goals before Dylan Forbes added his 3<sup>rd</sup> of the season. The most recent match was a 7-1 victory over St Annes; Dylan Forbes, Jack Bladen, Nathan Sefa-Sarpong and Daniel Turner (with an overhead kick) scoring the goals.

After victory over Cheadle Hulme in the first round, progress in the English Schools Cup came to a premature end in the second round fixture away to Hazel Grove. Despite an opener from Dylan Forbes in the first minute it was Hazel Grove who eventually triumphed 4-2. It was a tough loss on a small pitch, but a good experience for the young team.

The Year 7's are into the semi-finals of the Catholic Cup and only one step away from the final. A 6-3 victory away at The Barlow RC High School in Round One got the ball rolling. Ben Cassidy, Dylan Evans, Dylan Forbes, Kristian Walker, Daniel Turner and Jack Allott were the on target for the boys. Into the Quarter Finals and the Year 7's showed all their collective abilities with a fantastic 6-1 victory over Blessed Thomas Holford to progress into the semi-finals of the tournament. Goals from Dylan Evans (2), Daniel Turner (3) and Jack Bladen gave our Year 7's a huge victory. Cup success is a real possibility in year one for this team. Well done and keep it up.

**The Year 7B team** made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the English Schools Cup before being knocked out by Stanley High School. A 5-3 victory over Crompton House in Round One was followed up by a penalty shootout victory away to All Hallows in Round Two but it simply wasn't to be, as the away side came away with a 5-2 victory on a bitterly cold and wet soaking day here in Middleton.

**The Year 8 football team** have played some truly entertaining matches this season, scoring a lot of goals in the process. They stormed to a dominant 8-2 victory over Falinge Park in their opening match of the season with every player sensational, notably man of the match Junior Luamba. Match two saw them face tougher opposition in Kingsway Park with the game ending in a remarkable 6-6 draw. Against Beech House, the final result resembled more like that of a cricket score as our boys romped to an 11-0 victory in what was a wonderful team performance. The team would unfortunately exit the Catholic Cup in Round One, going down 4-1 to a strong St Gabriel's side.

The highlight of their season so far has to be the English Schools Cup Second Round match away against St Peters which saw them progress with a 4-2 victory. Playing on a new state of the art 4G surface and flanked on either side by Belle Vue Greyhound Stadium and a new Speedway development, the



boys started the match promisingly only to find themselves 1-0 down. The team turned the game on its head in the space of 90 seconds with goals from Rowan Turner and Fuad Kasali (the first untouched from the second half kick-off after upwards of 25 successful passes). The boys eventually wrapped things up with goals from Liam King and Fuad Kasali. 4-2. Great game, great result!

The cup dream was to end in the third round against Rivington and Blackrod. In an entertaining match, our boys showed huge spirit and teamwork to fight back from 1-4 at half time to force a penalty shootout, Fuad Kasali (2), Junior Luamba and Nathan Brogan bringing the boys deservedly level. It was not to be a dream comeback however as the Year 8's would fall to a 4-2 defeat on penalties to put a premature end to a really enjoyable cup run. Commiserations to the team.





**In other Netball news** the Year 11 team strolled to victory in the Rochdale Schools Netball tournament, remaining unbeaten in a round robin tournament. The B team also had a hugely successful day, claiming 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

So far this year in the Rochdale League, the girls from Years 7-10 have played and beaten Oulder Hill, Wardle, St Cuthbert's and Middleton Tech in what is proving to be another dominant year of netball for Cardinal Langlely in Rochdale.

We want to offer our huge congratulations to our U16's Netball squad who have made it to the National Schools semi-finals. Our girls were victorious against Loreto Grammar, Cheadle Hulme, Hollingworth High and Saddleworth and were extremely unlucky in losing by a single goal to the current National champions Oldham Hulme to finish runners up in their group. In the semi-finals they played a very strong St Bede's squad, losing by just two goals. The girls were a credit to the school. Congratulations to Leah Flanagan, Anna Harper, Elena Keefe, Rosette Luamba, Vanessa Luamba, Orla McKnight, Maria Murray, Rebecca Robinson and Brooke Whittaker.



**The Year 10 A team** are into the fourth round of this year's English Schools Cup Competition, making them the last surviving school team in this year's competition. A four goal performance from Ryan Beard helped the team ease past Elton High School in the first round setting up a trip to West Yorkshire to face Heckmondwike Grammar School in probably the most dramatic match of the school season. A 1-0 deficit quickly turned into a 1-3 score in our favour thanks to goals from Dylan Tynan, Seb Vergine and Wesley Wolfe before two late goals from



Heckondwike forced extra time. After a scoreless first half which had Cardinal Langlely camped inside their opponents area throughout, Heckmondwike took a 4-3 lead with only three minutes of play remaining. John Coogan levelled with barely 60 seconds of time remaining before Wesley Wolfe scored his second, and Cardinal Langlely's fifth, with the last kick of the game. Round Three saw another away trip, this time to St Patricks of Salford. The team had to battle through awful weather conditions on a small pitch but still came away with a confident 3-1 victory thanks to Dylan Tynan, Ethan Allen and Michael Okwuike. A trip Reddish Vale High School now awaits the Year 10's in the Fourth Round.

**The Year 10 B team** are quietly working their way through a productive season in the Rochdale "A Team" League.

After a hard fought 7-4 defeat to Kingsway Park's A team in their first match, the boys are now currently on a three game winning streak as they continue to gel and look impressive. A comeback 3-2 victory at Matthew Moss and a huge 8-0 win over Beech House have been the highlights of the league season so far. The team also faced Wright Robinson in the English Schools B Team Cup, and despite not conceding a goal from open play, the boys slumped to a 4-1 defeat in what was a really spirited performance against their "B Team" opponents. Daniel Fayomi leads the scoring with 8 goals in 5 Games.



**The Year 9 football team** began their league season in style recording an emphatic 9-0 victory over Falinge Park. Goals from Ethan Bradshaw, Aaron Moors, Harry Collier, Michael Dodgson, Emmanuel Lawal, Rhys McGowan and a hat trick from Nnamdi Ehigiator completed the rout. Another huge victory followed, this time against Kingsway Park. Emmanuel Lawal, Cody McCann (2) Michael Dodgson & Lucas Turner scoring all the goals in a 5-2 victory.

**The Year 11's** have had mixed fortunes in cup competitions so far this year. After making it to the semi-finals of last year's English Schools Cup, the boys found themselves already eliminated from both English Schools Cup Competitions after only winning a single game. A Maison Dinsdale strike was only good enough to force a penalty shootout at home verses St Peters; a shootout Cardinal Langlely would lose 8-7. The boys did make it to the second round of the "Open" competition by virtue of an impressive 4-1 victory over Elton High School, Maison Dinsdale adding a further two goals to his personal tally.

The Year 11's are through to the quarter finals of the Catholic Cup where they currently await the winner between St Monica's and Holy Family for a chance to progress to the semi-finals. The highlight so far being a 3-1 victory over Loreto High School with Luca Navarro (2) and Jack Dance the goalscorers. Lead by Captain Samuel Oko, the boys will hope to kick on and claim another Catholic Cup championship in the New Year.

The second round took the boys to Salford, where they faced a decent Moorside High School and ended up on the wrong side of a 3-0 scoreline.

**The Sixth Form boy's** football team made it the third round of the English Schools Cup before eventually being defeated 3-2 by Ryburn Valley High School. The team followed up a comfortable 3-0 over Trinity Academy in round one with a 3-2 victory away to Rivington and Blackrod High School in the second round. Elliot Morgan ended as the team's top goalscorer in the competition with 3 goals in 3 matches.

# Governor News...

**Chris Madden**

It is with deep sadness that the school community mourns the loss of Chris Madden who died in November. He had been a parent governor for 2 years and a supporter of Cardinal Langley for a long time. He is a great loss to our community and the thoughts and prayers of all those at Cardinal Langley are with the Madden family.



Congratulations to Mr Rabbitt who was elected as a staff governor this term.

Mr Rabbitt who is currently Head of History and Life Skills is looking forward to contributing to the Governing body and helping to improve the School even further. Many thanks to our current serving governing body for all their hard work and

effort ensuring the school reaches its potential and continues to serve as a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the earlier time of 1:30pm, after lunch. 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 1-4 on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform.

Students will return to school on

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

## Holiday Activity Club

Please note that there will not be an Activity Club over the Christmas holiday. Details of the February half-term holiday activity club will be posted on the school website in the New Year.

# Christmas Services

	St Peter's RC Church	Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church	St John Fisher RC Church	St Thomas More RC Church
<b>Christmas Eve</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm Mass* (Family Vigil Mass) 8:00pm Vigil Mass	6:30pm Vigil Mass	4:30pm Carol Service 5:00pm Vigil Mass	
<b>Christmas Day</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am Mass	10:30am Mass	9:15am Mass	
<b>Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day)</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> December	12:00 Noon Mass			
	Taylor Street Middleton M24 1BQ	Bowness Road Middleton M24 4HN	Boarshaw Road Middleton M24 1PF	102 Mainway Middleton M24 1PP

\*Parking available in Geo Metric car park, Townley Street



	No severe weather
	Be aware
	Be prepared
	Take action



## Winter Weather Watch

For all the latest and most accurate information on any school closures due to exceptionally bad weather, please check the school website [www.clrchs.co.uk](http://www.clrchs.co.uk) or visit the Council's website [www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow)

## 2016 dates for your diary

**Parents' Evenings** (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Year 10	Wednesday 13th January
Year 12/13	Thursday 28th January
Year 8	Thursday 25th February
Year 9	Tuesday 19th April
Year 7	Wednesday 4th May

### Other

Year 13 Presentation Evening	Friday 8th January
Year 11 Photographs	Friday 12th February
Year 10 Retreat to Kintbury	Monday 14th March - Thursday 17th March

