

# Cardinal Langley's VOICE



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## Christmas Message

**Mr A Bridson, Headteacher**

Welcome to our new Cardinal Langley end of term newsletter. The staff, students, parents and governors have all made me feel very much part of the Cardinal Langley family and I am proud to lead a school which places Catholic values at the heart of daily life.

Our community has had many successes this term and over the following pages are some of the events which celebrate the hard work and commitment of the staff and students. I would like to thank all the Cardinal Langley community for their effort and enthusiasm and hope that, in the New Year, we will return refreshed and ready for the challenges on our learning journey.

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, we enter the season of Advent and prepare to celebrate 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. In this season of celebration I would like to wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas.

*Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart and remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.*



## Preparing for Christmas through Advent

As our first newsletter is born, we prepare as a Catholic community to celebrate another birth, that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The community that is Cardinal Langley come together in House groups to participate in the Advent Services.



For a long time the organisation of the services was the preserve of the teaching staff but with the establishment of the Genesis group, and the support of the Chaplaincy group, the organisation has passed to our students.

The Advent Services provide many opportunities for our community, not least the chance to come together in prayer. Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and our services give all of us the chance to take some time out and reflect on the Christian message of Christmas away from the pressures we are subjected to on a daily basis about the commercial side of Christmas.

The themes of our Advent Services remind us that the true meaning of Christmas is love and this year's theme will be The Jesse Tree; the ornaments on it tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across thousands of years of history.

**Sixth Form Enrolment:** Application forms to be submitted by 6 January 2014. (To Mrs Wrigley or via the Sixth Form Website)

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# CAFOD stands for Catholic Agency For Overseas Development

CAFOD works with people in countries all over the world. It does this in partnership with local communities. CAFOD aims to support communities over a long time by providing better shelter, water, health care and education.

Through their education programme, CAFOD aims to teach new skills to make communities more self-sufficient. In addition to their long-term projects, CAFOD has also become involved in the provision of aid when a natural disaster occurs.

CAFOD works in Africa, Latin America, Asia, The Middle East, Eastern Europe and England and Wales and their aid extends to all people regardless of their class, gender, age, ethnicity or religion because we are all equal in God's eyes.

CAFOD's aim is to improve the quality of life for the communities it works with. CAFOD never uses pictures of suffering children to raise funds preferring to use pictures that represent the future and change. CAFOD employs a wide range of strategies to raise funds, from receiving donations from supermarket chains when people shop on-line to sponsorship by participation in sporting events like the Great North Run and the London Marathon.

This year Cardinal Langley contributed to CAFOD by participating in the annual Big Share event whereby instead of having that packet of crisps or chocolate bar on that day, you donate the money to CAFOD. As a School we raised £200 and we would like to say a huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed!

By Imogen Rhodes and Emily Hudson

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## Anti-Bullying Week at Cardinal Langley

Anti-Bullying Week has been a roaring success in Cardinal Langley with lots of activities taking place. Students have been reminded about the importance of recognising and challenging bullying as well as reporting any situations they may find themselves or others in.

Activities that have taken place include assemblies for all students, PSHCEE lessons on bullying for all students, peer mentors being available in the hall every lunchtime, the creation of an e-mail address that students can send messages to if they are feeling vulnerable, posters and displays up all over school, ICT rooms open at lunchtime to allow students to research anti-bullying websites, wristbands and badges available for pupils to wear in support of anti-bullying week and circle-time activities taking place for some students.

The clear message is that bullying is not, and will not, be tolerated at Cardinal Langley.

## The Staff and Governors of Cardinal Langley would like to wish all our Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends a Happy Holy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

# Cardinal Langley Invades Alton Towers

(And some are held to ransom by the coach)

On Saturday the 19th of October some 500 pupils from Years Eight to Eleven assembled outside the school at 7.30 am ready to board a fleet of coaches for the Middleton invasion of Staffordshire.

It was a fine dry morning and all the Heads of Year were doing a sterling job loading their charges into the coaches and dozens of parents waved a fond farewell with big smiles on their faces at the thought of a kid free day. At around 8am everything looked set for departure when the cry

went up "**Mrs Hardman's coach won't start**".

After some head scratching and the sharing of collective wisdom the coach company equivalent of the AA man arrived and worked his magic and we were ready to go.

Two hours later the Cardinal Langley contingent excitedly passed through the turnstiles of Alton Towers heading for the queues with reminders about signing in at one o'clock ringing in their ears. The staff commandeered a corner of the cafe and settled into eating their way through

the muffins, catch up on some work and generally enjoying the opportunity just to catch up.

During the course of the day a stream of pupils ebbed and flowed with excited stories of exploits on a variety of tortures cleverly disguised as rides. All too soon it was time for the final round up and the trip home when the cry went up "Mrs Hardman's coach won't start". This time 'the man who can't' couldn't and 28 students and 3 staff got to spend an extra three hours in Alton Towers while they waited for a replacement coach.



# Reflections on the Headteacher's first term in charge at Cardinal Langley

## How has your experience in Cardinal Langley have been so far?

Everyone has been very welcoming and I feel like a part of a family now.

## Can you tell me something about the changes you've made in school?

Well, the change which is hopefully noticeable for students is the new canteen in the village square. I'm also trying to involve younger student in the assemblies and worship services. You might know I started working with Genesis and MAD, and we've paid a visit to North Ridge School for children with special needs in the area.

## Some want to know why have you decided to move the RE classrooms to the balcony.

We're a catholic school and Religious Education should be the heart of what we do. We are not only saying that but want to show it as well. Moving RE classrooms

to the balcony has put them in the centre of the school and I want to use the balcony for some celebrations. I spoke with the Genesis group and we are thinking of singing Christmas carols from there before we break up in December.

## What are some of the big changes that you are planning to make in Cardinal Langley over the next couple of years?

Firstly, I want to review the student curriculum and how the school day is structured to make sure it is appropriate for students. We have already started discussing it with students, parents and teachers, asking how they want the school day to look. Everyone leaves here to go either into employment, training or further education and they need qualifications to follow their chosen path; for that to happen we need the right subjects to be taught in the right way.

At the beginning of this year we put together a list of 10 goals for our school. The first one is spiritual and faith development; we're a Catholic school and these values are most important for us. Getting the right qualifications follows, since there's no good in being only 'Catholic' but not 'school'. Another goal is staff training; I want to make sure that everything is as good as it can be. I also want to involve students more in decision-making. We're a big family here at Cardinal Langley and we want to listen to the views of everyone. We had questionnaires sent around the school and I've also spoken to groups of students about the curriculum to hear their opinion.

## And the last question comes from the teachers. How sure can they be that you're not planning any staff replacements next year?

All teachers are doing an excellent job and I want to encourage them to stay here.

# Cardinal Langley's Genesis/MAD groups at work within the community

MAD (Make a Difference) is an organised group within the school now open to all of KS3 students (Year 7, 8 and 9). It specialises in helping to raise money for charities and people in need. During last year, some of our MAD members helped to raise money for selected school charities by dressing up in 'fancy dress' for the day.

The result of the generous giving meant that this fundraiser eventually raised £180 for their charity! More recently, a group of students have organised a fundraiser for Francis House Children's Hospice, a service that offers respite for families and cares for children who have short life expectancies.

The fundraising involved selling merchandise such as pens, pencils and other school stationery, and students also

organised a raffle in which many pupils and teachers took part.

Another school group working hard this term is Genesis, which has now welcomed new Sixth Form members to become more actively involved within the school community. It has also now split into smaller groups, each assigned tasks to pursue during the school term. These include Chaplaincy service, the

organisation of the school's Advent Services, anti-bullying week held this term and one-to-one mentoring with younger students. Sixth Form members of Genesis recently visited North Ridge High School in Blackley and are now planning to extend their welcome by inviting members of North Ridge to visit Cardinal Langley, intent on establishing a connection between both schools.



# Blackpool breaks the ice on a new term as students set out on the roller coaster of study towards University

The start of the new school year was swiftly underway for the Sixth Form of Cardinal Langley as students of both Year 12 and 13 grasped the opportunity for a day out by the sea. The social event organised by the Sixth Form team is held within the first few weeks of the new term and is aimed at establishing friendship bonds between newcomers and current students, with the overall intention being to welcome them into the Sixth Form community.

This year's trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach took place on Wednesday 18th September and was attended by 50 Sixth Form students.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by both the staff and students who went, particularly by Mrs. Maguire and Mr. O'Loughlin who threw themselves into it with gusto - no ride was too big or too daunting for them! The Sixth Form had a lot to smile about anyway, after receiving outstanding A-Level results over the summer and this trip demonstrates one of the many ways students' hard work can be rewarded. Ms Hamm, Head of Sixth Form said "It's really important for the sixth form to have an opportunity to bond socially, and Mrs Lewis' Blackpool trip allows them to mix and enjoy seeing some of their pastoral staff in a whole new light!"

It is clear then, that despite the challenge of riding over 200 feet in the air at Blackpool Pleasure Beach; these students have certainly got their feet firmly grounded and without question, are ready for the promising year that awaits them.

# Charlie Nolan chases Sir Chris Hoy's Yellow Jersey.

Charlie Nolan, one of Cardinal Langley's year 11 pupils, has ambitions to follow in the slipstream of Sir Chris Hoy.

At the age of twelve Charlie was inspired by his father's cycling exploits to join the Sport City Track and Road Cycling Team. Within a year of joining the team, Charlie was competing in his first National Championships securing third place in his first championships.

A year later Charlie won the ACT track championships and as a direct result he received sponsorship from the ARC road team, which provided him with

the opportunity to compete in his first professional road race, The Tour of Scotland.

In addition to competing in road races, Charlie also competes in track events and in 2011 he came third in the 500 metre time trials.

More recently Charlie has had the opportunity to participate in warm weather and altitude training in Tenerife. As the new season approaches Charlie's ambition is to be part of the winning team in the Tour of Scotland and achieve the yellow jersey for his age group.





# Museum Of Science and Industry: Chemistry Trip

On Monday 18th November 2013 Mr Lord took twelve Year 9 pupils to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester as part of the National Chemistry Week 2013.

The students spent the morning experimenting with different chemicals that are not commonly found in school. They investigated the causes and effects of pollution through making their own cloud in a jar. They investigated making slime from mixing two liquid chemicals and looked at how glow sticks work.

In another room the group took part in a larger experiment, measuring the amount of Vitamin C in a range of different foods, and submitted their findings to the

Global experiment which you can find at <http://www.rsc.org/learn-chemistry/collections/online-experimentation/global-experiment/chemistry-week-2013>.

During the morning session the students also had a chance to interview some leading Chemists from Manchester University to find out first-hand about careers in Chemistry.

After lunch, the pupils took part in a molecular treasure hunt throughout the entire museum. They had to hunt around

looking for clues to take them to the next section of the museum and find out each chemical property that they could then later use in a game and app that the Royal Society of Chemistry has set up. Anyone is free to play the game at <http://rsc.li/treasure>

All pupils really enjoyed their experience at the museum. They were a credit to the school and due to the success of this visit more trips to the museum will follow.



## Cardinal Langley Abroad: Year 10 French Exchange

French language and cultural exchange with College St Jean Baptiste de la Salle Perpignan and Cardinal Langley RC High School Middleton.

23 pupils and staff from Cardinal Langley RC High School have returned from the French leg of a linguistic and cultural exchange, staying with French families in Perpignan in the south of France.

The exchange, in its second year, is built upon a long-standing relationship between Cardinal Langley and École St. Jean, both of which were founded by brothers of the De La Salle order.

The students had the opportunity to experience life in a French school including lessons in French, sport, biology and history of art. A full French breakfast was served on Friday before undertaking a tour of the city.

Evenings and weekends were spent in host families where pupils tried out their French speaking and listening skills and were treated to fine French cuisine and a wide variety of days and nights out. Given some gorgeous weather many went to the beach in France or crossed over into Spain to visit the Costa Brava.

Some went as far as Barcelona for a tour of the city and the Nou Camp stadium. An overnight stay on a yacht moored in the marina was perhaps the most lavish hospitality extended to any of the students.

The teachers, Mrs. McDonald, party leader, and Mr. O'Loughlin were the guests of the Head of English, Mme DeMecquenem,

and her husband, and enjoyed sumptuous hospitality throughout.

Summer returned for the final day when all the French and their English correspondents spent the day at the breath-takingly beautiful Collioure. 'This is the best thing we do for our students of Modern Languages' claimed Mrs. McDonald.

On the final morning all the anxieties and apprehension of the first day had been well and truly dispelled with some tears of sorrow shed at the departure. All efforts will now be turned to making sure the return leg is as successful when the French arrive next January.

## Peace for Syria

It would be unusual for anyone who keeps abreast of world events to remain uninformed about the problems that have arisen in Syria.

The violence began back in 2011 and since then, the scale of the conflict and its effects have become worse. The crisis in Syria is gravely concerning, as it has been estimated that more than 100,000 people have been killed many in the chemical attacks which took place in August 2013. The refugee crisis that has arisen from these events poses some serious problems for the countries which border Syria as it is they who bear the brunt of the human crisis.

The United Nations estimates that the number of Syrian children who have been forced to flee the country has reached around one million. British charities and aid organisations continue to

respond to the crisis and increasing donations allows a new wave of essentials such as food, water and medicine to reach those in dire need, and help prevent an entire generation from being lost to the conflict. Cardinal Langley has also begun to act in response to the events through contacting the charity Syrian Relief which has links to a company in Turkey that delivers blankets to the Syrian Relief team at the Syrian border.

The school has therefore launched its "Syrian Blanket Appeal", hoping to collect enough money through donations within the school to purchase blankets and, in cooperation with Syrian Relief, deliver them to the victims in the refugee camps.

In the meantime, as a school community we pray these devastating effects will eventually lessen and that the people of Syria will achieve peace. We know that Christmas will be very different this year for Syria and, as a school, we intend to offer our support as much as we can and we will continue to keep in our prayers the people of Syria, particularly the children, whose lives have been affected by these tragic events.

# The festive season gets underway at Cardinal Langley

This year, the feast of Christmas will be celebrated in a variety of ways by the school community. An important date in the school's Sixth Form diary is the Senior Citizens Christmas Party which is held annually in the last week of the term.

It is a community-based event attended by the senior citizens of our community. The event was conceived by two Sixth Form students back in 1988 when they had the task of establishing a community-



based project within the school for the Prince's Trust. The organisation of the party requires considerable planning and fundraising and this is the responsibility of

which entertainment is provided by the students themselves who also have the opportunity to socialise with the senior citizens of our community. Previous years have seen an array of students take to the stage to provide entertainment in the form of musical presentations, dance and carol singing with the school choir.

The party always includes a pantomime performance organised by the Drama department and is rounded off with a game of bingo. This year's Christmas Party will take place on the 17th December and is anticipated as being as successful as all those that have preceded it.



the Sixth Form Committee. Fundraising has involved the organisation of cake sales, a school Christmas fair, donations for raffle prizes and the Sixth Form's 'Pub Crawl'. This involves the senior students of the school donning fancy dress and collecting donations from the hostellers around Middleton.

Guests who attend the party receive a Christmas meal and refreshments, during



# TASK stop smoking group visit Cardinal Langley

On Wednesday the 6th of November the School Nursing Service visited Cardinal Langley to introduce the TASK which aims to support students who wish to give up smoking.

The nurses brought with them a variety of visual aids designed to illustrate the dangers of smoking. These included a set of teeth to illustrate the effects of staining on their appearance, a jar of tar, and devices to allow the calculation of how much money could be saved if the habit was kicked.

The display attracted a lot of interest from Cardinal Langley pupils but the event had a serious purpose. The team of nurses wanted to help any student who had become addicted to cigarettes by offering a support service to help them stop smoking at a wide range of locations and times to suit the students.

In addition to devising a smoke-free plan the nurses also provided students with access to NRT products such as patches, lozenges and gum. Students who expressed a genuine desire to give up smoking were offered a twelve week stop smoking programme.



# Students of Cardinal Langley Out and About

Sixth Form students studying Creative Arts at Cardinal Langley set off this term to London to soak up some of the culture of the big city for themselves. On Wednesday 3rd October, students of Music and Drama travelled to see one of the West End's most enduring shows, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time", currently being shown at the Apollo Theatre.

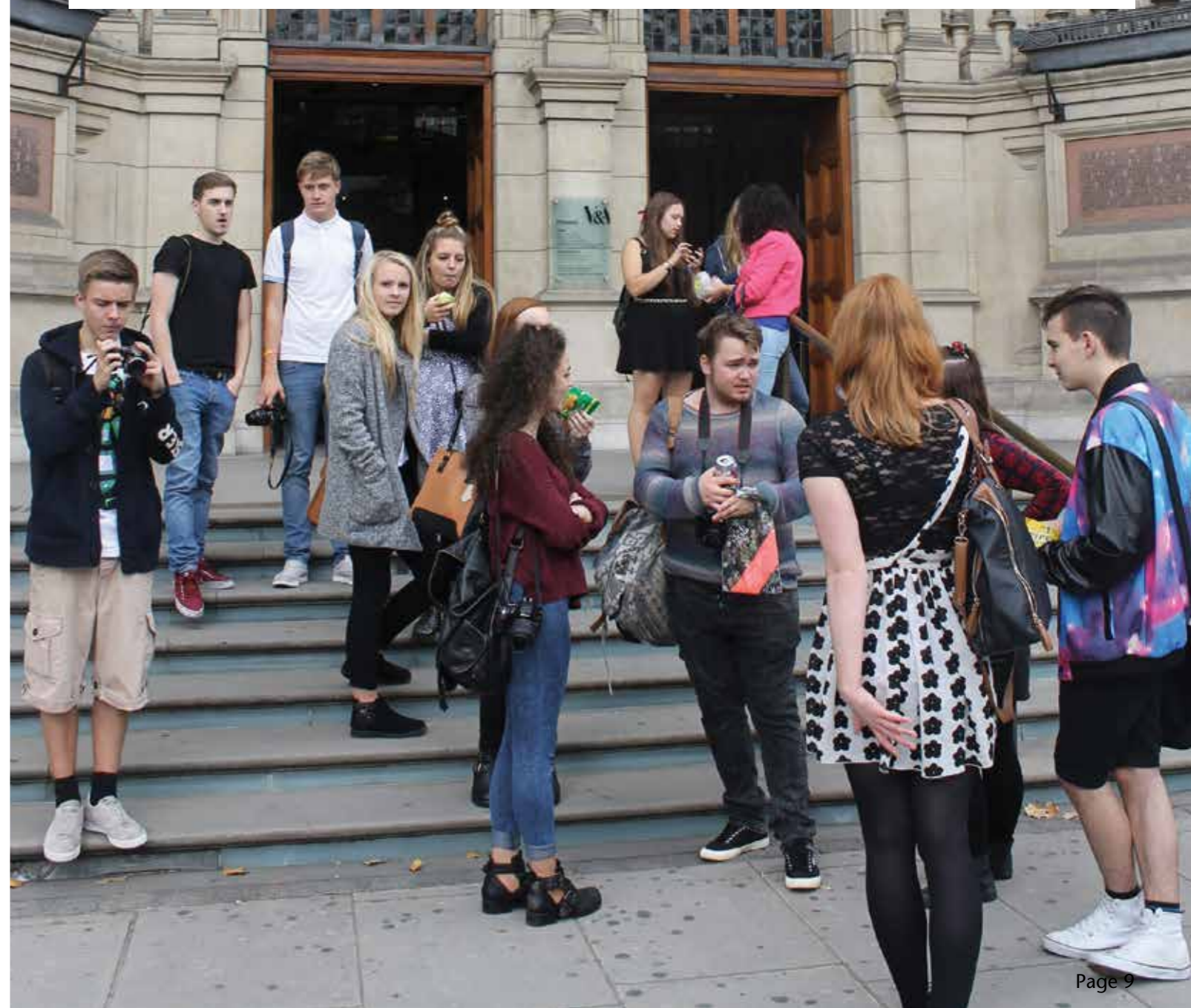
For students, it was the perfect opportunity to witness how all three mediums of Art, Drama and Music can be incorporated together with extraordinary results.

The following day took a more traditional theme with a visit to Shakespeare's Globe to watch a production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream".

Students of Art, Photography and Textiles who also went to London on 7th October spent their time visiting renowned Art galleries and exhibitions such as The Victoria and Albert Museum and Tate Britain.

Mr. G Cahill, Head of the Creative Arts Department at Cardinal Langley said on returning "This trip proved invaluable in gaining experience of seeing works of Art at first hand rather than in books or on the internet which is a major factor in the student's assessments which requires them to be able to analyse pieces of Art work".

One highlight of the trip was seeing Richard Avedon's photos of The Beatles, estimated to be worth around \$750,000. Yet, the highly valued aspect of both these school trips was the knowledge and experience gained that will really make a difference to the students' way of learning.



# Critical reviews

## The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Sixth Form students studying Drama and Theatre Studies at Cardinal Langley RC High School report on their thoughts and experiences when they went to London to see one of the West End's most popular shows.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" began life as a mystery novel first published back in May 2003. Written by Mark Haddon, it is centred on the story of a 15-year old boy named Christopher Boone who has Asperger's Syndrome. After discovering the neighbour's dog has been killed, he sets about finding the truth while uncovering secrets about his own family, especially those of his "supposedly-deceased" mother along the way.

With such a positive reception and sweeping up many awards, it was no surprise that the novel would be turned into a hit West End play, currently being shown at the Apollo Theatre. As a National Theatre production (already widely known for its acclaimed production of War Horse),

the show transformed a clever adaptation into a visual and dramatic journey into Christopher's world as the audience were invited to witness a unique style of staging and a heart-warming story.

The biggest spectacle of all was the stage itself that did a little performing of its own. It allowed actors to use all space and levels available including moving walls and disappearing trap doors, not to mention making an escalator seamlessly appear from nowhere.

The complex and technical staging allowed the performance to be theatrical, yet it still remained truthful to the novel it is based on. One Sixth Form student said that "the most important aspect of it

all was that the story was at the centre of everything that happened on stage".

The clever use of projections helped create the setting and locations of most scenes and didn't need to rely on elaborate sets to convey its message. Simplicity was a key element and this reflected the performance as a whole.

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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time is currently being shown at the Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Drama Department's trip to London reached its grand finale with Shakespeare's Globe Production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed by Dominic Dromgoole.



All students squeaked in delight, at the appearance of well known and loved Pearce Quigley as Nick Bottom. From the moment he entered the stage together with a jolly bunch of clog dancing mechanicals everyone knew they would enjoy the show.

Michelle Terry, in the dual role of Hippolyta and Titania, has been utterly unforgettable, transforming from harsh, strong-willed Hippolyta to more gentle but just as capable Titania. Amazonian queen can be so easily forgotten in the confusion surrounding the fairies' land, but Terry

managed to make a lasting impression and bring some comedy to it, making sure that Theseus (John Light) knows she will not be a very obedient wife. Both Light and Terry successfully carried mutual animosities between Theseus and Hippolyta over to their other roles as the Fairy King and Queen of the forest.

There's also been an excellent Lysander from Luke Thompson accompanied by well played Demetrius from Joshua Silver. Thompson's jittery, overly excited and feverish lover-boy contrasted quite nicely with much calmer and seemingly calculating Demetrius.

Even though the rivalry between the men gets the best of laughs, the biggest source of comedic relief came from mechanicals, led by Pearce Quigley's Bottom. Quigley doesn't disappoint in yet another hilarious creation.

The Pyramus and Thisbe (or Pyramus and... Thingy) scene is laugh-out-loud funny with couple of unforgettable highlights, like Christopher Logan's Flute blooming as Thisbe or Huss Garbiya's Starveling mourning his dead dog.

## Rochdale Cross-Country Champions 2013

During the past three weeks, Rochdale Schools Cross-Country has taken place each Thursday at St Anne's High School. The cross-country circuit was located on their school field and contained many challenges to test the fitness and stamina of our students.

The weather conditions for the first competition were awful, as it had been raining for most of the day which resulted in the course being very heavy making running difficult. Despite the difficult conditions all of Cardinal Langley's teams rose to the challenge and triumphed over the weather and the other teams.

The second week of the competition saw improvement in the weather conditions and a slight improvement in the condition of the course but it still remained challenging.

Once again the competitors from Cardinal Langley rose to the occasion and triumphed over their opponents for the second time.

In the final week of the competition, the horrendous weather returned, but the Cardinal Langley competitors cemented their previous accomplishments to make the competition their own.

The final results reflected Cardinal Langley's dominance of the event with the Year 7 girls, Year 8 boys and girls, Year 9 boys and girls and the senior boys and girls winning gold in the team events.

In addition to winning the team events every individual honour in the competition was claimed by a student from Cardinal Langley.

The individual champions are:

Year 7: **Harrison Collier & Aylssa Davey**

Year 8: **Mary Murphy & Peter Baxter**

Year 9: **Olivia Davey & Luca Navarro**

Seniors: **Chloe Lockett & Liam Cleere**

Well done to everyone who represented the school and contributed to the outstanding achievement.

**Written by Chloe Lockett Year 10**



# Cardinal Langley R.C. High School, in Kenya

## Sixth Form volunteering project at the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya

**By Dominique McDonald**

A group of our sixth form students (Laura Bardsley, Megan Topping, Joe Dooley, Lewis Bunting and ) and two members of staff from Cardinal Langley R.C. High School (Mrs McDonald and Mr Campbell) went to volunteer at the Good Life Orphanage in Kikambala, Kenya this July.

The Good Life Orphanage is a family-run, Kenya based, UK founded charity. It opened in 2008 and now cares for 60 orphaned children. Every single penny raised goes directly to the orphanage.

The Good Life Orphanage has become an adopted charity of Cardinal Langley RC High School after students and staff first visited there in 2011 and were totally humbled by the experience. It not only funds the orphanage and school but also provides support and much needed food and water to many others through an outreach feeding station.

### A reflection on our time at the good life orphanage

Our group of volunteers from Cardinal Langley feel very privileged to have once again been offered the opportunity to be part of the loving family that is the Good Life Orphanage. Through various fundraising activities, we were able to finance this venture. From the moment we arrived, we were treated with the biggest welcome. Mercy, who is in charge of the day to day running of the orphanage, cares deeply about her role. She had a meeting with us to find out how best to deploy our strengths and talents. We all felt that we have so much to learn from Kenyan people. They are always cheerful, very positive and the students at the school are the most enthusiastic we have encountered

Children at the Good Life Orphanage are given a real chance to grow up with enough knowledge to ensure that they become responsible, mature young adults. They are all beautiful, caring children who thrive on the regular support of the volunteers' network and the tender loving care of their Mamas and Aunties. Our Sixth form students really embraced the whole experience and were great ambassadors for Cardinal Langley. They also enjoyed the experience of teaching. To have been given this opportunity at such a young age will no doubt inspire them and help them to gain in confidence.

They all felt at ease in front of the class from the start, with Joe and Lewis showing great flair. I feel that this trip has cemented the partnership we enjoy with the Good Life Orphanage and St Bernadette Mary school. Brendan Coleman, one of our assistant Head teachers from Cardinal Langley has visited twice already and has worked closely both at the orphanage and the school.

*religions and backgrounds has encouraged me to look at life back in England in a different way and really appreciate what I have. Asante Sana to Mary, Kevin, Mercy, Abbas, Pius, Mamas, Aunties and the children for welcoming us with open arms and making the orphanage feel like our home. We will miss you dearly.'*

**Laura Bardsley**



There is clear vision from Mary Maguire, the founder of the GLO and the young people who are fortunate to call it their home will no doubt have a better chance in what life throws at them by having been part of it.

Asante Sana to all the wonderful staff and children. I feel inspired and refreshed as a teacher after these precious few days spent here. May Cardinal Langley continue to enjoy a mutually rewarding partnership with the Good Life Orphanage and St Bernadette Mary School

*'My time at the orphanage and the school was an unforgettable experience, from the moment I landed to the moment I left. Meeting so many great people from different*

*"Visiting the orphanage was really different than I expected, you always hear people talking about poverty in 3rd world countries and how sad life is there, but no amount of this compares to actually visiting yourself and seeing it first hand.*

*The people there are just amazing, everyone is so happy and welcoming, despite how poor they actually are. The strength and determination of even the youngest children is shearly amazing!*

*The experience as a whole is mind-blowing, -amazing places, amazing people and amazing memories."* **Lewis Bunting**

### So what next?

The Good Life Orphanage, St Mary's and St Bernadette's school are permanent partners now and since our return we have held assemblies to share our experience, feelings and hopes for the future.

Fundraising and promotion continues and all involved have pledged to go back as well as enable others to share such a wonderful experience. Our year 7 have already raised £185 since September. Anyone considering helping the Good Life Orphanage, either by fundraising or volunteering, should get in touch with Mary Maguire, the founder of the orphanage.

**[www.thegoodlifeorphanage.com](http://www.thegoodlifeorphanage.com)**



# English Department

## Year 10 Students take on the role of English Teachers.

Year 10 students have made an impressive start to text analysis via Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men'.

As well as improving their text analysis skills (looking at language and structures) several Year 10 students have developed their speaking/presentational skills by leading starters based on the novella. Teaching their peers aspects of GCSE English is not an easy task but many Y10 students have excelled, planning annotation as part of homework and asking challenging questions of other students in class whilst supporting others.

When some students leading the starter show high expectations of their peers, it has been impressive to see them respectfully probing their

peers further e.g. 'Yes, but what specific effect/s does that method have?' prompting much more detailed responses from students. One pair of students enjoyed the task so much, they offered without hesitation to lead another starter the next lesson. The result of these skills, once they are learnt can lead to excellent results in subsequent written work.

As a result of our student-led starters, learning has deepened and confidence has risen. Well done Year 10; keep up the good work and work hard to develop your confidence in questioning even further.



## Year Seven students embark on their Reading Challenge

At Cardinal Langley, students are encouraged to read a wide range of challenging and exciting texts for pleasure, and in KS3, students are enrolled on our exciting reading for pleasure programme, 'The Reading Challenge'.

Each time they finish a book, students complete a task to show they have fully engaged with the text, and then they achieve awards at different stages in recognition of the progress they have made: bronze award: after 5 books, silver award: after 15 books and gold award: after 25 books.

This year, we are pleased to announce that after so many of our students achieved a gold award last year, we have introduced the platinum award which students receive after reading an amazing 30 books in a school year. Already this year, several students in 7LJ have read 5 novels and have achieved their bronze award.

They are now on course to achieve their silver award. Mrs Woodcock is delighted with what these students have achieved so far and is sure that their excellent start will inspire others to follow suit.

Well done!



# Duke of Edinburgh

Participating in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was a fulfilling and memorable journey that none of us will ever forget and during which we had to take on physical and mental challenges throughout the long and hard walk but in the end it was a great accomplishment as we overcame the challenges that were put in our way.

Many took part in the whole experience for enjoyment and fun however some of us did it as part of our GCSE or A Level PE assessments. Although it is a serious and challenging walk we all managed to make the most of it and have fun along the way. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is made up of 4 sections; volunteering, physical, skills and the expedition. You must do 3 months volunteering work (such as helping out a local netball club with umpiring or coaching) then you must learn the skills required, plan and train for and do a 2-day (overnight) expedition. With this we did a 'practice' Duke of Edinburgh expedition at Mr Gumbley's farm then 2 weeks later the real thing. As you can see it's not for the faint-hearted but it is a once in a lifetime

opportunity and I thoroughly recommend it to anyone.

Memories from the Duke of Edinburgh Award are all extremely special to all of us. Through the ups and downs of this trip we had funny moments and maybe some less funny moments, like the time Hannah, Hannah, Eleanor, Alexis, Cara, Lucy and Megan were unfortunately chased by cows across a field and had to be rescued by Mr Greaves and Mr Gumbley! But it made up for it when students sat around a campfire that the teachers had made and sang songs.

However, even though getting through it was much harder than expected, when you reach the final checkpoint and you see the Cardinal Langley school bus the feeling

of accomplishment and relief overcomes your whole body. I recommend anyone who gets the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as it is something you will cherish for a life time.

Lastly, we would all like to thank all the staff who were involved: Mr Greaves, Mr Collins, Mr Cahill, Mr Hughes, Mrs Thompson, Mr Nightingale, Mr Coogan, Miss Bloomfield and Miss Graves (although Miss Graves managed to get her group lost and heading in the opposite direction).

Finally we would like to give a big thank you especially to Mr Gumbley who allowed us to use his facilities, farm and all of the walking equipment that allowed this trip to take place.



## Northern Comedy at it's best

'I wanna discover meself' and our students certainly did! - Educating Rita Visit 09.10.13

The English Department's visit to the spectacular Lowry Theatre was nothing short of a comedy triumph. Fifty students in all, eager and expectant, witnessed real Northern humour at its best, and they were not disappointed.

'Educating Rita' provided a marvellous opportunity for our promising Year 11 students, who perhaps were thinking of embarking on a 'real' Literature course, like Rita herself, and provided an excellent grounding for our current AS Literature

students who are currently in the throes of their Comedy Coursework. You can't beat the real deal!

The students were impeccably behaved and really engaged with the spirited and often challenging humour – a satirical insight in to the world of education and aspiration. The students were enthused by the production and those who were experiencing live theatre at the Lowry for the first time were understandably impressed. Like Rita they couldn't wait to tell someone all about it.



# Geography Department

## G&T Project 2013

### Manchester - A World City?

Key Stage 3 Gifted and Talented students were invited to attend a field trip around Manchester on 1st May 2013 run by the Geography Department.



With the information gathered on the trip, and further research, the students were required to produce a presentation comparing Manchester with another world city. The best went through to the final and presented to Mr Ormsby, Mrs Hatton and Mrs Gaskell.

The standard of the presentations in the final were extremely high and the panel of judges had a very difficult task in choosing the winner.

It is with delight that the Geography Department can announce that Anna Harper, Emily Fanning and Timothy Smith were judged the winners and win a digital camera each. Tayler Howatson was also awarded a special achievement prize for his solo effort in the presentation.



## Year 13 Geography field trip to York

Year 13 Geographers visited York with Mr Ahern and Mrs Thompson on 20th and 21st November to carry out field work related to the A2 Level units Climate and World Cities. We all stayed in the YHA and went out for a lovely Italian meal in the evening.

Day one was spent collecting temperatures and visibility readings along the main routes into the centre in an attempt to identify evidence of urban climate and how it differs to ambient conditions. On day two students measured the length of shop units and their display space in order to calculate and compare the rateable value of the rental space across 3 zones - the old shopping area, the modern shopping area and the independent shopping area.

Although the students complained about the amount of walking around the city, they all had a great time as is evident in the photograph. Data was collected successfully and the follow up work to be completed in class should prove useful in developing their understanding of the subject.

**Well done on a successful trip to the students involved.**

## Shakespeare Schools Festival

The Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) is the UK's largest youth drama festival. Each Autumn four schools a night perform four different half-hour Shakespeare plays in their local professional theatre.

This year was the fourth time that Cardinal Langley School has been involved in this festival. 22 year 10 GCSE Drama students performed a half-hour version of Macbeth at The Contact Theatre in Manchester on Monday 11th November.

Their version presented the witches as the ultimate controllers of the plot using the idea of puppeteers. The cast were on stage throughout as lifeless entities that only came to life when their part in the plot was performed.

The students not only took part in rehearsals in school but attended a cast workshop at The Contact Theatre in October. They were joined by a 6th form group from Crompton House who were rehearsing "Measure for Measure".

Mrs Johnston-Jones who directed the Macbeth production said "This has been a fantastic opportunity for the students and they have gained in confidence and skill."

Students who were involved found this to be an "amazing experience" and they have loved the opportunity to perform on a professional stage.



## Team Cardinal Langley raise funds for MIND

In May this year a group of 16 staff ran 10K to raise awareness of mental health issues and the charity MIND.

The awareness campaign involved not only the staff running the race but also our pupils who organised many brilliant events. It was a fabulous joint effort with events such as, raffles, name the bear, guess the number of sweets on the cake, guess the baby, cake sales and the Cardinal Langley Beauty Salon!! Staff had their head shaved and legs waxed by the lovely ladies from "Totally

You" in Alkington who kindly gave up their time to help our fundraising efforts. As a school our efforts raised £1823.00!!!

We are hoping to make this year's effort even more successful and are looking forward to seeing what brilliant ideas our pupils come up with this time and how many more staff dust off their running shoes!!!



# The Houses in our School

Cardinal Langley RC High School prides itself on being a strong Christian community with a deep sense of family. As part of this, each person within the school - both students and staff - belongs to one of five “families” through our House system.

The House system encourages everyone to care for one another, to try their best in all aspects of school life and help develop a healthy sense of competition. It is also the perfect way for students to share their talents, whether sporting, artistic or academic, with the rest of the school.

## Praise Points:

When you collect PRAISE Points in school, it means that you are being rewarded for using your talents to contribute to your House community. Our five Houses are:

House Name	House Colour	Head of House
St Bernadette	Green	Mr Gillespie
St Ambrose Barlow	Red	Mrs Lennon
St Thomas Aquinas	Purple	Mrs Thompson
St Dominic Savio	Yellow	Mrs Hardman
Notre Dame	Blue	Mrs Keefe



# House Awards

There are 4 types of House awards that you can receive:

- Full Colours:**  
These are awarded to those students in Y10 and Y11 who are stepping up to leadership. You are awarded a school tie in your House colour.

**Half Colours:**  
These are awarded to students in Y9, Y10 and Y11 (Y8 students can receive Half Colours after the February half term). You are awarded a shield badge in your House colour.
- House Commendation:**  
This is awarded to Y7 students who are beginning to show a significant contribution to the ethos of the school. You are awarded a pin badge in your House colour.

**House Distinction:**  
This is an award which specifically recognises the contribution that our sixth form students make to their House and school community.

The names of those students who are presented with any of the above awards are displayed on the House notice board. The following students were awarded House Colours in the Autumn Term.

	Saint Ambrose Barlow	Notre Dame	Saint Dominic Savio	Saint Bernadette	Saint Thomas Aquinas
Commendations		Charlotte Gilbert	Emily Fanning 9JC	Rachael Holmes 9DS	
Half	Megan McKee Ezinne Brown	Steve Patterson Gabriel Arnold Keeley McGinty	Ben Anderson 10RMC	Charlotte Hilton 10PC Patrick Hollywood Eleanor Odell	Lauren Callaghan Charlie Baker Bailey Jacques-Lees
Full	Megan McKee	Toni Oluvsee Hannah Ruddy			Chris Bradford Jennifer Waters
Distinction		Katie Crossan yr13	Emerald Hill yr12 Daisy Cripps yr12	Katie Judkins 12CG	

# ICT G&T Day

The ICT Gifted and Talented day took place on Thursday 26th September, and involved a number of pupils from Years 8 and 9. The students were given the task of developing a mobile phone app for Cardinal Langley with the winning team having their app used as the schools official app.

Pupils worked in teams of 3 to create a working app and at the end of the day the groups presented their apps to the other groups and a panel of teachers who selected a number of groups to go through to the final.

The day of the final consisted of presenting their completed phone application to a panel consisting of Mr Bridson - Head Teacher, Mr Ormsby - Deputy Head and Mrs Gaskell - Head of Gifted and Talented. The panel then chose the top 3 apps who received prizes for their efforts with the winning group receiving a tablet.

The winning app utilises the house style adopted by the school and reflects the catholic nature of Cardinal Langley. The winning group commented how they wanted the app to be used to share important information to students, parents, carers and any visitors to the school. The app contains the following features:

- Schools ‘latest news’ feed
- Contact details
- Google Maps link to navigate to the school
- Calendar - links to all important school dates
- Document Central - links to all the school documents
- Links to any school twitter accounts
- Links to any important/relevant websites such as a link to purchase school uniform

The day was a great success with students commenting on how much they enjoyed the experience.

The school is aiming for the app to be available for download in December and further information on how to download the app will be available in the coming weeks.



# Year 10 visit Jodrell Bank

A group of year 10 pupils took the opportunity to visit Jodrell Bank and learn about its Famous Radio Telescope and the work that the team of scientists do there.

Unfortunately, on the day the telescope was undergoing essential maintenance but the pupils still got the opportunity to observe its vast size and fully appreciate how different telescopes across the country can link together to effectively make one giant radio telescope across the UK.

The group also had the opportunity to enter the planetarium, and view the vast array of images of planets, stars, pulsars and supernovas, all of which were taken by the Hubble telescope and the Radio telescope at Jodrell Bank.

During one of the workshops, the students were taught about how scientists look for “Exo planets” orbiting other stars millions of light years away. At this point, the students had a chance to display both their excellent Science and Maths knowledge as they searched for a planet that could potentially support life somewhere else in a galaxy far away. An excellent day was had by all.



# Football

## Cardinal Langley 1st XI The season so far

As this publication goes to press the Cardinal Langley 1st XI find themselves sitting in second position in the North West Colleges' Football League having played four games, winning two and drawing two.

In addition to playing in the league, the team has also played matches in the English Schools, County Cup and League Cup competitions.

The first game of the season took the team to Burnley to compete in the first round of the English Schools competition against Thomas Whittam Sixth Form College.

The game was decided on penalties with Cardinal Langley losing 8-7 in a sudden death shoot out. The league campaign was the team draw against Preston College and Manchester College with both games being played at home. Away games against Accrington and Rosendale College and Hopwood Hall College saw the team notch up two wins in succession.

The confidence gained from two successive victories was not translated into a victory in the first round of the League Cup

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	▲ Accrington & Rossendale College Men's 4	5	3	0	2	17	11	6	9
2	▲ Cardinal Langley RC High School Mens 1	4	2	2	0	7	5	2	8
3	▼ Lancaster and Morecombe College Mens 4	4	2	1	1	16	13	3	7
4	▼ Hopwood Hall College Mens 4	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
5	▼ Myerscough College Mens 4	4	2	0	2	9	10	-1	6
6	▲ Manchester College Mens 4	4	1	2	1	12	5	7	5
7	▼ Preston College Mens 2	4	1	2	1	1	9	4	5
8	— Cardinal Newman College Mens 3	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
9	— Burnley College Mens 3	3	1	0	2	5	12	-7	3
10	— Nelson & Colne College Men's 2	5	0	1	4	7	22	-15	1

where the team were defeated 3-0 by St Marys College Blackburn and it would appear that Central Lancashire is a nemesis for our 1st XI.

In the County Cup a convincing 3-1 win against Audenshaw College keeps alive the prospect of silverware this season and we await further results as the season unfolds.

## Year 8 "A" Boys

Following on from last year's success, our Cardinal Langley year 8 school football team is continuing it's strong form in the first five games of the new season.

In the opening game, the team played Bramhall High school in the English Schools Cup. The game ended 3-3 and we unfortunately lost on penalties. I was fortunate enough to captain the team, taking the armband from Ryan Beard who had previously done a great job. The scorers in the match were Taylor Metcalf, Ryan Beard and Wesley Wolfe.

After a close fought 4-3 defeat to our own year 9 squad, the next competitive match was away against Walkden High School in the Greater Manchester Schools' County Cup. After being 2-0 down at half time, we produced a stirring fight back and came out triumphant victors in a 3-2 win. Our goal scorers were Ryan Beard (2) and Taylor Metcalf.

Next up was another friendly fixture away at Royton and Crompton where we found ourselves 3-1 down at half time after a poor first half performance. We pulled a goal back to make the game a hard fought 3-2 win for the hosts.

Our most recent encounter was our first home tie of the season against Holy Family in the Catholic Cup, of which we are the current holders. After going 1-0 up, we soon found ourselves level and then, just before the break, the away team scored an unstoppable goal to put themselves ahead.



But, due to our never say die attitude, we dug deep and raised our game producing two excellent individual efforts from Ryan Beard. We won the game 3-2 to progress to the next round and move a step closer to defending our trophy. The goal scorers were Wesley Wolfe and Ryan Beard (2).

All in all there appears to be an exciting future for the year 8 team.



### Playground to Podium Sports Activity Day for Football

A Playground to Podium sports activity day was held at Rochdale Leisure Centre on Thursday 14th of November. Jake Clegg from Year 7 represented Cardinal Langley.

Playground to Podium is a national programme that looks at identifying the sports talent of the future with children's abilities being identified and their skills signposted to suitable on-going sporting opportunities and possible county training camps.

The session which Jake attended was aimed at identifying pupils for the borough teams at the Winter Games on the 1st April 2014 and in all about 30 students participated. During the course of the year a series of similar events are planned and Jake is particularly looking forward to the swimming.

## Year 8 "B" Team Year 9

The year 8 "B" team have played three matches this season and they have put up a strong fight against all their opponents.

We have played against the year 7 "A" team and managed to get a 4-4 draw in a friendly fixture. The goal scorers were Sebastiano Vergine, Ben Cockayne and Joshua Corcoran.

We also made the long trip to Hull to play St. Mary's in the English Schools' Cup. With thanks to Mr Goddard and Mr Nightingale for taking us on such a long journey, we were able to defeat St. Mary's 3-0 with goals from Sebastiano Vergine, Declan Gilmartin and Michael Robertson. The reward for winning this game was another trip to East Riding to take on South Hunslety in the English Schools second round.

A few weeks later, we were back in the minibus, on our way to our second round fixture in East Riding. With Mr Goddard driving the bus and Mr Nightingale as physio, we felt we had a great chance of progressing to round three. Unfortunately we lost the game 7-2 despite a battling performance. Goal scorers were Sebastiano Vergine and Finn Goodwin.

Joseph Symington



The first game of the Yr 9 football season was against Audenshaw the 16th September in the English Schools' Cup.

We were beaten 2-1 conceding two late goals. We were 1-0 up with Callum Styles scoring to put us in the lead but unfortunately we couldn't hang on. Our second match was a friendly against the year 8 first team and we were playing with many of our inexperienced players.

We won 4-3 against a team that had won the Catholic Cup last year. Our next match was in the County Cup against an unbeaten Royton and Crompton team and we won 1-0 with Luca scoring the only goal of the match.

Our most recent match was against Siddal Moor in the Rochdale Cup which we won 7-3. Our goals came from with Mason Dinsdale 2, Luca Navarro 3, George Wong 1 and Aaron Boland scoring with a great finish. We are due to play Middleton Tech in the next round of the Rochdale cup and hope our successful start to the season continues.

By Robert McMullin and Callum Styles



## Year 11

Our opening game was away at North Chadderton. Upon arrival at the pitch we faced difficult conditions with Coca-Cola bottles being used as corner flags and no goal netting in place.

Our performance wasn't up to our usual high standards after the summer break. We lost this game 4-1.

Our second game was against the highly rated Bury Grammar School. We were keen to put our previous loss behind us. A new formation of 3-5-2 was drilled into our heads. We took a risk but our new way of playing was effective and successful. We were the better side and were rewarded with a 3-0 victory.

We were keen to build on this. We arranged to play the Sixth form team. They played with the same formation we had adopted and so the game allowed us to look at our weaknesses. It was a learning curve for us, and a tight game saw us lose 2-1.

Our most recent game was against St Pauls in the Catholic Cup. They had beaten us previously and we wanted to play better this time. The game was close and so we knew we had a chance.

Our hard work was undone with two silly mistakes leading to us conceding two goals.

We pulled a goal back 6 minutes into the second half and then found our way back into the game only for the flood lights to go out! The referee decided to abandon the game with 34 minutes still left to play. A game that we could have gone on to win slipped through our fingers but we still have a chance as the



# Golf

The Cardinal Langley golf team has been very successful over the past few years since it was first introduced to the school. The school has many talented young golfers at present who have gelled together. The current golf team and their handicaps are;

- Joe Bannan 3
- Travis Eaton 9
- Alexander Hughes 6
- Elliot Morgan 8
- George Beard 10
- Liam Gary 15
- Jack Aubrey 9
- Sean Bamforth 7
- John Carey 10

All of the above have played in multiple events for the school team; Last year we were entered into the match play championship for the North



West. Our 3 man team made it to the category finals in which we were beaten 2 and 1, sadly missing out on going to the regional finals which was a 36 hole competition at Woodhall Spa, where the England golf organisation is based. The prize was a night's stay at a Marriott hotel and a round of golf.

However, this year we are stronger than ever with two teams in the competition. We hope to do the school proud next year and go on to win the event. In addition to participating in team events we have played in single events.



One of our successful students is Joe Bannan who won the school's first ever golf competition; the under 18's Lancashire Schools' Championship off a handicap of 3 and on the same day won the best team gross with Elliot Morgan.

He has also recently been selected to play for his county, Lancashire and also been chosen to be on the u16's England squad. When interviewed Joe said:

"I am really happy with what Cardinal Langley has done to help me to improve my golf game. The under 18's school competition helped my selection towards the England squad which I am really happy with.

I have trained numerous times with England and I am really enjoying the support as the coaches are extremely helpful and very experienced, also the squad players are really good lads to play with. I would like to thank Mr Greaves for his help in entering us into the school golf competitions that we have played in this year; we have all really enjoyed the experiences"

**By Joe Bannan & Travis Eaton**

I am Alexis Crawley; I'm 15 years old and I represent England and Great Britain at handball. I have been playing handball for just over 3 years and it has become a dominant feature in my life. From the age of 9 netball was my main sport, I played for Bury netball club and still play for them today.

I represented Greater Manchester County at netball for 2 years but at the age of 13 I decided to try handball and from the first training session I attended, I knew I would love it.

I joined North East Manchester Hawks in 2011 and from there progressed to representing Greater Manchester. My experiences as a county player resulted in an invitation to attend England U16 trials. To my surprise and delight I was successful and ended up being selected for the final squad after a series of trials. As a result of my selection, I travelled to Sweden to play in the largest Handball tournament in the world – The Partille Cup, where we competed against teams from Norway, Canada and the USA.

A year later, I was reselected which meant travelling to Sweden again to participate in the Partille Cup. After returning from Sweden I was invited to attend the England U18's trials, I was apprehensive going into the trial but came away proud of my performance. A few weeks

later I had an email telling me that I was successful in the trial and was travelling to Denmark for a training camp.

After I returning from Denmark, I was invited to attend the Great Britain under 18's trials. Yet again I was apprehensive going to these trials but I gave 100% effort and waited for the outcome. It was a tense

week waiting to find out whether I got on or not but then I got an email through, 'Congratulations you have been selected for Great Britain Under 18's Squad' I was so happy I couldn't even speak! Now I have opportunities to travel to Denmark, Germany, Amsterdam and to the European open in Sweden next year hopefully.



# Handball

# Netball

## Year 7

### Our Season So Far...fa Fa FARFar...

So far the Year 7 netball season has been very successful. The team has done extremely well by winning all six of their matches. The success of the team would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the players in the squad which consisted of Maddie, Nell, Isobel, Paige, Alice, Anna, Darcey, Kate, Chikala, Shannon, Ella, Savannah, and Charlotte. The group has improved steadily over the course of the term as a result of team work and attendance at training sessions which has served to improve their skills base which is reflected in their unbeaten record. Well done everyone

Oulder Hill v CL: 4-15

Wardle v CL: 0-14

St Cuthbert's v CL: 0-24

Holy Family v CL: 0-15

Matthew Moss v CL: W/O

Middleton Technology v CL: 0-24

Siddal Moor v CL: 1-26

And of course without the help of Mrs Lord and Mrs Gillespie, none of this could have happened. With four more matches to go it's looking great for Cardinal Langley's Year 7 team!

## Year 10

Throughout the season so far, the year 10 netball team has played remarkably well and we are currently unbeaten in the Rochdale schools league.

Our biggest win to date has been 40 – 3 against Oulder Hill. On this occasion Hannah Ruddy, was player of the match. Following this, we played against Holy Family and won 19-5. On this occasion our captain, Megan McKee, was awarded player of the match. One of the closest matches in the league so far was against St Cuthbert's. In the first half the game ebbed and flowed

between both teams but in the second half Cardinal Langley dominated running out the eventual winners 21-10.

Once again, Hannah Ruddy was nominated player of the match.

The rest of the season looks promising for us if we maintain our current form

Mrs Lewis, our coach, has given us countless team talks and tactics and provided us with lots of feedback that we have learnt from and used to ensure our victories. (Not forgetting Mr Greaves who acted as stand-in manager for us and led us to our convincing victory against Holy Family!)

**Written by Megan McKee, Hannah Ruddy & Niamh Peters.**



## Year 8

The year 8 netball team are doing really well in the Rochdale Netball League, winning 3 out of their 4 matches. The first fixture was against St Cuthbert's, where we won 9-6. The following match was against Holy Family with a score of 19-0 for Cardinal Langley. Recently we played Siddal Moor where the final score was 12-1.

The team consists of the following players; Rosette & Vanessa Luamba, Freya Holland, Sophie Shepherd, Jessica Penny, Cara Cox, Charlotte Webster and Jemma Gardner. The girls are working very hard and have really enjoyed the successes so far... hopefully the rest of our season can continue as positive as it has started.

**Written By Jessica Penny.**



## Year 9

The year 9 netball team has had an amazing netball season so far this year, winning the majority of their games.

The team won their first game played at home against Wardle High school. This gave them the confidence to go on and win their matches against St.Cuthbert's, Holy family,

Mathew Moss, Middleton Technology and Siddal Moor.

On Saturday 9th November the under 14s squad, which included many year 9 netball players, participated in the National Schools Netball Tournament. Although the girls weren't successful in qualifying, they displayed some great skill and determination throughout the tournament. The player of the tournament was awarded to Vanessa Luamba for her excellent defensive skills.

## Year 11

The Year 11 Netball team has had limited opportunities to compete this season because of the pressures of exams.

This term they have competed in two tournaments, the Rochdale Schools' Tournament which they won and the Greater Manchester Catholic Schools Competition in which they came third.



## End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Christmas holiday at 1:30pm after lunch on Friday 20th December 2013.

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. We return to school on **Monday 6th January 2014.**

## Emergency School Closures

As we are coming up to that time of year where we can expect more wintery weather, we would like to remind you that the Council's website [www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow) should be regarded as the first point of reference for all the latest and most accurate information on school closures due to adverse weather.

## School Term Dates 2014-15

The Governors are in the process of confirming our 2014-15 term dates and holiday pattern. This will be published on the school website before the end of term.

## September 2015 Admissions Policy Consultation

We are currently inviting feedback on our admissions arrangements for September 2015.

Our proposed Admissions Policy for September 2015 entry can be found in the About our School section of the school website.

Please send us your comments either by email to [admin@clrchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@clrchs.co.uk) or by post to the school address for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

Remember to include your contact details so that we can keep you informed! The public consultation process will run from **9th December 2013** until **10th February 2014** and the approved policy will be published on **1st May 2014.**

## Lunchtime & After-School Activities

There is a huge amount going on in school outside of lesson time and we have produced a daily guide to lunchtime and after-school activities.

The guide can be found in the About our School section of the school website under the Extra-Curricular tab.

## Free School Meals

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, healthy lunch each school day using their personal catering account, the same as other students and staff do.

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 go to the About our School section of the school website.

For more information about free school meals, please contact Mr Coleman here at school or visit the RMBC webpage: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools\\_and\\_children/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools_and_children/free_school_meals.aspx)

## GCSE English & Maths results Mock Exam Results

These results will be published to students at 10.30am on **Thursday 9 January**

## Young Dragons make mark on enterprise zone

Aspiring entrepreneurs flexed their business muscle to prove they can cut it in the world of manufacturing.

An eight-strong team of budding business brains from Cardinal Langley were challenged to design, build and then market a new product for the Middleton based own-label giant McBride. The team of 13 and 14 year olds came up with a shampoo for babies that doubled as a bath toy. They were then asked to present their product, together with costs, in front of McBride managers in a Dragons' Den style pitch.

Although our school's product wasn't picked out as the winner of the McBride 'Make It' Enterprising Challenge, pupils were commended for their efforts by business leaders and they were awarded second place. The team will now participate in the semi-finals which are scheduled to take place in June. Chris Bull, McBride chief executive, said: "It is important that companies like our supports young people by stimulating an interest in manufacturing and by helping them to see how the application of a broad range of skills can have a practical outcome in industry. We also benefit by our managers getting involved in the day and having the opportunity to see first-hand the ability of local young people soon to be on the job market."

The event, which saw pupils take on the roles ranging from managing director to operations managers through to finance, sales and marketing managers, was run in conjunction with the Manufacturing Institute. Stephen Melia, who coordinates the



'Make It Events' for the Manufacturing Institute, said "The Make It campaign not only enables young people to experience new challenges and ways of learning, but also showcases the exciting and creative careers that were on offer within manufacturing.

"Developing the next generation of talent is essential and this event allowed young people to learn first-hand just what it's like to work for a global business like McBride."