

Cardinal Langley's

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'Eggcellent' Easter Fundraising

Lent is the period of time when we prepare ourselves spiritually for the events of Holy Week and Easter. During Lent we are called to Fast, Pray & Give. Giving isn't just about money, it can be our time, our thoughts and prayers, and our effort – giving of ourselves.

However, sharing some of what we have with the poor and those in need is an important part of living our faith. In the past this would have been called Almsgiving.

This Lent, Caritas has chosen the Catholic Social Teaching theme of: Stewardship (Care for Our Community & Our Common Home). We have been encouraged to be the changemakers *#BeTheChange*

The whole school community has been involved in fundraising for Caritas and St Joseph's Penny.

We have seen a variety of fundraising including: quizzes, Easter egg raffles, tuck shops, and football tournaments. The students and staff have fully embraced our fundraising and our total so far is £3,377! Thank you to everyone who has donated an Easter egg (742 in total), raised money with their form, or organised a fundraising event.



#CareForOurCommonHome



Flame 2019

On an early Saturday morning a group of Year 10 students and Mrs Williams headed to Wembley Arena with other students from the Diocese of Salford to attend Flame. Flame is a national Catholic youth conference. The theme of the day was Significance. Significance is defined as “worthy of attention,” “with meaning,” “important.” In terms of Scripture, it is a word which resonates deeply with God's words from heaven at the Baptism of Jesus, and the Transfiguration, “You are my Beloved”. All students found the day uplifting and inspiring. Turn over to find out what some of our students had to say about the day...



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Flame 2019 was a fabulous experience for young people to see how religion can be important and significant throughout life. The conference was made up of religious music, biblical readings, acting performances, mass, talking about God, and how our faith is important in our lives.

The Flame conference was mainly about walking through life with the help of God and knowing that he is always there to support you through good and bad times. The people also talked about self image and that God put you on this earth for a reason and that you are a masterpiece

that God made. In addition, they also talked about how you should 'stay in your lane.' This means that you shouldn't look at anyone else and that you shouldn't want to be like other people because God made you for a reason. God made you to stay in your lane to go on your own path of life that He wants you to live. Furthermore, people were also talking about how their lives were changed and how they now live a life with God in their heart.



To begin with, I was surprised by the amount of people attending the arena as I expected it to be a small event. However, after entering I realised it would be a huge event full of young Christians from around the world celebrating something we all believe in.

It was great in the sense that we could all participate as it was full of music, comedy and inspiring speeches. The long coach ride was definitely worth it as I got to experience **something I couldn't have otherwise.**

When seated in the arena, we were immediately introduced to a Christian rapper that everyone took a liking to as his music was modern and exciting – something which connected the youngsters to the event. Alongside that, we got to hear his perspective on what it is to be a Christian and hear other stories in the form of comedy and many drama performances full of expression.

I got to meet many religious leaders (even if it was through a screen) and got to hear many biblical verses and their meaning – with quiet moments to allow us to reflect.

To end with, a few more songs were played and sung by a choir with many joining in. The rest of the day being the journey back after a long and eventful day.

#SIGNIFICANCE

The day started at 5am so we could get to school by 5:30am. Prepared with snacks, pillows and fully charged phones and power banks, we were set to go by 6am. Along the way, we stopped at another school to make the last pickup and on the way to London we made friends with the people on the coach and played coach games along the way. When we got there, we had to queue for around 15 minutes. When the concert-type ceremony began, many things happened like music and drama performances, and biblical readings. There was a lot to take from it. Overall, the day was great! Many friends were made that day and the experience was amazing. I truly hope we have other experiences like this in life as I believe this was an amazing day.

Thanks to Wanessa, Olivia and Jess for sharing their thoughts on their trip to Flame 2019.



During the last few years as Link Governor, I have attended the Careers Fair with an expectation of a buzz and a hive of activity from a fine array of **representative fields**, 'A Market for Future Opportunities'. **This year was no exception** with men in uniforms present from The Royal Air Force and The Army, several local Colleges, a Sports College for Football, Greater Manchester Higher Education, Apprenticeship Schemes on Engineering, Art and Design, and Creative Industries. The return of The National Health Service Stand with wide ranging details for different careers and pathways to training was very welcome. The pupils had their focus directed by Head of Careers, Mr Kearns, via a worksheet and each year group was spurred on to ask and make enquiries by a system of purple tokens which earned VIVO points.

The whole focus of the forum is to ask questions, to discover career paths and acquire information regarding opportunities of interest and appropriate to the individual. Positive Steps were manning a stall, keeping up a regular presence in school with their effective use of interviewing Years 10 and 11, and targeting those who need extra support to access a future career path in conjunction with The Additional Needs Department.

Mr Kearns organised the two day event on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of March, with a separate day on Wednesday 20th for the Sixth Form focussing on Universities and Higher Education. The Cardinal Langley Sixth Form held a stand which was run by both staff and their own students; I spoke to three very articulate young students who advertised the opportunities in Years 12 and 13 and talked of their aspirations in medicine and the teaching profession.

On arrival, Mr Kearns was keen to show me a new facility offered to all pupils by the purchase of Start Profile which allows the students to record their searches on fields of interest and pathways to careers. Basically, the programme promotes independence and enables a voyage of discovery for choosing your future; with staff able to overlook what enquiries individuals have made.

My impression this year is that, more and more, IT is providing the careers department with very useful tools to research the career pathways but the Careers Fair and the interviews organised through Positive Steps are still a vital platform to direct thoughts for the students. The conversations about aspirations and choice of futures are growing and gaining momentum across the year groups. I had a very valuable talk with staff from Hopwood Hall who described the apprenticeship opportunities offered and the trend of increasing popularity for these schemes; students are valuing sponsorships and paid training more when university fees and living costs are ever upwards. By Patricia Greenall (IAG Link Governor)



Ski Experience 2019

During February half term, 53 students and staff took part in the highly successful Ski Experience in Zell am Zee and Kaprun in Austria. In addition to the skiing, we had time to go ice skating, swimming, tubing and even watched an ice hockey match. There are a limited number of places available for next year's visit to Alpe d'Huez in France. Please see Mr Gumbley for further information.



Chemistry in Action

Year 12 and 13 A Level Chemistry students had an incredible day of Chemistry at The University of Salford. Students were taken from their studies to cutting-edge research and future applications in great style. These included: *'How to Discover a New Element'* presented by award-winning science-journalist **Kit Chapman**, *'From Breaking Bad to Breaking Good'* presented by Professor David Smith from the **University of York**, *'Plastic Fantastic'* presented by Dr Jamie Gallagher, and *'Water'* presented by non-other than Andrea Sella, who is involved in numerous radio and television projects. The students had a great day out and benefitted from a special session on examination success.



Royal Exchange Theatre

On Thursday 28th February, the Drama Department took a group of 50 students from Years 8 to 10 to watch a matinee performance of *'Mother Courage and Her Children'* by Bertolt Brecht at The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester. The students study the practitioner, Bertolt Brecht, as part of the BTEC Drama course and this was an excellent opportunity to see Brecht's work being performed in a professional theatre. The students really enjoyed the play and were a credit to the school throughout the visit, with a member of the audience commenting on their excellent behaviour. We hope there will be many more opportunities for the students to enjoy live theatre productions in the future.



Manchester Art Gallery



Year 9 Art students visited Manchester Art Gallery to see the 'Martin Parr Street Photography' exhibition. The exhibition covered his 30 year career, including work from Manchester 40 years ago and as recent as last year. Whilst there, we were fortunate enough to see some beautiful drawings by Leonardo Da Vinci – they were over 500 years old! In the afternoon, following a leisurely stroll across Manchester, and a quick stop at the Golden Arches, we visited The Whitworth Gallery. The exhibition by William Kentridge was outstanding, one of the most original and interesting exhibitions Mr Vodden had seen – the combination of video, installation and sound was extremely powerful.



Exploring Touchstones



In February, 40 'Gifted and Talented' students were chosen from Years 7 and 8 to take part in some exciting activities at Touchstones Gallery and Museum in Rochdale. In the morning, students worked with internationally recognised artist Jill Randall to produce fantastic 3D models of imaginative buildings or wire insects. The students were enthusiastic, engaged and inventive while learning a range of new skills.

In the afternoon, students were given an extremely rare, behind-the-scenes insight into the gallery spaces upstairs. The galleries were closed to the public, as the exhibitions team were part-way through installing Harry Meadley's ambitious exhibition concept: "*But What If We Tried?*" Our lucky students got a guided tour of the unfinished exhibition from Harry himself, alongside one of the curators! This was incredibly inspiring for everyone, including Harry Meadley and the gallery team who were delighted to see our students engaging so well with the gallery environment.

"*But What If We Tried?*" runs until 1st June at Touchstones, Rochdale, OL16 1AQ



High 5 Conference 2019



On Friday 15th February, Mrs Wykes and Mr Wilkinson escorted 17 of our Year 11 pupils to the High 5 Conference. All students attending have the aspiration to achieve at least a 5 in the final Maths exam. The conference was hosted by St Patrick's RC High School and based at Loreto Sixth Form College in Manchester.

Pupils attended three different workshops, including an examination walkthrough, visualising success, and what information they need to memorise before the exam. The pupils behaved **impeccably all day, with a special mention to Luke who received high praise from several members of St Patrick's staff.** He impressed staff whilst struggling on his crutches all day.

The pupils found the conference informative and rewarding, and were delighted with the free goody bags that they received!

On 'yer Bike! Students complete Bikeability Level 3

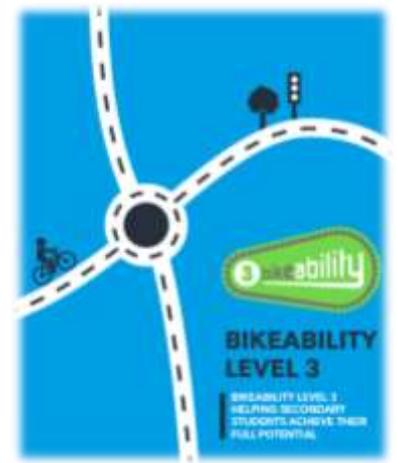
A further 20 students took the Bikeability Level 3 course in school during February, making a total of 80 students this academic year. Bikeability is a cycle training programme for gaining the practical skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. **It also increases understanding of cycling on today's roads.**

The three levels of training take students from the basics of balance and control, all the way to planning and making an independent journey on busier roads. Level 3 equips trainees with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations and includes planning routes for safe cycling. Level 3 training is delivered one-to-one or in groups of up to 3 so can be tailored to **a trainee's individual needs, such as a route to work or school.** Students are taught to:

- prepare for a journey
- understand advanced road positioning
- pass queuing traffic
- perceive and deal with hazards
- understand driver blind spots
- react to hazardous road surfaces



If your child would like to cycle to school, we do ask that s/he has already achieved Level 1 and 2 at primary school and Level 3 with us. For more details, please speak to Mrs Williams.



Police have provided us with UV permanent marker pens to mark bikes with postcodes. They have also provided us with the details for registering bikes and other items with Immobilise courtesy of GM Police. Please see Mrs Williams if you missed the security session held in school on 2nd April.

Cardiac Risk in the Young Screening

Cardinal Langley RC High School hosted heart screening for students and members of the community with Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th February. At least 12 young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions every week in the UK. CRY is a charity that aims to prevent sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening and research.

As a school we have been committed to providing this cardiac screening opportunity since the tragic death of one of our students in 2015. We were delighted that 200 people were able to attend over the two days and hope that this has provided them with reassurance or early detection. We were able to provide this screening due to kind donations from members of the community to the Charlie Holden appeal.

One of the students who took part said: "I'm grateful for the opportunity to have the screening as you never know if you could be affected. What happened to Charlie Holden was tragic and hopefully this screening will prevent others being affected in the future."

Since its formation in 1995, Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) has been working to reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death (YSCD).

CRY supports young people diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions and offers bereavement support to families affected by YSCD, as well as promoting and developing heart screening programmes.



Race to the Line - Rocket Car Challenge

On Friday 29th March 2019, Year 7 took part in a 'Race to the Line' competition. This is a national event which the school came 2nd in last year (out of 17,000 entries). The pressure was on to design and build a race car that would perform as well as last year.

Throughout this term, Year 7 students had Maths and Science lessons on the theory behind what makes a fast race car and how to work out speed / distance / time calculations. This was then used in Design and Technology lessons, in which students were put into teams and given basic instructions on how to make a race car. They then designed and made their cars in teams.

Race day soon arrived and each team propelled their car using a small rocket motor. The speed was recorded over a 20m course with the overall winners' car reaching 60.3mph. Well done to Team 6 - Rebecca, John and Liam - who will now represent school at the Manchester regional heats in May.

Thank you to all the staff who helped make the day possible, including Mr Hogg, Mr Mundy, Mr Day and Mr Smith. Follow us on Twitter (@CL_DesignTech) or Instagram (@clhs_tech) for updates on Team 6's progress.



BAE Systems STEM Roadshow

On Wednesday 6th February four Year 7 classes were lucky enough to take part in an interactive roadshow provided by BAE Systems in conjunction with the RAF and the Royal Navy. The purpose of the hour-long show was to illustrate the role of engineers in modern forms of communication, and to emphasise that this could be a career suited equally to male and female pupils.

The interactive sessions involved pupils being used to show how radio waves enable mobile phone cells to pass messages from phone to phone, how GPS systems can use satellites to find your location and how infrared can be used in **Bluetooth systems to control the movement of robots**. The show's finalé used a presenter in a Zorb to illustrate how to translate Maths into movement in robots!

The presenters also touched on the depth of thought required to program a machine to do its job. The examples used illustrated how detailed the instructions needed to be, mistakes that could happen if the instructions were not thorough enough and also the Maths involved in programming systems of communication.



Pupil feedback was positive, with several male and female pupils registering an interest in following a career path into engineering and fun was had by all!

Textiles Student's Recycled Creations



Taking the 6 Rs into consideration - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink, Refuse and Repair, Year 10 Design & Technology Textiles students have taken a selection of recycled objects, materials and components which were available in their own homes and created something new and interesting.

Designers need to consider the environment and sustainability when designing their products.

They must consider how the product affects the environment at every stage.

Taking this into consideration, from the collection of raw materials, to how the product is disposed of at the end of its useful life is an important factor when producing a new design/product. Resources are used at an increasingly high rate and we are using the Earth's resources all the time when we manufacture products. We need to reduce this impact on the planet for our future generations.



Updates from the RE Department

Well done to our Key Stage 3 RE award winners for *Excellence in Religious Education* in the three areas of: Leadership, Achievement and Progress. This was evident in lessons, from **teachers' comments, and from student contributions in class discussions.** The quality of written work and overall excellent attitude to learning each and every lesson has also been fantastic.

The Year 7 winners were: Grace (7AD), Kieran (7AD), Weronika (7AD), Lisa (7CLM) and John (7JLG).

The Year 8 winners were: Katie (8DV), Libby (8JRH), Kelsie (8DV), Henry (8RC), Gareth (8DMB), Jordan (8CLW) and Faith (8DMB).

Well done and congratulations on your fantastic work in Religious Education. There will be more opportunities for awards throughout the rest of the year!



Updates from the Music Department

Since the beginning of February, several of our musical students and groups have been participating in the Rochdale Youth Music Festival at Rochdale Town Hall. Once again, they have had great success. Below are just some of the fantastic results, with more students yet to perform:

- Cardinal Langley Ukulele group won their section, with honours.
- Cardinal Langley Guitar group were highly commended.
- The Choir regained the Gracie Fields Rose Bowl for Choirs award (Year 13 and under).
- Grace (9RG) - 2nd in the Piano competition and 1st in the Solo Woodwind competition (flute).
- Alicja - 1st in the Singing competition.
- Madeline - 2nd in the Pop Solo competition.
- Alice - 2nd in the Singing competition.
- Grace and Isabelle both competed in Instrumental sections.
- Millie - 1st in the Ruth Mitchell Rose Bowl for Vocal award (Year 9 and under).



We are very proud of the talent and success our students have shown; practice and hard work sure pay off! Well done to everyone, and thank you to parents / carers for your continued support.



Girls' Football

Congratulations to all our girls' football teams. From U12–U15, our school teams have shown great determination throughout the preliminary rounds. On Thursday 4th April, the Year 7 and Year 11 teams won in the Rochdale Schools' Cup. Well done girls! Thank you to Mr Shaw for coaching the teams. A huge thank you too goes to our leaders - Joe, Mathew, Kristian, Luke and Freya. They have helped coach and refereed every girls' football fixture this season!



Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students: Shae, Pedro, Reece, Lily, Amy, Leah, Kristian and Luke, who represented Rochdale at the Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Competition. They all did extremely well on difficult terrain, running an extremely difficult course at Heaton Park on a cold Saturday morning.



Netball

The Year 7 netball squads have shown great improvement since the start of the year. Although there have not been any more fixtures for this year group the girls are still training hard and cannot wait for their trip next year to Conover Hall. Well done to all the girls that have represented the school in their first year at Cardinal Langley, we hope to see the same commitment in the upcoming rounders and athletics season. The U16 and U14s Netball squads have faced some tough competition over the past two Saturdays. The Year 11s have had a turbulent journey throughout their five years but played their hearts out at their last ever Greater Manchester Schools County Tournament. Well Done to all students who made a contribution to the Year 11 netball team over the years.



Girls' Badminton

Well done to all the girls who competed in the Rochdale Schools' Badminton Competition over the past two weeks.



Rugby

The Year 7,8,9 and 10 rugby teams have been training weekly on Mondays after school since **January, in preparation for the Rochdale Schools' Rugby League competition which took place at Hopwood Hall College on 26, 27 & 28th March.**

Each team worked extremely hard to earn some great wins and accumulate vital points. The work rate, team spirit and positive attitude demonstrated by all the players involved over the three competitions (which for many was a new experience) was fantastic! Stand out performers in their respective competitions were: Daniel, Kaegan and Jayden (Y7), Vincent (Y8), Victory (Y9) and Liam (Y10).

Please Note: Rugby training will continue every Monday (2.30 -3.30) with Rochdale Hornets coaches providing free training sessions. The next round of fixtures will be in May at Hopwood Hall College (over the 7th,8th & 9th, May) with the winners going on to represent Rochdale in the prestigious 'Champions Schools' Rugby League competition.



Boys Football

As the football season draws to a close, once again it's been a very busy and successful half term of football here at Cardinal Langley.

- Our Year 7 teams performed very well nationally and are currently in the play offs to win the local league competition. They are also through to the Catholic Cup final which will be played on Thursday 2nd May .
- The Year 8 team has been successful in retaining their league title and were the Catholic Cup winners of 2019! This year group have also won the indoor 6vs6 futsal tournament, along with the outdoor 7vs7 tournament!
- The Year 9s won the league last week after a convincing win away to Matthew Moss. They also won the 7vs7 tournament hosted by Holy Family.
- Finally, the Year 10s have had a difficult year of football! They recently got knocked out of the Catholic Cup at the semi finals stage, a game in which they showed terrific character but struggled to score. They are in the Rochdale Cup semi finals and hope to retain that trophy!



End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Easter holiday at 2:30pm on Friday 12th April 2019. Lessons will run as normal on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform. We return to school on Monday 29th April 2019



Easter Holiday Activity Club

Cardinal Langley is once again running its sports and activity club over the Easter holiday with activities suitable for children from Reception class up to age 13. The core session runs from 9:00am-3:00pm at a cost of £12 per child per day, with an “early bird” and “staying late” option available. More information and details on how to book can be found on the school website. Alternatively, please contact the School Games Partnership by email to rbsgp@clrchs.mobi or by telephoning 0161 643 4009 (ext. 244), or pick up a flier from Reception or the Community Sports Office.



Term-Time Absence

In September 2013 there were changes to regulations and Headteachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave of absence for family holidays, extended stays or other similar recreational activities during term-time. Please bear this in mind when planning your holidays and family events. Unauthorised absence is recorded and may result in intervention by the Education Welfare Service. Unauthorised leave of 5 school days or more will result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

More information, including the penalty notice protocol and school holiday patterns up until 2022, can be found on the school website:

<https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-timetable-term-dates/>

<https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/pastoral-information/attendance/>

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Parking and Road Safety

As always, we urge parents and carers to take care when dropping off or collecting their child from school by car. Please do not park on pavements, or in bus bays or the cycle lane, or blocking **neighbours' drives** - or anywhere you might be causing an obstruction.



Please do not use the visitor car park as a drop off and collection point, unless you require it for disability access, as this is causing congestion on the school grounds and potentially putting children at risk as well as adding to the problems on Rochdale Road.

If you are considering public transport as a better option **for your child's journey to and from school**, details of school bus services can be found on the school website:

<https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/>

Please help us make the local area safer for all of our pupils, as well as members of the public.

September 2020 Admissions Policy

The policy for admissions applicable in and from September 2020 has been agreed by Governors and is published on the school website. The deadline for lodging any objections with the Office of the Schools Adjudicator is 15th May 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-appeal-or-referral>

Open Events (September 2020 Admissions)

Open Evening for Year 7 Entry

Thursday 27th June 2019

5:00 – 7:00pm

(Headteacher's address at 6:00pm)

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2019

6:00 – 8:00pm



Thank you to everyone who celebrated **World Teachers' Day** on 5th October by nominating our fantastic staff for the national Pearson Teaching Awards. This year there were 51 nominations from parents who recognise the dedication that our staff show each day. We have our fingers crossed and hope that we will be successful later in the year.

