



An excellent assembly

Our Head Boy and Girl and their deputies have delivered an impressive assembly this week around the issue of extremism and radicalisation. Among the examples they presented was the very sad murder last week of the MP, Jo Cox. This is a difficult and sensitive issue but not one that can be ducked, but the senior students handled the matter well. They included advice to students on who they could speak to if they had any concerns at any time.

Final Exams

The last of the national external exams take place next week. It seems to have been a very long period this year, but is set to be even longer next year when there are more exams due to the changes that are being brought in.

I have been very impressed by the way in which our students have conducted themselves and trust that they will be rewarded with good results. Although I have been one of those moaning that the summer weather is a long time coming this year, it has probably helped those sitting exams.

Key Stage 3 exams continue throughout next week.

Cathedral Mass

Last Saturday evening's Mass to celebrate 120 years of All Souls parish was a splendid event. Bishop Alan concelebrated with eight other priests and there was good representation from our school, with students singing and serving and prayers read by Mr Mendonca (in Portuguese) and Miss O'Connor (in Irish). Many students, parents and staff also attended and enjoyed the food from the various communities which was served in the cloisters afterwards.

Another Anniversary

On Monday, another of our diocesan schools, St Alban's Catholic High School, Ipswich, celebrates the 50th anniversary of its opening. Bishop Alan will celebrate an open-air Mass in the morning with many guests who have been linked with the school down the years. We send them our congratulations.

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Wednesday next is a Holyday of Obligation and so we will begin the day with a Mass to celebrate this Feast. Students who wish to attend should register and then come straight to the Hall.

Key Dates

A reminder of some of the important dates to note for the rest of this term:

- 29 June: Mass for Saints Peter & Paul
- 30 June: Octathlon Day
- 1 July: annual visit by Chinese students
- 1 July: Art 'Big Show'
- 6 July: Year 6 Induction Day
- 7 July: Year 12 Induction Day
- 7 July: Choir at The Big Sing event
- 8 July: piano recital in the Atrium
- 11 July: annual CCF camp begins
- 12 July: Celebration of Achievement
- 15 July: Year 9 visit the Careers Fair
- 19/20 July: Focus Days
- 21 July: Sports Day
- 22 July: St John Fisher Feast Day
- 18 August: A level results published
- 25 August: GCSE result published.

Term Dates

The government has written to schools to remind us that the rules about taking holidays in term time have not changed despite a recent court case. This term finishes on Friday 22 July and the dates for next year are as follows:

Autumn Term 2016

5 & 6 September	Staff Training days Enrolment for Year 12 1-4pm
7 September	Term Begins (Year 7 only)
8 September	Term Begins for all
24 – 28 October	Half Term Holiday
21 December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2017

3 January	Staff Training Day
4 January	Term Begins
17 February	Staff Training day
20 – 24 February	Half Term Holiday
27 February	Staff Training day
7 April	Term Ends

Summer Term 2017

24 April	Term Begins
1 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
29 May – 2 June	Half Term Holiday
20 July	Term Ends

Sean Hayes

Key Stage 3 Exam Timetable

Any students who miss exams due to school visits will have another time slot allocated at a later date. These will take place in classrooms.

	Mon 27 June	Tues 28 June	Wed 29 June	Thur 30 June	Fri 1 July
P1	ALL Year 7 Maths Paper 1 in classrooms	ALL Year 8 Maths Paper 2 IN HALL			7A French 7B French 7C French
		9A French 9B French 9C French			9B History 9C RE
P2		ALL Year 7 Maths Paper 2 IN HALL		8D RE	8D History
P3	8A Geography	ALL Year 8 Science IN HALL	8C RE	9D Computing	
	9D French 9E French		9A History 9D History 9E RE		
P4	7D RE 7E RE	ALL Year 7 Science IN HALL		9C Computing 9E History	
	9B Geography				

Holocaust Survivor visit to Year 9 Historians

Eva Clarke, a survivor of the Holocaust visited Year 9 Historians this week to share her testimony of her family's experiences of the Nazi Occupation of the Second World War. Listening to her frank account was terribly moving and emotional as she explained the many different stories her family endured in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Switzerland and finally coming to Britain.

Eva herself was born in a concentration camp just one week before it was liberated by the American Army and luckily the camp had run out of Zyklon B gas at that point in April 1945, thus saving her from certain death. Her mother had managed to hide her pregnancy from the guards and Mengele's choice in one 'selection' she recalled, to survive days on a cattle wagon with no food or water, and also the conditions in various camps for three years. Her father had been shot by the firing squad in Auschwitz where her brother died of Pneumonia also.

Eva brought with her some items such as the yellow Star of David that her mother had stitched to her clothes and also a coded postcard her aunt had sent to family who had escaped to Switzerland secretly alerting them to the starvation they were enduring.

Our Year 9 students felt very privileged to have shared this oral history and understand how valuable this opportunity is as a part of our module studying the Holocaust.

Eva can often be heard giving her testimony and speaking out against racism, genocide and anti-Semitism at many Holocaust memorial events for the Holocaust Education Trust, BBC programmes and literary articles. She is even one of the subjects of the novel *Born Survivors* by Wendy Holden.

Mrs Quince

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Year 12 student Arthur Tomasevic who won the Boxing Silver Medal in the Haringay Cup last weekend.



Year 9 visit to Careers Show, 15 July

All year 9 students will be visiting the Careers Show on Friday 15 July. Parents have already had a letter – please remember to send back permission slips and money as soon as possible.

Miss Wilson



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