



Courage

The theme across school this week has been Courage and students have been reflecting on this in assemblies and form time prayer. The focus in assemblies has been on people who have shown extraordinary courage such as St Catherine of Sienna and that with God in our lives we can accomplish anything. As we are now in the month of May which is the month of Mary, the chapel is available for praying the rosary and a candle has been lit in the window next to the statue of Our Lady.

Year 12 PPEs

Year 12 have been sitting their PPEs this week, which have gone very well. There will be a Parents evening in the first week after half term for you to discuss results of these and next steps with teachers.

Coronation

King Charles will be crowned on Saturday 6 May, as you are aware and there is an extra bank holiday on Monday 8 May because of this so students are not required to be in school on this day.



*'O God, to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles
success in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from civil peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.'*

Amen

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals please contact us.

Kate Pereira

Academic Tutoring

Year 9

1 May – 12 May 2023

Catenians

Thank you to The Catenians, a Roman Catholic society, who kindly sent us x150 Rosaries and prayer cards. The Chaplaincy Ambassadors helped to separate them and place them into envelopes ready for our RE lessons. Dr Karangi, the head of RE said 'They will be useful when studying popular piety in KS4 and in year 7 when studying different ways of Catholic prayer'. May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary so it is perfect timing to receive this kind gift at this special time. Throughout the year, the Rosary is



said every week in the Chapel which all staff and students are welcome to attend. Fr Karol from St Peter and All Souls kindly took time to bless the Rosaries and with the additional beads more students will have the opportunity to join in this

beautiful prayer.



We also say The Angelus Prayer every week in our Chapel and prayer cards from the Catenians will be of great use to those who wish to join the prayer. Our thanks to The Catenians, Fr Karol and the Chaplaincy Ambassadors.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Year 12 Visit ARU Peterborough

On Tuesday 2 May, six year 12 students visited ARU Peterborough to take part in the Morgan Sindall "Building a lasting legacy enterprise challenge". We were given the task of designing a sustainable Leisure Centre, with the help of the experienced professionals. We all had specific tasks that required us to speak to the industry experts and learn more about our designated roles. We then presented these ideas in front of the experts and a few other schools, who also took part throughout the day. We are proud to say that out of the fourteen schools present we came in joint second place with Nene Park academy. A big thanks to Ms Reeve and Mrs Reay for giving us the opportunity to take part in this wonderful experience.
Sixth Form Students

Sixth Form Star Students



April's Star Students are Carolina Figueiredo - Year 12 and Abdul-Rehman Ali - Year 13. Carolina is a great asset to Year 12 and is always willing to volunteer for activities both within school and outside of school. She is a member of our Sixth Form communications team in school as well as a member of the Citizens UK group. She has shown great communication skills, increasing confidence and commitment to both her studies and work experience at St Thomas More. In Year 13, Abdul is a strong student who has shown a great attitude to his PPE exams in November and February. He continuously wants to improve and has a strong work ethic and revision strategy in preparation for his final exam. He is a positive role model to other students and this was reflected in his achievement this term of the student with the most merits in Year 13.

Congratulations to both students, keep your eyes peeled for May's Star Students.

Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher

Deaf Awareness Week

This week is Deaf Awareness Week. As a school with a Deaf Hub it is really important for all our staff and students to be Deaf aware and to understand the importance of effective communication. This week we have been sharing BSL (British Sign Language) with posters of alphabet and numbers.

TALKING TO YOUR DEAF FRIENDS

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both.
Find out what your friend does.

Five top tips

- 1 Get their attention. Try waving or tapping their shoulder.
- 2 Speak normally. Not too slowly or too loudly.
- 3 Face them when you talk. Make sure they can see your mouth.
- 4 Use your hands. Point at what you're talking about.
- 5 Keep trying. Try texting on your phone or writing a message down.

Myth-busting Daft things people believe about deaf people

- All deaf people can lip-read.
- Deaf people can't enjoy music.
- Sign language is the same everywhere.
- Deaf people can't use the phone.
- Deaf people can hear everything with their hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Find out why these are wrong at www.buzz.org.uk/myths.

www.ndcs.org.uk
www.buzz.org.uk
Freephone Helpline 0808 800 8880 (voice and text)
helpline@ndcs.org.uk

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Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply for Free School Meals complete the 'Free School Meal Application Form' on the website below

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.



YDP News

This weeks fixture saw us host Leon Barnett, our final league home fixture of the season. A very bright start saw us take a very early four goal lead. After a few challenges and defensive mishaps the game went into half time 4-3. The second half, a slow start from YDP allowed Leon Barnett to grab an equaliser with a large chunk of the game left to play. A late tackle saw us go down to 10 men for the remainder of the game. The game then settled down and finished 4-4. This result meant that we had won the league!!! An unbelievable



achievement for the boys, no less than they deserve after a phenomenal season. To win the league

is a great success, but to win it back to back is absolutely incredible! They've been an absolute credit to all of us at YDP and we thank them for all of their efforts, on and off the pitch.

Connor Peters, YDP AllStars Manager.

