



Theme of the week: Fragility of Freedom

This week we have been preparing for Holocaust Memorial Day by considering the theme selected for this year which is Fragility of Freedom. As usual, our students represented the school at the city's commemoration on Thursday 25 January with a drama production which was performed in the city centre. In school, we have focussed on scripture from Isaiah: 'He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed and broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to prisoners...to comfort all who mourn' and prayed for all those who have or are still experiencing persecution. We have considered the Catholic Social Teaching of Peace and how we can actively spread peace in our own communities.

Beverley House Mass

On Wednesday, Beverley House gathered for their Mass celebrated by Fr Karol. Thank you to all who helped to prepare and take part in the Mass and to Fr Karol and Mrs Goodfellow. The school theme this year is Belonging and Beverley House chose to represent this theme through fruit on a tree. The tree could symbolise the school, the House and, of course, God whilst the fruit represents each member of the House and their unique attributions that they bring.

Year 9 Options

Next Tuesday Year 9 Parents evening also includes a presentation about choosing options for Years 10 and 11. If you have a child in Year 9, it is crucial that you and your child attend this evening so you can see the presentation, speak to your child's teachers and ask questions about option subjects.

Year 11 and Year 13 PPEs

The second round of PPEs begin just before the February half term for Year 11 and just after half term for Year 13. Students are revising hard for these and practising different revision techniques so that they are well prepared for the public exams which start in May. Teachers and support staff are on hand if your child needs support with any aspect of their studies. Exams can be a very stressful time for students as you know and having parental support in place for this time helps enormously. If your child has been asked to attend an extra session before or after school to support them please can you ensure that they attend.

Kate Pereira



"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"

Beverley Celebration Mass



On Wednesday, we celebrated our annual Beverley House Mass with the theme of the Fruits of the Spirit. 'Live by the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control' (Galatians 5:22-24). Each tutor group had taken time over the last week to think about this scripture and

write their name and the gifts they felt they had been given, on to a paper apple. These were brought forward at the beginning of the Mass as part of the processional offertory and displayed throughout the service. The Gospel message reminded us to love one another 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.' (John 15:9-17) Out thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating this joyful Mass and for the student readers and to the singers and musicians led by Mrs Pearson. Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Academic Tutoring

Year 9

22 January - 2 February 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024

A group of Year 11 History students took part in a webcast as part of Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations. Students listened to Holocaust survivor Hedi Argent who was forced to leave Vienna in Austria with her mother and father to escape Nazi persecution. Luckily, she was able to live with her parents in England, however, 27 members of her extended family all died in the Holocaust. It was very interesting to hear her speak about her life and how she learnt to live a new life in England. Afterwards there was a range of questions asked by other students who had joined the webcast with us.

Miss Cox, Subject Leader History

Upcoming Events	
30 January	Year 9 Options & Parents Evening 2.30 - 6.30pm. School closes at 2pm.




Years 7 & 8 – Geography Fieldwork

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.....

By William Wordsworth


At the start of January, all students in years 7, 8 were invited to attend fieldwork with the Geography department on various days during June and July, letters were issued accordingly. Previous years have shown these visits to be extremely popular with students and a great way of learning outside of the classroom. In order to secure places for our visits, I would appreciate the quick return of monies so that the payment for coaches can be finalised as soon as possible. Payment can be made directly on your phone using the **School Gateway** app or by registering on the **Schoolcomms** website on your PC. Replacement letters can be obtained from Humanities faculty staff if required.

	Destination	Date	Cost
Year 7	Ferry Meadows	12 June or 1 July	£5
Year 8	Hunstanton	09 or 12 July	£8

Dr Bottrill, Humanities Faculty Leader

Year 9 Humanities Focus Day 8 March

As part of the upcoming whole school focus day, a number of Year 9 students have been invited to visit Wimpole Hall with the Humanities Faculty, letters were issued accordingly. Staff from the Geography and History departments will be accompanying students to this National Trust owned visitor attraction. Students will have the opportunity to explore the house, gardens, farm and parkland landscape. This is a great opportunity to learn outside the classroom. There are a small number of places left on this visit and in order to secure these remaining places, the quick return of monies and permissions is needed. Payment can be made directly on your phone using the **School Gateway** app or by registering on the **Schoolcomms** website on your PC. Replacement letters, can be obtained from Humanities faculty staff if required.

	Destination	Date	Cost
Year 9	Wimpole Hall	8 March	£10

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Holocaust Memorial Service

Year 10 GCSE students and our two Head students attended the Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations in Cathedral Square on Thursday 25 January. Year 10s performed a very expressive movement-based piece based on the theme 'the fragility of freedom' whilst our head students led the memorial service at the church, introducing speakers and performers that reflected on the Holocaust. It was



a very moving service and our students received some lovely feedback from the public with one member telling us that

her friend had been 'moved to tears' by their performance.

Mrs Walker, Subject Leader Drama

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 Drop In CLINIC Dates 2024				
	Date	Venue	Address	Timings
Peterborough (Half Term)	Monday 19 February 2024	Peterborough Clinic	The Fleet, Fletton Way, High Street Peterborough, PE2 8DL	9.00 am – 2.45pm
Doddington	Saturday 27 January 2024	Doddington Clinic	Stones Corridor, Doddington Hospital, Benwick Road, PE15 0UG	9.00am – 2.45pm
Doddington (Half Term)	Tuesday 20 February 2024	Doddington Clinic	Stones Corridor, Doddington Hospital, Benwick Road, PE15 0UG	9.00am – 2.45pm

