



Theme: Commemorate

November is the month in the Church that we remember those who have died and pray for them. On Tuesday we held our annual Mass of remembrance in which staff and students had the opportunity to pray for loved ones who have passed away. Our book of remembrance is in the Chapel throughout this special month and names are added to it every year. We hold these people and their families in our prayers during November.

Catholic Social Teaching

Our Sixth Form students led assemblies this week to introduce the half termly theme of *Option for the Poor*. Our students presented to all Houses explaining the theology behind the phrase *Preferential Option for the Poor* and how we as a school community plan to put love into action this half term in the run up to Christmas. We will again prepare and deliver Christmas hampers to residents at a local care home, write Christmas cards and sing for our local community to bring joy. In addition, we will be raising money for CAFOD again by having a mufti day. Well done to our sixth form students for leading this assembly.

Kate Pereira

First Week Back

Despite it being the first week back after half term, we have managed to include a variety of activities into it: Remembrance Mass, Zoolab with Year 7, 8, and Year 10 Work Experience Launch with parents. Thank you to all who organised and took part.

Pre-Public Exams

This week concluded the PPE exams for Years 11 and 13. Well done to the students. There will be a mock results day for Year 11 on Friday 22 November 2024. Parents Evening for both years will be on the 10 December 2024.

Mrs Wilmore, Head of School

Academic Tutoring
Year 10
4 November – 15 November
2024

Remembrance Mass

On Tuesday we held our Voluntary Remembrance Mass in memory of all our loved ones who have died. On display was our Book of Remembrance for all the faithfully departed and before Mass, there was an opportunity to add names to the basket. Many thanks to our student readers and all involved and special thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating this special Mass. Our Book of Remembrance will remain on display in our Chapel throughout November.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



Bible Presentation

At the end of last half term, all students in Year 7 received a copy of the New Testament Bible. These were kindly given to the school by Good News For Everyone, formerly known as Gideons Bibles. These are for the

students to keep, to read, and as reference but also to help with their RE studies. They also learnt about Chaplaincy and the many ways they can get involved, including through drama, music and choir, as a reader and by joining the Chaplaincy Ambassadors on a Monday Lunchtime in the Chapel.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Retreat

"Clare Priory was a very tranquil place to be at, it was a very beautiful place with lots of scenery that gave you a sense that it was not like a normal church. The people there were very friendly, they let me buy many things from the giftshop, and the testimony said by Alex was very impactful. Overall, it was a wonderful experience."

Anastasia Vong Fernandes (RE Learning Leader)



Upcoming Events	
13 November	Year 8 - Meet the Employer Day.
19 November	Year 8 & 12 Parents Evening 2.30-6.30pm. School closes at 2pm.



Creepy Crawlies

We welcomed Charlie and her friends from Zoolab into school yesterday to meet some of our Year 7 and 8 students. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about different creatures, meet and hold them! Aisha said that Olaf the snake was her favourite because of its 'unique colours' and it felt 'cold as ice'. Olaf was popular with Millie as well who now 'wants to own a snake because they are really cute and cool.' Alan preferred the scorpion and Oscar just 'liked them all'!



Maths Club

To all Year 7 students, we are here to help you with your assessments. Here are our seven golden rules.

1. Learn the meaning of Math vocabulary.
2. When you are stuck on the meaning of a question ask your teacher for help with the reading.
3. Make sure you know the difference between a Maths word and an English word, for example Mean.
4. Listen to the instructions given by the teacher.
5. When the teacher plans a revision lesson before the test, that is the time to ask questions. You will regret it if you don't.
6. If you are stuck on a question move on and come back to it later.
7. Finish the questions you are confident of first, you should spend more time getting these right.

We hope this helps you do better in your next assessment at the end of November.

Uchenna Sixtus-onoh and Subhaan Khan, members of the Maths Club.

House Competitions	
Beverley	1009
Cambridge	909
Westminster	866
Rochester	765

Breakfast - Free Bagels



Why not start the day with a filling breakfast. Our Breakfast club runs every day between 8.10am and 8.30am, all students are welcome to come and join us in the Dining Hall for a free bagel.

Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Choir – Room 101
 All Years – Maths Help Club
 All Years – Film Club
 All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall
 All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
 All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro
 All Years – Netball Club – Courts
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre
 Key Stage 4 – Basketball – Sports Hall
 Year 9 – Food Club – Room 306

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
 All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall
 Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – String Ensemble – Room 101
 All Years – Maths Help Club
 All Years – Girls Football – Sports Hall
 Year 7 – Drama Club – Room 501
 Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
 All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall
 All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club
 All Years – Choir – Room 101
 All Years - Maths Help Club
 All Years – Cricket Club – Sports Hall
 All Years – Optional Studio Space - 501
 Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
 All Years – Fitness – Gym
 All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Friday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
 Blooklet Club Spanish – Room 211
 Years 8 & 9 – Drama – Room 501
 Year 10 – Product & Design Club – Room 305

Friday After School

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre
 Key Stage 4 – Drama Intervention – Room 501



“Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader”