

Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 15

“Living and learning together as a Catholic community in Christ: religion, reason and kindness are at the heart of our ethos through education.”

Year of Mercy Pilgrimages – During the year of Mercy, Pope Francis requested that all the cathedrals of the world designate holy doors for pilgrims to pass through. At St. George’s Cathedral, a door was created and is available for people to pass through till the end of the Jubilee year in November 2016. In response to this, the chaplain and RE staff took every RE class in year 8 and 9 on Pilgrimage to Southwark Cathedral for a morning or afternoon. Some of the students share their experiences below...

“I didn’t know what it was going to be like but I really enjoyed learning more about the cathedral and going through the holy door. The priest helped us to reflect on how we could be more merciful at home and at school to make the world a better place”

“I thought the pilgrimage would be a lot of walking but instead it was a really nice prayer time and a blessing with water and walking through the Mercy Door. I found it very prayerful and it made me think about myself and how I behave at home and school.”

“I enjoyed coming to the Cathedral because it is where I go to Mass on a Sunday but I never knew about the history of the cathedral or had a chance to have a proper look around. The priest even took us up to where the Bishop sits so we could see his chair and coat of arms”

“Fr. Ola was very friendly and asked us lots of questions to help us to think about Mercy. I liked the Romero cross and seeing the material from his clothes”

St. Michael’s Day Celebration – On Friday 1st July we celebrated St. Michael’s day in our school with a day of fun, music and fundraising. Students were allowed to wear their own clothes and each year group came off timetable for the day to participate in fun activities. There was cardboard, glitter, material and tinfoil aplenty as year 7 created mascots for sports day. Year 8 starred in and directed their own short movies whilst year 9 moved around games, sports, music and drama in a carousel of activities. It was great to see students and staff enjoying the day, which also included a BBQ lunch and music concert all to raise money for charity.

At the last count we had raised £538 with more still to come in. Well done to all staff and students who made this day such a success.

There are more pictures and an article on our website.

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul – Wednesday 29th June was the Solemnity/Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. As these two saints are key figures in our faith history, we encouraged all students to go to Mass in their parishes and held a special prayer time at lunch time in the chapel that students could attend . In our prayer time, we reflected on who these key figures were by reading from scripture and discussing how we can be more like them.

The students enjoyed passing round a candle and praying for the person holding the candle so that everyone was prayed for. They were keen for prayer times like this to happen more often.



