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A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of St Michael's Catholic College

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St Michael's Year 7 Summer School

At St Michael's Summer School there were many activities to take part in. The teachers were helpful and very supportive in all of the lessons. The lessons each child took part in were; Science, English, Maths, D.T, P.E and finally MFL (Modern Foreign Languages.) All were very fun and educational and all teachers encouraged us in the fun activities we could take part in. One of the most fun activities from my point of view was when we launched water bottle rockets in the playground as a part of the lesson in science. Also, even though it wasn't actually a subject, many children enjoyed the opportunity to go to Lego-land on the Friday of Summer School. For some children it was their first time of independence and a good opportunity for them to make new friends with the children they would be spending the next 5 to 7 years with. Over all, Summer School at St. Michael's was a very positive and effective time for all of the new pupils at St. Michael's Catholic College. Here are some pictures of what we got up to.



ICAEW Accountants work with our Sixth Form



On 16th of October, Students from our Sixth Form benefitted from a workshop run by a senior accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. Students were put into teams of six and asked to put forward a proposal on the way forward for a well known hotel chain. The task was exactly what trainee accountants would be expected to complete in an interview scenario. Students were tested on skills such as literacy and numeracy as well as team-working and presentation skills.

The morning was broken up into 4 sections, within each section the students were expected to make a decision based on the analysis of information given. Students were then tasked

with presenting their recommendations to a senior partner of the ICEAW. All students performed extremely well in a situation that will help them as they progress towards higher education or the world of work. All 38 students who took part can now add the day to their CV or UCAS application as evidence of how they have worked as a team and communicated business information. Student feedback was extremely positive, particularly those who will be looking to work within an accountancy role in the future.

As with most competitions there had to be one winner. In this case the winning group consisted of Cameron Cole, Ellie Sweeney, Jessica Lee, Jessie Forder, Tommy Hands and Brandon Joseph-Fulgence. The group managed to deliver a mature and

focused presentation supported by excellent analysis of the given case study. The accountant who delivered the presentation was very impressed with the application of all students. Especially the confidence to deliver presentations to peers and adults alike. *Mr Merrigan*

Chaplain's Corner

Well the first thing to say is a big hello!! My name is Cleo Gammon and I am the new chaplain at St. Michael's College. I love music and I feel that in my role as chaplain, music is a way I can reach out to students and get to know them, talk to them and enjoy time with them. I want everyone to be involved, engaged and enjoying worship at St Michael's because I believe that's the way it should be. There are many other things that are part of my role here at St. Michael's. These include being another member of staff for students to talk to (particularly about faith issues), organising trips, pilgrimages and retreats, liaising with guest speakers and relevant organisations as well as being a representative at various events promoting the Catholic Ethos and life at St Michael's.

God, we give thanks for the gift of music,

For horn and flute, For strings and drums, For crescendo and staccato,

For the gift that gives our spirits a divine voice.

Hear this prayer for those who write music, arranging sound, seeking beauty.

Hear this prayer for those who play music, creating sound, releasing beauty.

Let heaven pour joy and sorrow, love and loss through them

So that they overflow with Your most secret prayers for Your people,

Drawing others to Your blessings.

Together, we offer our voices back to heaven, And rejoice. St Cecilia... pray for us

Calling all Parents!

We have an e suggestion box on our website where you can post any helpful suggestions that you have or any feedback on our policies or procedures to help us to improve. We would be grateful for any constructive suggestions that you give. The e – suggestion box can be found in the 'Contact us' section of the College website.

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 Oct-1 Nov—Half Term 7-8 Nov—Yr 7 Retreat 12 Nov—Ex Yr 11 Certificate Evening 20 Nov—Yrs 12-13 Parents Evening 27-29 Nov—Yr 9-10 Retreat 5 Dec—Yr 8 Celebration Evening 10 Dec—Music Concert 11-13 Dec — Yr 9 Core Subject Exams

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