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THE LINK

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and staff of St Michael's Catholic College***

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The South Korea Exchange

On Thursday 18th September, 12 South Korean students arrived to spend the week with students from Year 10.

A range of activities and London experiences were provided for them but they were also lucky enough to spend time in college and in the homes of their host families. They got a real picture of our culture and lifestyles as well as our hospitality!

Out of college the students, with their hosts, visited all the major sites of London such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Cathedral and the Olympic Park. They also

visited various museums such as the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the Imperial War Museum and the Museum of London. We even had time for fun activities like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Bowling.

Within College, students were part of the normal lessons – until Thursday 25th September, when Year 7 were the privileged audience of a special assembly led by our guests, sharing with them important ideas, events and activities from South Korean Culture. Within lessons there was a South Korean theme with students taught about (and exploring) South Korean Poetry, History and Geography, the different religions as well as learning some of the language. Our

students will be visiting South Korea in November – we can't wait to hear about their experiences.

A Student's view

When receiving the news that I'd be taking part in a once in a lifetime exchange trip to South Korea, it's fair to say that I was extremely overwhelmed. Trying to conceive of the idea that I would be going to South Korea was one thing but I was also very apprehensive at the notion of having a random stranger living with me for a week. I was, in the beginning, anxious about sharing things - for example my bedroom - with the girl, however when we were waiting for them to arrive at school on Thursday night, all these anxieties evaporated and to be replaced with great excitement.

I was happy to be introduced to a lovely girl named Lee Chaejeong and ended up loving having her stay with me. At first we were slightly tongue-tied but once we started to loosen up, it was exceedingly enjoyable – especially learning about what South Korea will be like when I arrive there in mid November. To say this was a great experience is slightly clichéd however I can't express how grateful I am that I was selected to be part of this programme.

Katharine Duff 10s



Numeracy

Last week saw the start of the first numeracy cross-curricular task of the year. Pupils in Year 8 used their Maths skills to perform enlargements of various 2D shapes. This week, pupils will be using their creations from Maths lessons and turning the diagrams into 3D masterpieces in their Art lessons! Watch this space for examples of the finished products in a future edition of The Link!

Mr Irvine - Maths Department

CAFOD
Just one world

Save the date for Harvest Fast Day

Friday
3 October 2014

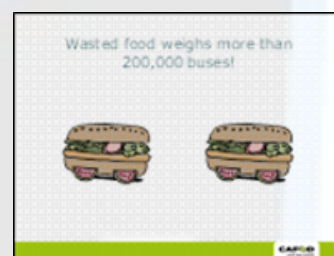


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Oscar Romero

Chaplain's Corner

As you may know, 3rd October is CAFOD Harvest Fast day and so at St. Michael's, we have been thinking carefully about the food we eat and how much we all waste. God created our beautiful world, with enough resources for everyone. In our world there is plenty of food, but the way it is shared just isn't fair. Oscar Romero, a famous leader of the Church in El Salvador said: "It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing." This Harvest CAFOD are asking us to think about the way food is shared between people throughout the world. Here are some facts...



This Harvest Fast Day we are encouraging everyone to think before we buy too much food, to think before we eat too much food, to think before we throw food away, and to think of our sisters and brothers all over the world and not take more than our share. We have taken a collection and will let you know how much we have raised in the next edition of The Link.

Cleo Gammon - College Chaplain

PARENT-PARTNERSHIP DROP-IN SESSIONS

Every Thursday from 10.00am to 10.50am.

Our parent-partnership 'drop-in' sessions have proved to be a popular and effective way to help your child achieve their potential both academically and pastorally.

Mrs D Carr and **Mrs J Chilton-Higgins**, experienced members of the Inclusion team, run these sessions to offer practical ideas, guidance & support. Come along to discuss any concerns about your child's **attendance, behaviour** or **learning**.

Just phone **020 7237 6432** ext. **730** or email d.carr@stmichaelscollege.org.uk to let us know you're coming.

Forthcoming Dates

7 - 8 Oct - Yr 7 Retreat
9 Oct - 6th Form Open Evening
16 Oct - Yr 10 Curriculum evening
21 Oct - Yr 8 HPV Immunisations
27-31 Oct - Half Term

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Absence Text: please respond by text or phone on
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Calling all Parents!

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