










Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 8

We can be heroes!



-  **Friday Morning Mass** – As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Year 12 and 13 prepared last week's Mass as we try to get the upper school more involved in the Spiritual life of the college. The week before, Fr. Victor Camilleri was our visiting priest which was lovely. He was very impressed with how many students volunteered to come to Mass and commented several times about this.
-  **Year 10/9 retreat** – Every year, year 10 are offered the chance to go on a residential retreat to Whitstable for two nights. This is then opened to year 9 too if there are enough spaces. The retreat this year is 25th – 27th November. Please encourage year 9 and 10 to take up this amazing opportunity.
-  **Lightfever** – The next Lightfever will be Friday 6th November. Please encourage students to pop in during their lunch break. All staff and students are welcome. **12.30 – 1.15pm**
-  **Embrace 2015** – Embrace is a one day conference aimed at year 10 and above and held in Liverpool. It is always held to coincide with National Youth Sunday and so is on Saturday 21st November. There are famous guest speakers, Workshops and live music as well as finishing the day with Mass. This year we hope to bring a small group to experience this. More details to follow.
-  **Chaplaincy Team meeting** – The team met for a lovely prayer time led by Prudence Brook in year 8 on Wednesday 7th October and met for prayer and a meeting the following week. Our focus this month is promoting the rosary club and starting VIDES before half term.
-  **VIDES** – Following the success of the year 7 retreats, VIDES will be launched Friday 23rd October. Students will sign up all week and the chaplaincy team will lead an introductory session in the chapel. VIDES is a Salesian based youth group for students in year 7 & 8. It is held on a Friday after school and led by the chaplaincy team. Please target individual students if you feel that they would benefit from a group like this.
-  **Rosary Club** – This is run for ten minutes every break time and rosaries are provided. Please publicise this in your classes and feel free to come along yourself.
-  **Wednesday Word** – As in previous years, the Wednesday Word publication will be distributed to all year seven pupils. We feel that this is an excellent way to connect School, parish and home. Please see Cleo if you would like to see a copy of this.
-  **Year 7 retreat** – The retreat was a great success. Many thanks to all staff for your patience and support. The 6th form team were amazing and such a great help. Please find comments from the students on the reverse of this sheet.



On the 6th and 7th of October, Year Seven had a retreat experience in school. Cleo, some members of staff and some volunteer 6th form leaders led an action packed day for half a year group at a time. The theme of the retreat was **“We can be heroes”** and this was explored through film clips, music, prayers, drama, discussion, quizzes and games. An enjoyable day was had by all. Please find some student’s comments below.

I enjoyed literally everything about today but mostly it was learning new songs especially “Our God is Greater”

I liked it so much that I don't know anything that you could improve

I enjoyed the songs in prayer

I learnt that everybody can be a hero and I liked that in the prayer time we all got to pray with each other.

I would like to say thank you to the 6th formers that helped and I liked that we got to write our own prayers.

I enjoyed finding out what people had learned today in the prayer time and seeing the role plays.

I loved the movie clips and singing and I learnt that God has blessed us with gifts and talents.

What I liked best about the prayer times is that everyone was included. Can we have a retreat every week?

What I enjoyed about today was acting out being heroes and singing.

I learnt today that God is our hero and you are one too. I enjoyed the quiz.

I would have liked to sing “Shine Jesus Shine” and “Wade in the water” or songs we know.

I have learnt to always rely on God and I felt the prayer time was nice and calm and at the right time.

