











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



-  **Ms Corcoran-** we welcome Ms Corcoran to her role as our new Principal.
-  **Charity non-uniform day** –On the last day of last term (21st July) £500 was raised for the East Africa appeal where Brutal conflict and drought has led to famine, food scarcity and extreme levels of poverty. This has left 800,000 children suffering from severe malnutrition. 16 million in East Africa are on the brink of death and 23 million are in urgent need of food, water and medical treatment.
-  **Friday Morning Mass** –Mass will be continued to be celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. We are grateful to Fathers Chris, Francis, Vlad and Keith for agreeing to say Mass for us over the coming year.
-  **Year 7 Welcome Mass** -we celebrated Mass with our New Year 7 students and their parents after school on Friday the 8th of September and the theme was “welcoming friends”. Canon Alan from Holy Trinity Church led us in the Mass and prayed for all our new students and new parents.
-  **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 the RE department if you would like to see a copy of this.
-  **CAFOD Harvest fast day** – Harvest Fast day this year falls on Friday 6th of October. As always, students and staff are encouraged to have the soup and bread option at lunch and to donate any spare change to this worthy cause. Please encourage students to bring in a little extra change that day.
-  **Year 10 retreat** –30 year 9/ 10 students will be on retreat from the 8th-10th Nov. This will be led by the St. Vincent’s team in Whitstable, Kent.
-  **Year Seven retreat** –The year seven retreats will be run by in College by the St Vincent’s team and the dates are the 13th and 20th of November
-  **6th form spiritual leaders-** will be joining the student’s chaplaincy group and helping out with assemblies and charities.
-  **6th formers at Southwark Cathedral-** Ms Corcoran took a group of 6th formers to Southwark cathedral in the second week of term for a Diocesan commissioning Mass to launch the new academic year.

This year the theme for our **Year Seven Mass of Welcome** Canon Alan from Holy Trinity Church led us in the Mass and prayed for all our new students and new parents. Students, staff and parents sung together “Bind us together” and “Christ be our light. The first reading and responsorial psalm were read by students and the gospel read by Canon Alan and it was from St Matthew’s gospel, where Jesus spoke about what he understood by “real friendship”. The year 7 students composed and read out their own bidding prayers and took part in the offertory procession. The year 7 students later joined their parents and members of staff in a sign of fellowship by shaking each other’s hands and receiving communion together for the first time at the College. The Mass was a lovely way of welcoming the new students and parents to our college community.



“The Mass was a really nice experience. I felt very welcome at St. Michael’s.”

– Year 7