# Living and learning together as a Catholic community in Christ: Religion, reason and kindness are at the heart of our ethos through Education.



- **Welcome to Ms Hagan and Ms R.Casey-** the RE department officially welcomes you both to your new positions in the RE department and wish you every success in our community. Ms Hagan is a past student at our school and Ms Casey trained here last academic year.
- Charity non-uniform day —On the penultimate day of last term (16th July) £460 was raised for charity.
- Reward House trips photos- see below for photos of some of the exciting reward trips for all the Houses which took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> July! The winning House –Savio-went to Chessington World of Adventures, Bosco went to Wembley for a tour of the stadium, Rua went to The London Dungeon, Mazzarello to "Go Ape" and Vicuna to the London eye and orbit.
- House activities-there are lots of planned activities. Students have been designing a picture of their house Saint and writing a prayer about them. There will be an inter-house soap run, a inter house dance off competition and Vicuna charity week 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October. See the college website for a detailed list of planned house activities.
- Adoremus 7-9<sup>th</sup> September Mr Mahon represented our college at the Adoremus event in Liverpool from the 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> of September. It was a conference run by the Bishops of England and Wales and the focus was on the centrality of the Eucharist.
- Friday Morning Mass —Mass will be continued to be celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Savio House are beginning the first set of tutor led Friday Masses this half term. 7SA led the first Mass last week, and this week we have 8SA, followed by 9SA and then 10SA and 11SA.

- Year 7 Welcome Mass—we formally welcomed our New Year 7 students into our community by celebrating Mass with them and their parents after school on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September and the theme was "welcome". Canon Alan from Holy Trinity Church led us in the Mass in his Church and prayed for all our new students and new parents. The New Year 7's were then officially assigned to the House they belong to.
- Commissioning Mass at St George's Cathedral-a group of year 12 and 13 students attended the annual commissioning Mass for the start of the new academic year at St George's Cathedral on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Students prayed for God to guide them through the new academic year.
- **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 term falls on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Please encourage students to bring in a little extra change that day for the two lunchtime collections.
- Year 11 students attending the First Annual Southwark Diocese Leadership

  Conference 9<sup>th</sup> October —this is intended to engage and empower young people to take on roles of leadership. The day will equip the delegates with the necessary toolkit to plan and take the lead on a CAFOD campaign, concerning the plight of refugees, in their school or college
- Year 10 retreat -30 year 10 students will be invited on a retreat from the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

  This will be led by the St. Vincent's team in Whitstable, Kent.

## House reward trips (17<sup>th</sup> July) included visits to many top London attractions- here is a selection of those trips

The London Eye Vicuna House



<u>"Go Ape"</u> Mazzarello House



<u>Chessington world of adventures</u> <u>Savio House</u>



#### Wembley Stadium **Bosco House**



### London Orbit experience Vicuna House

#### Science and History Museum



For our <u>Year Seven Mass of Welcome</u> 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 "All our welcome" and "Give me joy in my heart". The first reading and responsorial psalm were read by students and the gospel read by Canon Alan. The year 7 students read out the 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

