







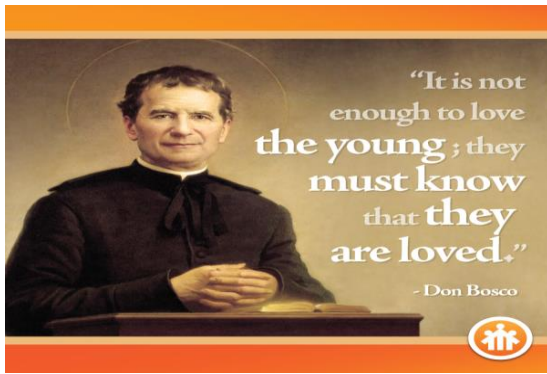
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**Living and learning together as a Catholic community in Christ:
religion, reason and kindness are at the heart of our ethos through
Education.**



2019

-  **Memorial thanksgiving Mass for Sr Ann.** This was held at Dock Head Church on Friday the 8th of February. This was a lovely way to thank God for Sister's Ann's wonderful life of dedication to the Salesian order and her 25 years as Head of our College. Our choir performed the St John Bosco song and the Mass was led by Canon Alan. Sister Ann, may you rest in peace.
-  **Ash Wednesday services** – all students received Ashes in preparation for Lent on the 6th of March.
-  **Lenten Reconciliation services** – These services began on the 28th of February and run through every Thursday morning until the 4th of April. All students will have had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation as part of their preparation for Easter. Students will also be given the opportunity of receiving a blessing or sharing a prayer. Students also have the opportunity to go to the college Chapel to pray and reflect on what they have confessed and to find some more quiet time and space with God. Sister Catherine from Dock head Convent has kindly agreed to come into college on each Thursday to sit in the chapel with the students.
-  **Friday Morning Mass** – As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Masses were led by 10MA, 11MA, 7RU, 8RU and 9RU.
-  **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.
-  **World youth day event in Liverpool** – This took place on the weekend of the 25th-27th January. Ms Caden and Mr Parker accompanied ten year ten students who worked with an outreach group, attended a special Mass, a funfair, a talent show and explored the city -including a visit to a slavery museum.



Salesian conference 2nd February in Birmingham.

Thirteen members of staff gave up their Saturday to attend the above conference which focused on implementing Salesian values in Catholic schools across the country. There were talks and workshops aimed at giving staff insight into embedding Salesian values into everything they do. There was a focus on “Listening” and included John Bosco’s words “children will know they are loved when you listen to them”

Year 11 exam conference- Mr Mahon and Ms Caden accompanied 30 of our year 11 students to an AQA revision conference aimed at improving their exam technique and at achieving grades 7-9.

Flame 2019-Ms Casey, Ms Hagan and Mr Wells accompanied 17 of our students to the SSE arena at Wembley on the 2nd of March-this is the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales and the theme for the day was “significance” where young people were offered a fresh depth of perspective, centred in their creation in the image and likeness of God.



CAFOD Lenten Fast Day –15th March. We will be asking students to contribute and hope to raise several hundred pounds for this worthy charity.

Year 8 Retreat – 30 year 8 students will have the opportunity to travel to St. Vincent’s Centre, Whitstable for a residential retreat. The students are given an opportunity to take time out from the routine pressures of everyday life to reflect on themselves, their relationship with others and their relationship with God. The programme includes large and small group work, discussion, prayer, liturgy, communal games, social time and outings to the seaside and bowling.

Good Samaritan Mass – We have been invited by Archbishop Peter Smith to the third ‘Good Samaritan’ Mass, which relates to an initiative of the Diocesan Education Commission and the Catholic Children’s Society. It is the intention to gather pupils and staff from Catholic Secondary Schools across the Diocese together on Wednesday 1st May at St. George’s Cathedral. The RE department will accompany some students to represent our college at this Mass.

🏡 **House activities**-students have taken part in a wide range of House activities. These have included an inter house table tennis competition, Bosco charity week, an inter house handball competition, a history flash mob house competition.

🏡 **The upcoming house activities include;**

Mazzarello Charity week-11th – 15th March.

Science Inter house Rock Competition 15th March

Inter house Rounder's Competition 21st March Savio Charity Week- 25th – 29th March

Flash Mob History House Competition

Each house was tasked with replicating a famous painting via a Flash Mob – Savio were given the Crossing of the Delaware, linked to the American Revolutionary War. Half of the team entered through one side of hall with blue mats crashing down representing the icy waters that the Americans had to cross. The other half entered on their boat, represented by the bench. It was a great atmosphere with dramatic background music – the students worked really well together and Mr A.Burton would like to commend them on their efforts



"FLAME 2019"

Attendees of the largest event for Catholic young people in England and Wales were urged not to let social media define their sense of self-worth.

Some 8,000 youth attended the sold-out Flame 2019 event at Wembley Arena on Saturday night, where the main theme was "significance".

Addressing them, the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin said: "You, my young friends, are in the heart of God and in the heart of the Church

