## Bringing students to the fullness of life through education



## The year of "The of God who speaks-the Year of the Word"

- 2020 is the year of the "The God who speaks-the Year of the Word" throughout 2020 we will be exploring scripture as a community. We are particularly focused on taking messages we learn and relating them to society and how we can out this into action to help others. Eryc Sroka in year 7 and Laura Bujauskaite in year 8 won the year of the word slide template competition.
- Ash Wednesday services all students received Ashes in preparation for Lent on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Lenten Reconciliation services These services begun on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February and run through every Thursday morning until the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and 8RU.
- Bible study class-Ms Hagan has been leading a growing number of year 11 students in reflecting on scripture on a Friday lunchtime in the Chapel-this is a part of our efforts in promoting the Year of the Word"
- 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 and to promote the year of the word!
- Fairtrade fortnight -The year 7 "faith in action" group led by Mr B. Kelly are running a Fairtrade café which will be open outside the sixth form bloc every morning from 8 and is serving hot chocolate, coffee and tea (all Fairtrade) customer service, pricing which will be invaluable transferable skills later in life. They are close to raising £200! for CAFOD.

- World youth day @home event in Liverpool This took place on the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> January-2<sup>nd</sup> February. Ms Caden and Mr Burton accompanied a group of year 9 students all of whom had a great time and were excellent ambassadors for the school- everyone was telling our teachers how lovely the students were! Sr. Anne Frances mentioned a few of them would make excellent young leaders and will be letting us know about upcoming events they can get involved in.
- Year 11 exam conference- Ms R. Casey accompanied 30 of our year 11 students to a Salesian revision conference at the St John Bosco College in Battersea aimed at improving their exam technique and at achieving grades 7-9.
- CAFOD Lenten Fast Day –15<sup>th</sup> March. We will be asking students to contribute and hope to raise several hundred pounds for this worthy charity.
- 9 Year 8 internal retreat 6<sup>th</sup> of March-more details to follow
- Good Samaritan Mass We have been invited by Archbishop Peter Smith to the fourth '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 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at St. George's Cathedral. Mr O'Sullivan will accompany the year 8 house captains and chapel helpers to represent our college at this Mass.

## The upcoming house activities include;

School prayer writing competition and Mazzarello Charity week-4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March. Inter house Table tennis Competition 5th March and Inter house Rounder's Competition 16<sup>th</sup> March Inter house Flash Mob competition 12<sup>th</sup> March and inter house rounders competition 16<sup>th</sup> March

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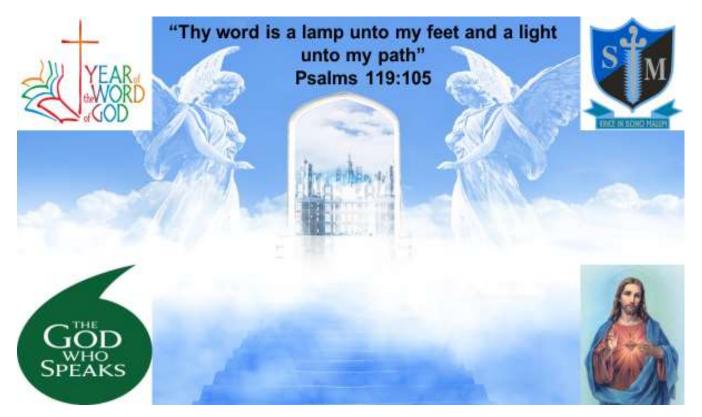




GCSE RE Conference at St John Bosco College Battersea 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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The year 7 "faith in action" group are raising awareness of fair trade by promoting fair trade fortnight

