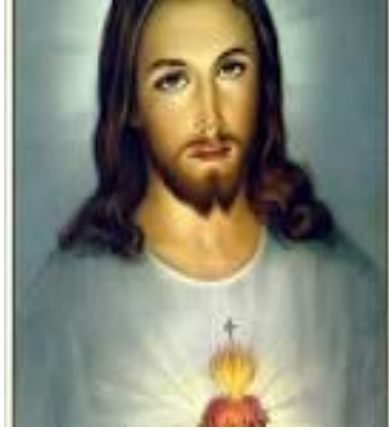





# Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 39


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




 **This month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** -The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Our Friday Mass on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June will be dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.


 **We continue to pray for our year 11 and 13 students.** We are praying in all lessons, assemblies and Friday Masses for our year 11 and 13 students as they continue their vital external exams. Year 7 students composed a prayer for each year 11 student in their corresponding house. (see examples below)


 **Friday Morning Mass** – As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. The most recent Masses were led by 11BC, 7G, 7SA. Fathers Keith and Mark have led these Masses for us and we continue to be very grateful for their support of this important sacrament

 **House competitions**-Over the past few weeks there have been a number of inter house competitions including an inter-house computer competition, an inter-house voice competition and an inter- house rowing competition.

All houses are competing to raise money for our charities and of course to win the overall star prize of a trip to Thorpe Park in Chertsey on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.

 **The Rosary**- was said in our chapel during break times on a Monday and Thursday throughout May. It was led by Mr Kelly and a number of our students joined him in the chapel.

 **Year 11 final assembly**-This took place in the school hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Ms Corcoran reminded year 11 that they were the light of the world and there was a prayer asking God to give the year 11 students the grace they will need to live good Christian lives. See pictures below.

 **Rome trip**- in the May half term, Mr Mahon, Ms R. Casey and Mr Nwandison accompanied a group of thirty year 9 students to the “Eternal City” –Rome-see pictures below.

## Year 7 prayers given to the year 11 students for their GCSE exams

Our Year 11s had a great start to their exams. Here are some of the messages year 7s wrote to the year 11s on the back of the prayer cards before their first exam (13<sup>th</sup> May) to wish them luck for the exams. Many of the year 11's expressed their gratitude to the year 7's.

Dear Year 11 Vicuna students,  
May God guide you <sup>through</sup> the stress that the GCSE's cause.  
May God guide you to amazing results that everyone knows you can achieve.  
May God help you through all the revision that you are doing for preparation.  
May God guide you through everything.  
Amen.  
From,  
Lennie (Y7 Vicuna student).

Dear Student,  
You're in my prayers and I hope your hardwork will pay off and that you should never give up. Remember that no test paper will ever determine your future and that you can become anything you want to be.  
From Emmanuela M.

Dear IIMA student,  
May God be with you throughout your exams and may all the hard-work through the years pay off. The whole school is wishing you good luck and we are definite you will pass all tests with flying colours.  
Michael Oladogba  
FMA

Dear Year 11 Rva student,  
I wish you the best for your GCSE's and may God be with you during this important time. May you also get the best results and try as hard as you can. Good Luck!

## Year 11 final assembly 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Mrs Hillman and Mr Nwandison saying a fond farewell to their year 11 cohort as they continue their public exams.



Some of the year 11 students showing off their St Michael's T shirts as they are about to sign each other's with an appropriate good luck message or two!

## Rome trip May half term 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Year 9 students visiting the Colosseum in Rome- this was a poignant reminder of the suffering of the very first Christian martyrs-who were fed to the lions and burnt at the stake in the Colosseum.



Year 9 spent the last morning of the trip visiting the Christian Catacombs of Sam Sebastiano and his tomb. These catacombs were safe places of worship for the first Christians.



The year 9 students showing off the flag of their country-in St Peter's Square Rome. Represented were the national flags of England, Great Britain, Ireland, Spain, Albania and the Phillipines.



Year 9 had an amazing experience one morning when they attended the Papal Audience in St. Peter's square. They also managed to get very close to Pope Francis!

