

Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 40

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





Wishing you all a well-deserved- enjoyable, restful and relaxing summer holiday!!!!




Lord God,


We pray that you will bless us and our families during our summer holiday. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.


May we be generous and considerate in helping others enjoy the blessings of our summer holiday.


-  **Farewell to Mr Mahon** and a big thank you for his seventeen and a half years of dedicated service to the College and RE department and to the continuous development of spirituality in our college! Mr Mahon first joined us as a PGCE in 2002 and went on to become an excellent teacher - one of the first Advanced Skills Teacher's- then onto the school's Senior Leadership Team, firstly as an Assistant Head and then as Vice principal. We thank him for all the wider learning opportunities he provided including many wonderful trips he organised and attended, all the Saturday schools and holiday revision sessions for years 11 and 13 and summer schools for the new year 7's and for his tremendous pastoral contribution to the development of our young people. His work with the NQT's and with many outside agencies, charities and religious organizations. (see picture below)
-  **Friday Morning Mass** – we would like to thank Father Keith in particular for his tremendous support of our Friday Masses, we would also like to thank Father Mark for his support too. The voluntary Mass will continue in September and is at 8am every Friday. Tutors and their tutor groups will once again be asked to help with the Mass.
-  **SS Peter and Paul Feast day 29th June.** Saturday the 29th June was the Solemnity/Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. As these two saints are key figures in our faith history, we encouraged students to go to the day or evening Mass in their parishes.
-  **Lourdes trip-** Miss Caden and Mr Mahon accompanied a group of year 12 students to Lourdes in the week 1st July-5th July. The group visited the world-famous town in southwestern France. They

visited the Grotto of Massabielle (Grotto of the Apparitions) where, in 1858, the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared seventeen times to a local woman-St Bernadette.

 **£750 raised for charity** – year 7 students have been taking part this year in a business and enterprise project run by Grant Thornton, one of the world’s largest accounting and consultancy firms, where they have been raising money to support a small start-up business in the developing world. All the students involved managed to raise a total of £750 for a young Palestinian entrepreneur who has started his own business and will use some of the money above to buy tables and chairs for his café.

 **House activities**-on Thursday the 18th of July the House rewards day outings will take place. The places to be visited has been kept top secret until Sports day (9th July) and they have been known as “mystery trips” and include visits to Thorpe Park, Southend, at day at the O2 and the British Musuem.

 **Retreats next academic year**-We have booked residential retreats in November from the 6-8th for year 10 and for year 8 from the 10th until the 12th of June. There will be a year 9 Rome trip in the May half term.

 **Year 7 welcome Mass.** This will be in Dock head Church on Friday the 6th of September and is our traditional way of welcoming our new year 7’s and their parents to our College Community.

Mr Mahon-farewell and thank you!



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Here are some of our 6th formers at the Grotto

The 6th formers spent the evening taking part in the Paroan Torchlight Procession and found it really moving. Praying for all students, staff and their families while her



Our 6th formers attended a International Mass in the Grotto with 25000 people!



Some photographic chaplaincy highlights of the academic year 2018-19!

Year 7 welcome Mass 14th September 2019



First Annual Southwark Diocese Leadership Conference and First Sixth Form Aid to the Church in Need Conference



Year 9/10 retreat at Whitstable 8th -10th November 2018 and year 8 April 24th to 26th



14th of December Senior Citizen's Party



Christmas service Dock-head Church



Christmas charity hampers



House activities throughout the year academic year 2018-19-many of these have raised a considerable amount of money for charity.

Soap run -first in our proud history!



The upcycle -fashion show



Christmas doors competition



House colour mufti day Christmas theme



Flash mob History inter-house competition



Inter-house rowing competition



inter-house rocket competition



Inter-house dance competition



inter-house table tennis competition



Inter-house chess competition



inter-house table tennis competition



“Flame” 2019



Lenten reconciliation services



Lenten end of term services in Dock-head Church April 5th 2019



“Good Samaritan Mass” 1st May 2019



Rome May 2019



Prayers in the chapel during Advent, Lent and the Rosary in May.



