









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




God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our students as they begin  
a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.


-  **Welcome to Mr S.Kelly-** the RE department officially welcomes you to your Assistant principal role-especially as Head of Spirituality in our College and wishes you every success in our community.
-  **Welcome to Ms Montes -** the RE department also officially welcomes you to your new position in the RE department and wishes you every success in our community.
-  **Charity non-uniform day –**On the last day of last term (19th July) just under £450 was raised for our nominated charity the “Southwark Crisis Fund”.
-  **Reward House trips-** see below for photos of some of the exciting reward trips for all the Houses, which took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> July! The winning House –Savio-went to Thorpe Park, Bosco went to Southend, Rua went to the O2, Mazzarello to “Go Ape” and Vicuna to the Chessington World of adventures. There was also a trip to the British Museum.
-  **House activities-**there are many planned activities for the new term- see the college website for a detailed list of planned house activities.
-  **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. 7S will lead the first Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September and the following week we have 8SA.
-  **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 6<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 students were then officially assigned to the House they belong to (see below for photos)

 **Commissioning Mass at St George’s Cathedral**-a group of year 13 students and Miss Corcoran attended the annual commissioning Mass for the start of the new academic year at St George’s Cathedral on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. Students prayed for God to guide them through the new academic year.

 **RIP Father Gregory Moore.** Sadly, over the summer holiday Father Gregory Moore passed away. Father Greg had been a governor here at St Michael’s for many years-serving as Chair of Governors at one point. He also came into our school community on a very regular basis celebrating the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation with our students. His Funeral Mass was at St George’s Cathedral on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September-Ms Corcoran and Mr O’Sullivan represented our college.

 **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 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Please encourage students to bring in a little extra change that day for the two lunchtime collections.

 **Year 10 retreat** –30 year 10 students will be invited on a retreat from the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be led by the St. Vincent’s team in Whitstable, Kent.

## House reward trips (18<sup>th</sup> July) included visits to many top London attractions- here is a selection of those trips

Vicuna House at Chessington World of Adventures for the day



## Bosco House at Southend for the day



For our **Year Seven Mass of Welcome** 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



