## Chaplaincy Bulletin – Issue 43

## Bringing students to the fullness of life through education

**ADVENT 2019** 



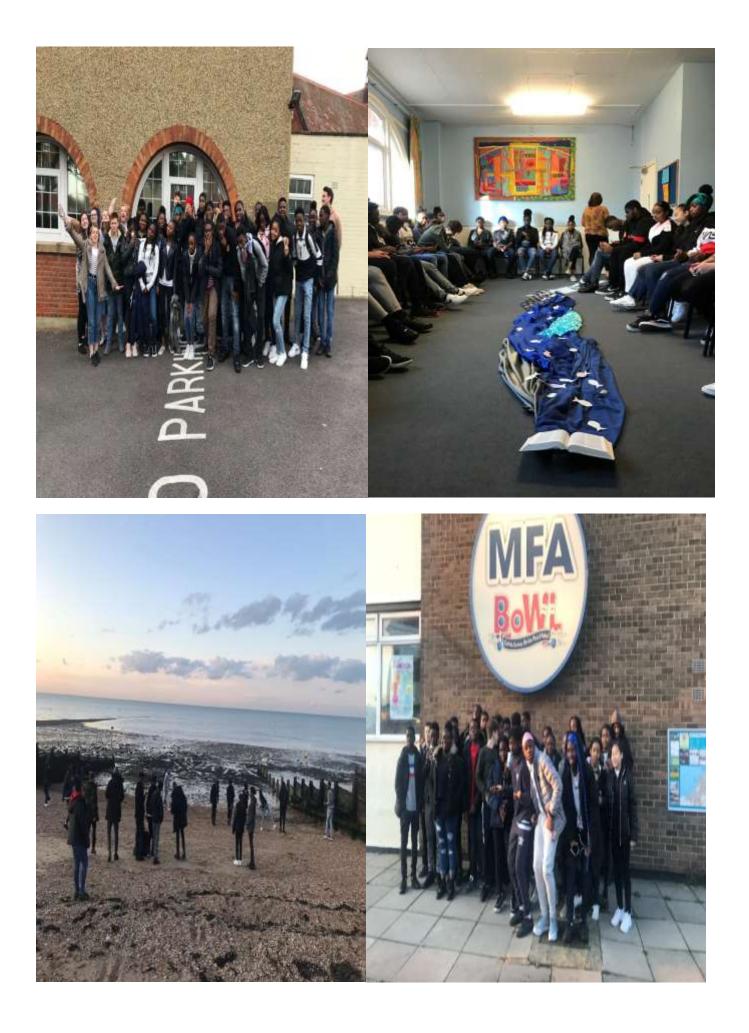
- Advent Crib we have our crib up in a prominent position in our foyer area. This is a spiritual way to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.
- Advent wreath -In St. Michael's we have our own advent wreath that we light daily in assembly and pray for the needs our community, our world and our own needs this advent.
- Friday Morning Mass As always, Mass is celebrated at 8am in our chapel every Friday morning. Many thanks to 9VI,10VI and 11VI who have led the last three Friday Masses.
- House activities-The students have competed in a wide range of challenges since our last publication and these have included a tug of war competition, a fashion competition using recycled items and a dance off competition.
- Poppy appeal- Staff and students have been contributing to this important appeal and £125 was raised for this.
- We hosted a meeting of the Salesian Chaplaincy Network on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November and a number of Salesian priests, chaplains and supporters were present.
- The Year 12 Chaplaincy group supporting Southwark Foodbank organised for students to bring in non-perishable items and we had a tremendous response with many different items were donated by our students (see pictures)
- Year 7 retreat- year 7 students had an internal retreat morning on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November This offered the students the opportunity to reflect on what friendship means and to allow the students to recognise the qualities of a good friend in themselves and others. The session included ice-breakers, group work, posters, discussion and a video clip from "Toy Story 1" (see pictures)

- Year 10 retreat –30 year 10 students were on a retreat from the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of November. This was led by the St. Vincent's team in Whitstable, Kent.
- Year 12 core RE Students have been working on aspects of Catholic Social Teaching -see posters below.
- Gideon's bibles will be presented to year 7 students on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. We would like to thank the Gideon association for their continued support.
- Advent Senior citizen's party- on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December over a hundred local senior citizens will be treated to an evening of fine food, drink, good chat and a chance to have a dance or two. More details to follow.....
- Advent Senior Citizen hampers we are asking all students to bring in non-perishable food items for our annual senior citizen's hamper appeal. Items should be worth between a £1 and should be brought in on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Students can wear their own clothes on this day.

### Southwark Foodbank appeal 2019







# Year 7 retreat in school-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019



#### Year 12 students work on Catholic Social Teaching





### Inter-House Dance Competition November 21<sup>st</sup>



The overall winning performance is awarded to Year 7 RUA who will receive an additional 1000 points for their house.



