

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 11th of November and a number of Salesian priests, chaplains and supporters were present.
- 🏰 **The Year 12 Chaplaincy group supporting Soutwark 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 5th, 6th and 11th 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 6th-8th 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 11th of December. We would like to thank the Gideon association for their continued support.

🏰 **Advent Senior citizen's party-** on the 18th 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 20th December. Students can wear their own clothes on this day.

Southwark Foodbank appeal 2019



Year 10 retreat at St Vincent's Whitstable -6th-8th November 2019



Year 7 retreat in school-5th, 6th and 11th November 2019



Year 12 students work on Catholic Social Teaching

Option for the poor and vulnerable

A main difference between the two is how they forage. Sheep are grazers: they ramble slowly eating short plants close to the ground. Goats are browsers: they look for leaves, twigs, vines, and shrubs.

For example at St. Michael's we...
 St Michael's Harvest day 2019
 Raise money for the poor through house contests
 Apply the teachings of RUPH
 Respect
 Understanding
 Affection
 Humor

"Here in your midst I feel completely at home, for me, living means being here with you."
 - Pope Francis

Rights & Responsibilities

Stewardship

Inter-House Dance Competition November 21st

Year 7 – Winners – **RUA** - 200 Points Year 8 – Winners – **SAVIO** - 200 Points Year 9 – Winners – **BOSCO** - 200 Points

Year 10 – Winners – **MAZZARELLO** - 200 Points Year 12 – Winners – **BOSCO** - 200 Points

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

