

ST MICHAEL'S

Autumn Term

RESPECT | UNDERSTANDING | AFFECTION | HUMOUR

BRINGING STUDENTS TO THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION



Annual Soap Run: Taken by Ellie French (year 12)



Year 7 welcome Mass

For our Year Seven Mass of Welcome Canon Alan from Holy Trinity Church supported by sharing a blessing and prayed for all our new students and new parents. Students, staff and parents listened together "You're Welcome In This Place (feat. Naomi Raine and Chandler Moore) - Maverick City Music" The theme of this Mass was "welcome". In this Mass, we thought about being made to feel welcome and to belonging to a Salesian community of friends. We thanked God for new beginnings - and for opportunity of creating something new. We prayed for the strength and determination to live out our Salesian values.

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. Unlike every other year, this year it is distributed remotely, see the RE team for any further guidance in reference to this.

Welcome to all new staff joining the college this academic year

We welcome Ms L Phillips and Ms G Stanley to the RE department officially welcomes you to your new position in the RE department and wishes you every success in our community.

Friday Morning Mass

Whilst we cannot partake in liturgy, we are still celebrating the year of the word so Ms Hagan and the year 12 Chaplaincy team are running a Friday reflection and prayer session for each year group. Many thanks to year 7S, 7BO, 7SA, 7VI, 7RU, 7MA, 9S, 9VI, 9SA, 9MA, 9RU who have all taken an active part in these sessions.

CAFOD Harvest fast day

This year the fast day fell on the 9th October 2020 the Faith in Action team created PowerPoints to be shared in form time, the Year 12 Chaplaincy team created competition activities for form time and Ms Hagan shared guidance on the importance of the harvest and how staff and students can donate via the CAFOD website.

Southwark Food Bank:

Written by Juan (year 12)

The Southwark Food Bank is an event that we do at the start of every year which allows students from all year groups to offer themselves to bring food for the people that need it most. This year, despite COVID-19, we were still able to collect many items as a school and we successfully managed to fill over six boxes full of canned food, nutritious foods as well as

The Southwark Food Bank is an amazing opportunity and a perfect example that portrays and comes to show how much we can do as a community, and as a school for the wellbeing of others, which comes to show the morals and the Salesian values that we are always taught at St. Michael's. By donating food and giving from what we have, we have shown respect for those

Affection was shown from the moment we all decided to come together and give because at the end of the day, giving is one of the biggest acts of affection and love there can be.

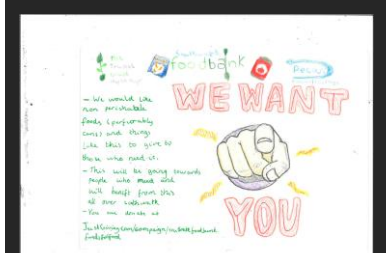
Finally, the empathy we portray and express towards the people in our community, allow us to always be cheerful despite the current circumstances that anyone may be experiencing, thus allowing us to manifest that final Salesian value of Humor.

The Southwark Food Bank was announced from the start of the year and had a deadline for the 5th of November, which many people happily contributed to.



We want to thank everyone who put time and effort into making this happen, members of staff as well as students, were all involved in this, and this huge act of kindness that represents us, wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help. We couldn't have started the academic year off at a better pace, and as a school, we hope we can keep doing more acts of

Faith In Action:



Faith in action also contributed to the food bank by creating posters and reminding their forms to bring in goods. They also created well-articulated power points to help bring awareness to why we do the food bank every year.

hygiene products such as shampoo, shower gels, and diapers.

who don't have it as easy as we do, and thus, we also show understanding that we know what they might feel like.

Posters were handed around and some of our Year 12s went around all houses to make sure that everyone participated and offered what they could.

charity and giving, such as this one.



Assessment week for Year 7-10 & 12 and mock examination preparation for Year 11 and 13 Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December 2020



Annual KS3 SOAP RUN

Bosco house takes the lead as the winners of the first house competition. The soap run is an annual house competition that allows all students of KS3 and KS4 to participate in, as they have been doing for the past 4 years. This year, due to Covid-19, only Year 7s could participate.

SLT have said that "because of Covid, social distancing regulations, year 7 is one bubble and they are the newest year to the school; therefore, they are the ones who should partake in the event as a chance to bond as a year."

The soap run is an event where students are put into teams within their houses to compete to see what house can finish a bar of soap first. This competition was full of team spirit, running and excessive hygiene. The year 7s made posters for their houses, contributing to the team morale.

The students cheered passionately whilst the teams ran back and forth between the bucket and the teams waiting point. Many teachers came along, to support their houses also, they too inspired their students, giving the new year 7s the Saint Michael's welcome.

By the end of the competition, Bosco left the event victorious, securing a win for their house. It was reported to be a vivacious yet wholesome event as teachers found it warming that the year had only known each other for 5 weeks, and yet are able to cheer their peers on so joyously. It was truly one afternoon to remember, especially for the year 7s, who appear to have bonded over this experience.



Year 7



Friday Mass at St Michael's



Led by year 12 Chaplains



This year Mass has been like no other, with the restrictions of liturgical worship it was a joy to see our year 12 Chaplains take on initiative with Ms Hagan to organize and run a Friday devotional and prayer with year 7's and year 9's this term.

In line with the year of the word, we focused on the Gospels and moments of stilling and reflections to enhance our knowledge of scripture. Student spirituality is very important and this student led experience allows the nourishing of the Catholic faith.





HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Rowing Competition

Year 7

House	Distance	Position	Points
Bosco	2584m	4 th	200
Savio	2578m	5 th	100
Vicuna	2881m	2 nd	400
Rua	2845m	3 rd	300
Mazzarello	3389m	1 st	1000



Year 8

House	Distance	Position	Points
Bosco	1832m	3 rd	300
Savio	2048m	1 st	1000
Vicuna	1819m	4 th	200
Rua	1799m	5 th	100
Mazzarello	2012m	2 nd	400



This term, we enjoyed the rowing competition. Four-year groups took part in the competition this year and showed clear drive to the competition. As Don Bosco would describe, this learning through play demonstrated clear team work between the houses.

House	Distance	Position	Points
Bosco	2229m	2 nd	400
Savio	1918m	4 th	200
Vicuna	0m	-	-
Rua	2322m	1 st	1000
Mazzarello	2141m	3 rd	300

Year 9

Year 11

House	Distance	Position	Points
Bosco	2800m	5 th	100
Savio	3333m	1 st	1000
Vicuna	3267m	2 nd	400
Rua	2981m	3 rd	300
Mazzarello	2905m	4 th	200



This Black History Month sees the launch of the Stephen Lawrence Foundation, a charity which looks to support young people in the classroom, in their community and in their future careers. The 3 C's provide the foundation of the new charity, so this month's House Competition will also use the same 3 C's to inspire creative pieces of work that the students can produce over the half term. Each of the C's have been given a focus point for students:

Classroom - Learning about Black History in School – students can share their experiences of learning about Black History in school, and perhaps offer some ideas of what Black History they would like to learn more about during their time in St. Michael's

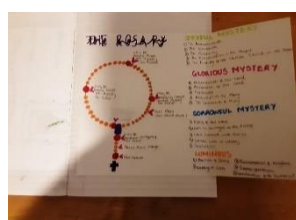
Community - Where can we find Black History around us? – Britain is rich in Black History, but students are often unaware of where to find this history. Students can conduct research into where Black History can be



Creative Ideas – students can utilise the different creative ways to produce their pieces. Some examples to share with the students:

- v Interviews with rising Black professionals
- v Maps highlighting where in the UK/London Black History can be accessed
- v Reports of their experience of Black History in St. Michael's

Rosary Competition:



A Prayer

From Ms Corcoran (Headteacher)

God knows us, loves us as we are and invites us to love each other and ourselves in the same way.

Lord, thank you for loving each of us just as we are.

Help us to recognise your face in the mirror when we look at ourselves and to respect your presence in every person we encounter. May we see your face today in teachers, students, family members and in all members of our community.

Help us to remember to be kind, every day, in any way we can.

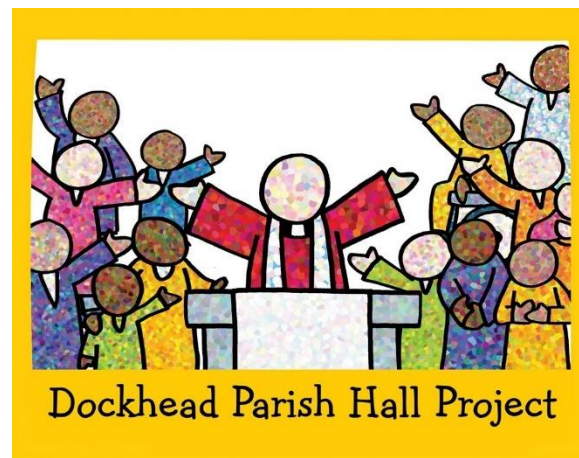
We ask this through Christ our Lord AMEN.



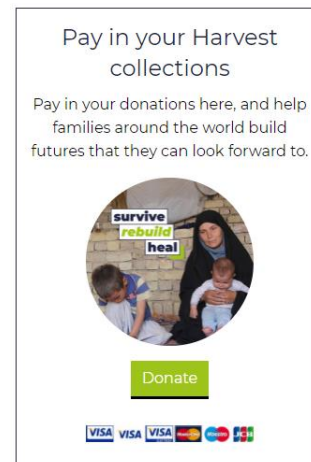
Don't forget, you can purchase a St Michaels facemask via parent pay: see website for info

Most Holy Trinity Church Community Centre Appeal

Our Local Charity



Our International Charity:



St Michael's is supporting The Most Holy Trinity Church in Dockhead's appeal to build a community centre which is much needed locally and would be a space the College could also benefit from. The Church has launched a buy/gift a 'brick' campaign so that anyone who wishes can support with the build by buying/gifting a brick for £5. 'Bricks' are available to purchase on parent pay and all monies go to the Parish Centre Appeal. In lieu of the 'brick' you have purchased you will receive a card which can be kept or sent to someone as a Christmas gift. This year you may prefer to gift something that serves the community.

A very big THANK YOU for your generous donation to CAFOD's harvest appeal! A clear effort in our global charitable work. Attached a short thank you video that you can share with students during form time.

It is amazing how we all showed solidarity to those in desperate need especially during such a difficult time.

*As expressed in **Luke 6:38***

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

May you all be blessed 1000-fold!

Memorial Day Prayer

Almighty God,

Upon the cross, sorrow and pain and every dreadful, tragic consequence of sin was overcome. Today we remember all those who have joined in that sacrifice for peace and justice. We give thanks for the bravery of men and women who have served for harmony and love. And in a world that is still torn and broken we declare that Jesus is Lord.

That hope overcomes despair,
That joy overcomes sorrow,
That peace overcomes hostility,
That love overcomes hate.

From the tomb, the promise of eternity emerged in a resurrected Christ. Grace was poured into the hearts of all those who suffer, mourn and grieve. Lord, we lift our hearts to you and continue to remember, to hope and to love.

Amen.

(a contemporary Memorial Day prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

This November we spent time to remember those who died in the war. Ms Hagan shared a few ideas that form tutors may do during Friday form time:

CAFOD Primary and Secondary versions

This assembly for international peace day (21st September) has some lovely elements that link into remembering people caught up in a conflict. Read the teachers notes on the liturgy for it to make sense, you will need to change some of the language to make it suitable for a church of England context.
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/uprooted-overlooked>

Working for Peace

Tearfund peacebuilding

Martin Luther King Foundation for Peace The peace prayer an assembly SPCK Assemblies - The Peace Prayer

World Peace day 21st September takes you to lots of ideas

November Prayers for Souls



Throughout November Ms Hagan led the following activities:

Thursday and Friday prayers for the dead for each year group. She also invited parents and guardians on a Microsoft meet prayer session.



A message:

As we continue to focus on the Year of the Word, here are some pieces of scripture you may find useful during this time; if you require any thoughts on the scripture please do not hesitate to ask. Revelation 21:4, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, John 14:1, Joshua 1:9, Romans 8:28, Matthew 5:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18.

For all who wish to partake in the November prayers for the dead at home, please do reflect on the prayer below:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

God bless,

Miss X Hagan



CHRISTMAS OAP HAMPERS

The hampers were made with the help of Mr Kelly, Ms Hagan, The Year 12 Chaplain's and the Year 8 Faith in Action team and Year 7's



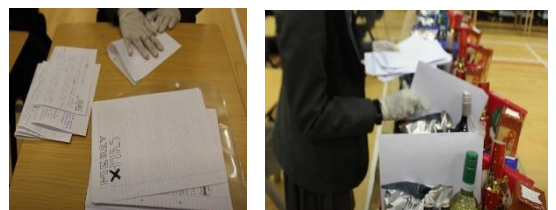
Each December, we as a community invite Senior Citizens and throw a party. On the 20th of December last year over eighty of our local senior citizens were treated to an evening of fine food, drink, free raffle prizes, good chat and a chance to have a of "Peter Pan". This year, we did

the school, teachers and staff all came



the goods, the year 12's them took extra care in wrapping all baskets. The Year 7's wrote personalized messages to each individual who will receive a hamper making it a well thought about gift.

We hope that this hamper brings those who receive it 'Joy and Comfort' this Christmas.



dance or two and to watch a student led production something different.

We created bespoke hampers, with the support of together in solidarity to raise money for the hampers. With the money raised, the Chaplains and year 8 faith in Action team spent the afternoon packing all

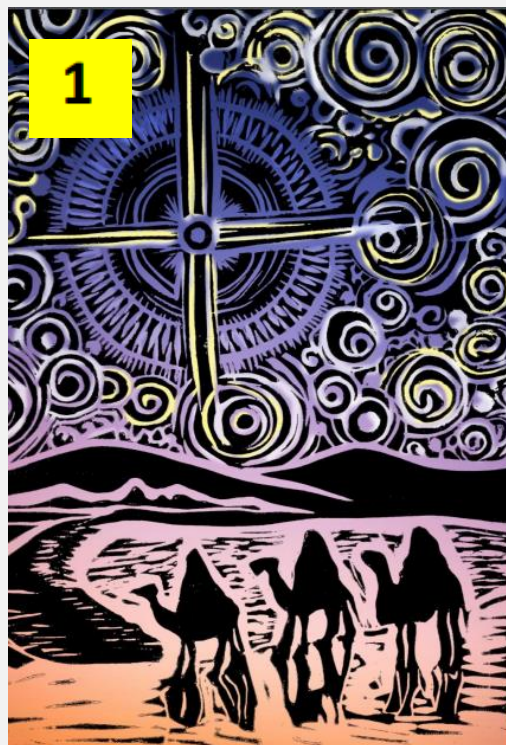


Christmas Cards

The shortlist for the Christmas competition showed all the wonderful creativity of our students:



The artistry of all students that took part in this year's Christmas card competition was outstanding.



Have a wonderful Christmas and new year

In a world where worry prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and comfort more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

Amen.