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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

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We are very pleased with our recent inspection report which focused on the Catholic life of our school. As parents/carers you should all have now received a copy of the report via parentmail. It is also available on the school website.

Inspectors also noted that:

"Pastoral care is a significant strength. Students affirm the high level of care they receive from teachers."

"Students show respect for each other and work together in creating a school that cares for the whole person."

"The school is totally inclusive of students with different strengths and offers unstinting support to their families."

"The majority of parents said they were happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches. Collective Worship is good with some outstanding features, especially the whole school events."

There are some areas to work on including ensuring collective worship is consistently outstanding, developing teaching so that it becomes consistently outstanding and developing RE provision in the sixth form. We will be addressing these points in the next year, but it is a very positive report and reflects the hard work of staff and students in recent years.

You can read the full report by clicking here.

Achievement Evening

Congratulations to all our award winners at last Thursday's Achievement Evening. It is wonderful to be able to recognise our students for their hard work and progress and always a pleasure to see proud and happy parents too.

Transition Evening

On Tuesday evening we welcomed parents and carers and, indeed, some of our new students to our Transition Evening to hear about how the school operates and how to help our new Yr 7 students prepare for life at Holy Family. Thanks to everyone who came and also for your generous donations to school fund.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Sixth Form Activities

It's been a week of varied and interesting activities for our Yr 12 students. Some have been away in Wales in the Brecon Beacons on their gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition, while the rest have had a range of experiences. On Monday we welcomed back fifteen Holy Family alumni who spoke to the students about their experiences at work and at university.

On Tuesday students spent the day in Brighton, visiting the University of Sussex and on Wednesday they took part in a cultural scavenger hunt taking in ten famous London landmarks and navigating their way between them.

Visitors from China

We have very much enjoyed having our guests from China with us this week and the students in Yr 9 have enjoyed playing host to them. It would be wonderful in the future if we can arrange a reciprocal visit to China. China will be the dominant world power during the lifetimes of our students and it is important that we learn more about the country, its people and its culture.

Music Concert

Our congratulations to the music department and our fantastically talented students who entertained us extremely well at our summer concert - 'Music from the Movies'. During the course of the hour long concert we heard a wide range of film inspired pieces from the energetic to the melancholy. Thanks to all who took part and supported the concert on a very warm evening.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. If ever I am unavailable, a member of the senior team substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher



Headteacher Commendations



This week we have Headteacher commendations for:

Jack Kane for excellent improvement in GCSE Chemistry. Jack was nominated by Ms Baxter.

Also to **Lyan Wilhelms-Sandoval and Qing Zhong** for acting as ambassadors for the school and providing an excellent tour for our new staff on their induction day this week.

Headteacher Commendations



For their excellent work at Achievement Evening we have nominations for

Aji Jacob

Megan McDonagh

Rebecca Elsey

Hilary El-MSury

- for all their help with photography on the evening.

Megan Najman

- for her help organising stage management!

Mary-Jane Viado

Joshua Duffy

- for their outstanding guest speaker talks.

Alicja Szuster

Edward O'Corbaidh

Ryan Power

Elena O'Brien

- for their fantastic musical performances.

Headteacher Commendations



We also have nominations from Ms Nordon for the following students in Yr 9 for making the most progress in geography during the summer term:

Lenny Jn-Marie, Euan Nish and Claude Foster

Last but not least, we have nominations from Mrs Feltham for the following Yr 7 students who were excellent in giving their speeches to parents at this week's Yr6-Yr7 Transition

Evening:

Thomas Masterson, Jane Themudo, Claude AndreN'Ghandu & Victoria Chamulak.

Congratulations to them all.

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



Holy Family Waltham
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Year 12 politics working with Year 6 pupils on how they would improve Walthamstow and what their dream town would consist of #aspire



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hfcswaltham Today we welcomed our International visitors from The Affiliated School of Ningbo University in China - 25 students will be spending the week with us. This afternoon was board game time!
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Year 7 Book Review Corner

THE FIRE-EATERS

Reviewed by: Philemon Amaadi 7p

On the Northumberland coast, north of Newcastle, in houses so close to the shore that they are almost one with the dunes, live the Burns, Gower and Spinks, families. Robert Burns, the book's now-adult narrator, looks back at the events of one autumn when external forces threaten the end of childhood. The self-righteous savagery of the children's Catholic grammar school can be withstood by family solidarity. But in the face of the other, the family is powerless. It is 1962. Soviet missiles have been installed on Cuba, 100 miles from the US. While the world waits helplessly for reprieve or annihilation, life must be lived; children keep growing.

Robert's father works in a shipyard; the motherless Spinks family are sea-coalers, dredging fuel from the shallows, the only daughter, Ailsa, kept willingly from school to care for the others. The Gowers, an intellectual couple with one self-possessed son, have come up from Kent, evidently drawn by the rugged grandeur that they see in the land and seascape that the others, rooted in the place, find comfortingly familiar.

Coming and going is Joseph, older, enigmatic and rather too insistent in slagging off other lads as nancy-boys. And there is McNulty the escapologist, haunted and deranged, maimed by the skewers he drives through his skin, seemingly consumed by the fire he eats. First seen in a Tyneside market, he later reappears holed up in the dunes, uttering apocalyptic warnings about a menace he cannot comprehend.

Gower senior is a photographer, and in some ways, the book itself resembles an album of snapshots, visual impressions set down in very short sentences: "He looked at our audience. He glared. They shrank away. They laughed. He jabbed his sack at them." It is by means of photographs that Daniel Gower is revenged upon a coldly violent teacher and the system that allows him to flourish. Robert becomes his eager collaborator, pledging the punishment he knows he is courting in exchange for the death of his adored father may be facing. Meanwhile, the Spinkses repel the authorities who want Ailsa in school, and the children erect bonfires on the beach for a Guy Fawkes night that they may never see, while Armageddon draws ever closer.

But as we know, it did not come. Kennedy faced down Khrushchev; the missiles were dismantled. Perhaps, as Aldous Huxley put it, we were "being reserved for a worse death". Robert the adult can sit at his table 40 years later, and write happy endings for all except McNulty, who, in what looks like the supreme sacrifice, drew the fire of the world into himself.

This is beautifully written and polished to a lapidary gloss. It reads less like a novel than a memoir, reserved and distant, a record of events so skilfully arranged that everything shows to advantage. Everyone is invested with dignity, the most commonplace remark is rendered poetic. There are heroes, villains and martyrs, but no idiots. Children, seeing historical footage on television, tend to imagine that once upon a time we lived in black and white; but we didn't, and it wasn't so very long ago.

Chaplaincy Corner



St Ignatius House Mass

Our final House Feast Day of the year was held this week. Students from years 7-9 came together to celebrate Mass at Our Lady & St George parish.

Many thanks to the students who volunteered to read and to take part in the offertory.

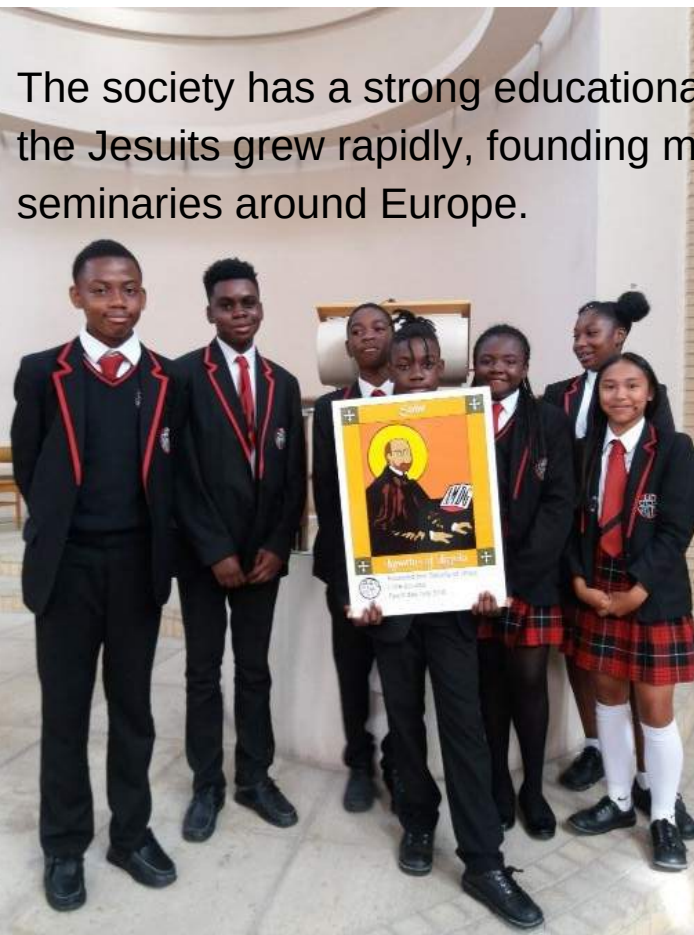
Later in the day we all had lunch together and were treated to an ice cream, courtesy of the Friends of Holy Family.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola was a Spanish priest and theologian, who founded the religious order called the Society of Jesus and became its first Superior General 1539.

Pope Francis is the first Jesuit to become Pope.

The Jesuit motto is Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam - For the greater glory of God.

The society has a strong educational focus. During the 16th and 17th Centuries the Jesuits grew rapidly, founding missionaries, schools, colleges, and seminaries around Europe.



St Ignatius, you were a great person of learning – we pray for all who work in our school and for all the students that attend here.

May our school be a place where we serve one another and begin to realise our God given potential.

Amen

VAWG TALK



This term, Holy Family Catholic School has been partnering with the London Borough of Waltham Forest and specialist external organisations to deliver a project targeting Violence Against Women and Girls. The school has served as a hub for a number of awareness-raising sessions and workshops for staff and students to understand the impact of VAWG, and work towards creating a change in culture that will end Violence Against Women and Girls.

Ms Nordon attended the Year 9 sessions this week:

"The Year 9 students were busy this week. They all received a talk about Violence Against Women and Girls. The students all engaged in discussion and debate about what was healthy behaviour in a relationship. The idea of setting clear boundaries, being comfortable in yourself and feeling supported were all seen as valuable by Year 9. The speakers took us through how to identify different types of abuse and gave strategies for further support for all students. Year 9 were able to understand the necessity of the conversations taking place and I was impressed with the maturity of some responses. "

Ms Sweeney



City Trip

On Wednesday Mr O'Neill and Miss Barry accompanied some of our year 9 students to AFME (The Association for Financial Markets in Europe) in Canary Wharf for a careers awareness working lunch on the invitation of their CEO, Sir Simon Lewis. This was a great opportunity for the students to experience life at places of work at first hand.





GOODBYE YEAR 11





Achievement Evening

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Achievement Evening is always a highlight of the year. It is a time for recognising all of the outstanding work and contributions our students have made throughout the academic year. Members of staff nominate one student from each year group who they think have demonstrated these attributes in their subject. A boy and a girl from each year group are also nominated for evidencing they have gone above and beyond in their year group. The Headteacher award goes to the students who have shown excellence throughout the year. They have been role models for other and have aspired to be they best they can be.

Congratulations to all students who received an award. These students have shown great effort and commitment to their subjects and year groups and contributed greatly to the Holy Family Way. Here are some highlights from the evening...







Primary Politics Workshop

Having to teach both primary and secondary (Year 6 and Year 10) students for a short period of time, as part of our Politics workshop, gave us the ability to connect with younger pupils and develop a sense of independence and mature skills to help us with the future.

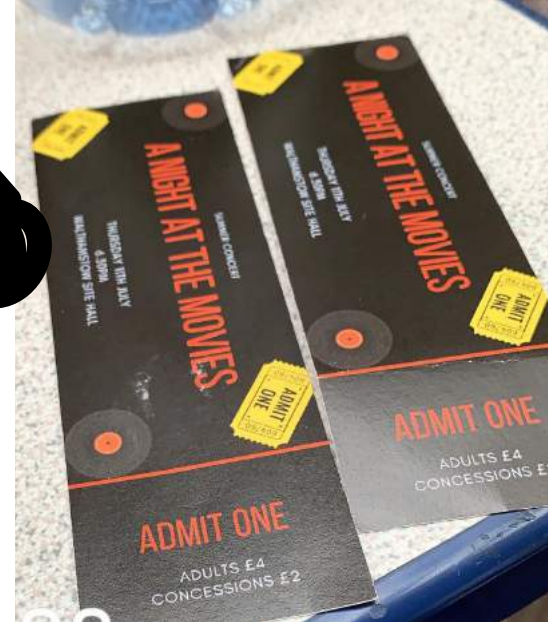
The aim of our workshop was: 'How would you improve the town around you?' and 'What would your ideal town look like and have?'

We had a task with the students illustrating quick drawings of what their perfect town would consist of and discussed it shortly afterwards. It was interesting and enlightening to hear the diverse amount of responses, which the students were aware of improvements to be made around our town and created their options based on this. All of the suggestions and ideas were very mature and positive - which establishes the continuous growth and sense of content that the society in Waltham Forest have worked hard towards.

It was rewarding to work collectively as a politics class along with socialising and having different view points from different students within our age range - especially seeing it from the next generation's perspective.

To also know that these responses and opinions will be given to the local authorities, gives us a sense of continuous hope into changing the world around us for the better each and every day for the benefit of new generations to come.





On Thursday we were treated to a great night of songs from the movies hosted by the Music Department and their outstanding students!

