

# Communiqué

Winter 2022



**Archbishop Temple Church of England High School ranked 15th nationally!**

*Plus*

**Year 11 pupil's bake sale raises over £200 for a school club**

**The BBC visits Archbishop Temple to talk careers**

Welcome to the latest edition of 'Communiqué' from Archbishop Temple Church of England High School.



# A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this term's Communiqué. It has been an increasingly busy term as you will no doubt have seen from both our Facebook page and Twitter account. There has been a great deal of activities, trips and rewards celebrating the successes of our pupils across all years.

I was delighted to read The Times has ranked us 15<sup>th</sup> nationally, and the recently published school performance

tables rank us for progress in the top 20% of schools nationally. It was a joy to see our class of 2022 back in school to pick up their GCSE certificates and special awards last month. It looks like the high standard set by them is being kept up by our future years: Comparing house points awarded this term to this term last year across all year groups 21,414 more points have been achieved. Well done!

I was also particularly pleased to note that attendance at

school this term is +2.0% above the national average and attendance for all year groups is above the national average respectively.

November saw the annual fireworks and bonfire night take place organised by our PTFA. I think all who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, it was great to catch up with past pupils and members of our community. Thanks to so many volunteers who helped make it a brilliant event and the PTFA for all their hard work, it really was appreciated.

A highlight this term has to be the year 7 Advent and welcome service. After such a long time it was good to welcome parents into school to celebrate their children's move to secondary school and the season of Advent. During the service we really saw how quickly the new year 7 have adopted our motto and truly let their lights' shine. The tours round school led by pupils went down really well; as always should any parent want to come and visit school and have a tour round and see us in full flow please don't hesitate to contact school.



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Can I thank parents and carers for your continued support of everything we do at school as we continue to grow and allow all to shine God's light through Faith, Nurture and Service. May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

**Mr I. Catlow,  
Headteacher**



## **YEAR 11 PUPIL'S CAKE SALE RAISES £230**

A huge thank you to Nathanael who has raised £230 for Warhammer Club. The year 11 pupil baked, decorated and sold cakes to fund new models and paints for the club which he helped to set up when he was in year 7!

Members of the club, which takes place on Wednesdays after school, are delighted and will continue to benefit from Nathanael's kind donation long after he has graduated from Archbishop Temple. This isn't the first time Nathanael has raised money for school. Last year, he baked and sold cakes to raise money for props for the drama department. So, in total, he has raised a magnificent £430 for the school. Thank you Nathanael, the cakes look delicious!

# **Careers and Options Evening Wednesday 1st February 2023 4pm—6pm**

Open to pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 and their parents and carers.

Pupils in year 9 are invited to attend an Options evening with their parents and carers, taking place in the main school building. Options talks will be taking place at 4pm and 5pm in the main school hall.

Pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 and their parents and carers are invited to the careers fair in our school sports hall, entrance through the drama studio.

A number of exhibitors will be available to talk about careers in a variety of sectors. Local colleges, sixth forms, training providers and universities will also be attending to talk about courses and post 16 training options. Pupils and parents/carers may also wish to access careers guidance from Mrs Khan, our school independent careers advisor, on the night.



## **ANDY, OUR CHAPLAIN, TALKS ABOUT BUILDING A BRIDGE TO GOD THIS CHRISTMAS**

Have you ever made anything?

I like to try making things, but I think my gifts are firmly in other areas! This time of year is wonderful to see creativity around the school. The Technology Department has led the way with an amazing nativity display at our main entrance. As you walk into their department, full of handmade Christmas decorations, it is like entering the North Pole! Along with a 20ft Christmas tree in the main hall and every form door being decorated, the whole school transforms and you can feel

the anticipation in the air.

Along with the decorations, the celebrations are also in full swing. We recently had year 7 and their parents and carers in school for an Advent Service. We had some amazing contributions from the drama and choir clubs. It was a great way to begin thinking about the great light that shone into the darkness. I shared a quote from the popular Narnia stories. You can almost hear in the voice of Lucy a deep longing for the world of Narnia to return to be rescued from it's constant state of 'winter without Christmas'.

"Oh, Aslan," said Lucy. "Will you tell us how to get into your country from our world?"

"I shall be telling you all the time," said Aslan. "But I will not tell you how long or short the way will be; only that it lies across a river. But do not fear that, for I am the great Bridge Builder."

Lucy's concern and worry for Narnia must have disappeared in an instant. She knew the



person who could end the problem.

Remembering some of the things I've made: a tree house, a go-kart, a miniature snooker table. There is one thing I'll never be able to make...a bridge big enough to get back to God. Christmas is all about celebrating the God's bridge for us. The river of sin and death is not something to be feared because we know about the great bridge builder. He was born in a stable, in Bethlehem, as promised, and he brought with him the hope to cross the great river. He was not only the bridge builder but he is himself, the great bridge and the way to walk over it is through faith. He invites everyone to walk over and at Easter he even paid the toll for us. Not even death can take down this bridge!

This Christmas time, please celebrate with the biggest parties, the finest food, make the best memories and give the most exciting gifts. And let's do this all in celebration of the greatest gift, a bridge back to God.

Happy Christmas,

**Chaplain Andy**



## SCIENCE GUEST—SPEAKER IMAN HUSSAIN, LANCASTER UNIVERSITY PHD STUDENT INSPIRES PUPILS IN YEAR 9

On the 7th November 2022, Iman Hussain came to school to talk to our year 9 pupils about his PhD research on air pollution in collaboration with the Centre for Global Eco-Innovation. This engaging talk started with the experience of going to University and the choices and considerations which can feed into the decision of where to go and what to study.



Through his research working with Professor Adrian Friday at Lancaster University he is investigating "How can we use advanced sensors to learn more about the air around us?" Iman has delivered a TED talk and also attended COP26 in Glasgow last year. More recently, he has presented his results in Monaco, Nice and Cannes and now we have had insight into live current data here at Archbishop Temple Church of England High School.

Pupils were engaged with information linking to their year 9 Chemistry unit on the Earth and the work covered at the start of the year on the Earth's atmosphere. Pupils learnt about the different parties who are linked to the quality of air in school such as Government, pupils, staff and the local authority together with

considering where pollution comes from in schools. As part of the discussions, pupils linked ideas about the cost of living and the health and environmental impact of decisions which are made on a daily basis. We also looked at the conflicts of interest in increasing air quality, especially in light of the recent pandemic and looking after people's health.

As part of the presentation we looked at some data about air quality from one of the laboratories in school, using equipment supplied by NAQTS, discussing how a range of factors like the location of experiments can make the data appear worse than perhaps it is, but also considering the impact of scientific data and how data interpretation is really important in studies in further education potentially feeding into future policy decisions.

This was an enlightening presentation and the pupils enjoyed hearing about the real-world application of the science they are learning about in their lessons this year. We are grateful of the time Iman gave to share his research and experiences. If you have a science-based role and would like to come into school and inspire pupils into following a scientific career further we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Storey, Second in Science, via the contact form on our school website.

## EUROTOOLBOX MULTILINGUAL BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY



Our amazing Mrs Rigg, school librarian, has secured the Eurotoolbox Multilingual Books for our school library. These books will be available to borrow from the school library until the end of term.

This special collection of literature for children and young adults in French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish, has been carefully selected by the respective European Institutes' librarians.

The selection is aiming to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of human rights, inclusion and representation in literature. All books have two things in common: they all represent exceptional literature in their original language, chosen by an expert team from each country. The books also all include one (or more) book that reflects this year's theme: tolerance and kindness.

**Mrs Jimenez**  
**Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages**

## YEAR 7 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to the pupils in year 7 who received an Archbishop Ambassador Award in assembly. They were nominated by their form tutors for being excellent role models to others and representing our school wonderfully well. They were presented with a certificate and sweets by Mr Catlow, Headteacher. Mrs Jimenez's form 7S also won the award for being the form who achieved the highest house point total in the first half term.

Such a talented and fabulous year group, shining God's light every single day.

**Mrs R Parkinson**  
**Head of Year 7**

## YEAR 11 PUPILS ATTEND A 'WORKING IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE' TASTER SESSION



Many thanks to Nicoleen Campbell, from Preston College, for delivering a 'Working in Health and Social Care' taster session to some of our year 11 pupils.

The session covered careers in

health and social care such as nursing, social work, working in the emergency services and in counselling. Pupils looked at the study programmes offered by Preston College such as Level 2 and 3 in Health and Social Care and T levels, as well as their entry requirements. The session helped pupils identify possible career options in health and social care.

## YEAR 9 DISCOVER 'WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CALLED?'



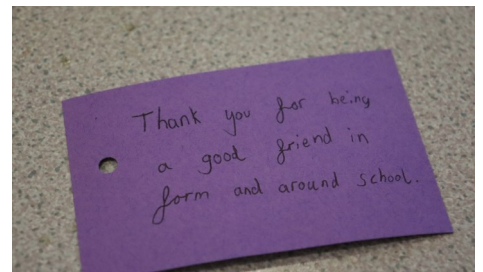
In RE, year 9 have been studying the topic 'What does it mean to be called?' To support this, on Tuesday we were pleased to welcome the Reverend Dave Hanson, from St Stephen's Church, and Jacob Harrison, the youth worker from St Cuthbert's Church, to talk to 9P and 9S about their vocation. Pupils listened to how Dave and Jacob discovered their calling, how they have lived this out and then pupils were given the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to welcoming more visitors in to talk to the other year 9 groups in the near future.

**Miss R Hall**  
**Head of RE & PSHE**

## YEAR 7 TAKE PART IN POSITIVE NOTICING DAY



Wednesday 16th November was Positive Noticing Day and in form time year 7 took some time to notice something good about other people. They wrote it on a card for the person to carry around and share with their parents/carers when they got home.



Staff asked year 7 pupils throughout the day what good things they noticed about other people.



Positive Noticing Day is an initiative from the When the Adults Change team, if you are interested in finding out more use the following hash-tag on Twitter #positivenoticingday.

**Mrs K Bridges**  
**Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead**

## PUPILS PLANT THE LORD'S PRAYER WALK WITH TREES DONATED BY THE WOODLAND TRUST

We're excited about the potential of the fields we have at the back of school and how we might be able to make more use of them. At the heart of this space will be The Lord's Prayer Walk. The route of the walk has been marked by the newly planted trees which include, Oaks, Blackthorns and Silverdales to name a few. These trees also represent different parts of the Lord's Prayer. This prayer that Jesus taught his disciples is often said in the life of our school and can be found in Matt 6:9-13.

This will be a great interactive space for individuals and groups to not only learn the prayer, but also to spend time

with God, praising and thanking him and asking for his help and forgiveness. The staff and pupils have really embraced the idea and have enjoyed investing into the future life of the school that will be used for many years to come.

A huge thank you goes out to the Woodland Trust for providing the trees.

**Andy Barnett**  
**School Chaplain**



## YEAR 7 PUPILS ENJOY DISCOVERING AND READING BOOKS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Our year 7 pupils have been enjoying discovering and reading the Eurotoolbox Multilingual Books in our school library. They rotated around tables featuring books written in French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish and

translating the titles of each book in groups, using dictionaries, visual clues and the vocabulary they have learnt in lessons.

What an engaging session!



## WINNER OF THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES CALENDAR COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Some great work has been produced by our talented year 7 pupils. The challenge was to create a themed calendar for 2023 in French or in Spanish.

All pupils who participated received a certificate and an advent calendar as a prize. Congratulations to the winner, Lena! And special commendations go to Emily P, Jay M, Zach A, Emily W and Natalia S.

**Miss E Zanesi**  
**Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages**



## PUPILS AND STAFF CELEBRATE £1,000 NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN WIN

Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of staff who nominated our school to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library, as well as a year's membership to the School Library Association. We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Temple Church of England High School is one of five lucky schools to win!

"We are absolutely delighted that we can enrich what we offer to our pupils in our school library by winning these tokens," said Mrs Baybutt, Lead Practitioner in Literacy and Vocabulary. "We are looking forward to including more diversity in our fiction section, as well as helping all departments in the school to complement their curriculum offer in both fiction and non-fiction."

"We will also offer some of the tokens as prizes as an incentive for our new library reading scheme called 'Bookopoly' - Watch this space!"

National Book Tokens, in association with the charity Read for Good, launched the competition this summer asking parents and teachers to nominate their school to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens, plus membership to the School Library Association. The prize is to help winning schools to rebuild their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure now and for generations to come.

National Book Tokens have inspired booklovers for more than 90 years, empowering readers to choose just the right books for them. National Book Tokens gift cards are accepted

in hundreds of bookshops across the UK and Ireland, and online.

Read for Good encourages children to love reading. The charity works in schools and hospitals across the UK to make reading accessible and fun. You may already be familiar with Read for Good as our school has taken part in Read for Good's Readathon.

Many thanks to National Book Tokens and Read for Good for selecting our school to win!

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### YEAR 9 PUPIL KINDLY DONATES HER HAIR TO THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST



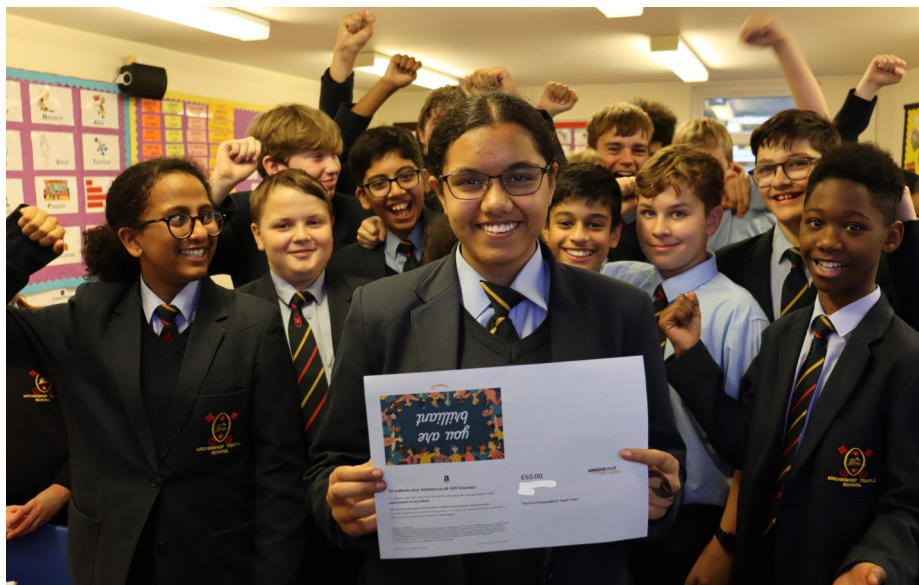
A pupil in year 9 has made a kind donation to the Little Princess Trust. Adrija has kindly donated her hair to the charity to help children who have lost their hair. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.

"We are so proud of Adrija's kindness, compassion and bravery in having her haircut for such an amazing cause," said Miss Shaw, Assistant Headteacher.





## YEAR 8 PUPIL ACHIEVES TOP FIVE IN WORLD FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING



Congratulations to Rhea, in year 8, on achieving a top five world ranking in this year's Languagenut World Language Competition! Rhea did fantastically well, as she came 5th out of 192,000 pupils from 52 countries.

To reward her dedication to language learning, Languagenut has sent Rhea a £50 Amazon voucher and certificate.

All of our pupils have been working hard improve their vocabulary using Languagenut, a global digital language learning platform. Each week, home learning is set for pupils to ensure that they're learning more new high frequency words and constantly revising words they've seen as we know that vocabulary size is a crucial ingredient to success.

### The Modern Foreign Languages Department

## REMEMBRANCE DAY WORKSHOP WITH GRIMSARGH ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Miss Sherwood, Head of Performing Arts, organised a primary Remembrance Day workshop on Wednesday 9th November 2022. We were delighted to welcome pupils from year 5 at Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School to school. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm from all pupils to learn about the First World War. They were really engaged whilst learning about the artefacts from the Imperial War Museum North. They also learnt military drills, war songs and created fantastic wreaths with Ms Murphy, Head of Art, to take back to their school. Thank you to Miss Sherwood for organising such a successful day.

### Miss Porter Head of Year 11 and Teacher of History

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## YEAR 9 LEAD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP ON THE THEME OF REMEMBRANCE

Miss Walsh, Head of History, and seven pupils from year 9 led a poignant collective worship throughout Remembrance week. They talked about why the poppy is worn and how it represents a sign of peace and hope. They helped us remember why we think of the servicemen, women and civilians, who lost their lives in conflict and talked about how

we remember them. Mrs Storey played The Last Post followed by two minute's silence.

The Technology Department created a Remembrance Day Memorial Display by the school entrance and on Friday 11th November 2022, there was an Act of Remembrance in classrooms. Pupils watched a Blackburn Diocese Remembrance video, which was followed by The Last Post and a minute's silence.

The minute's silence ended with the following prayer.

*God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those  
whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we  
will never know.*

*Help us to lift our eyes above  
the torment of this broken  
world.*

*As we honour the past, may  
we put our faith in you for the  
future; for you are the source  
of life and hope, now and  
forever.*

*Amen*



## PUPILS ENJOY A SPOOKTACULAR TIME AT A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN SCIENCE EVENT

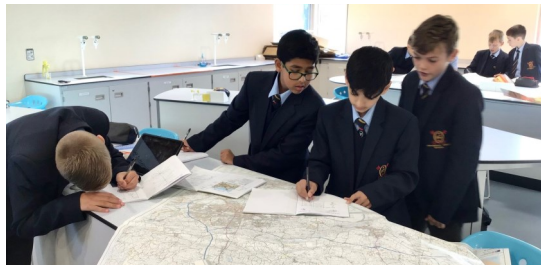
Pupils had a spooktacular time before half term in a special Halloween science event organised by Miss Keel, Head of Year 9. Pupils could get involved with a range of Halloween themed science activities including conducting a brain surgery experiment, making pumpkin oobleck and lava lamps, creating teabag ghosts and a pumpkin volcano and solving a skeleton puzzle. Over 50 pupils attended and enjoyed the spooky activities, as you can see in the gallery opposite!



## YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHERS LEARN HOW TO USE AND INTERPRET ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

Our year 7 Geographers have been learning how to use and interpret Ordnance Survey maps in groups. This key skill enables them to understand what places are like and how to plot routes. They have been learning about symbols, direction, scale, distance, height and grid references.

As you can see everyone was thoroughly engaged!



## WHOLE SCHOOL GET TOGETHER TO WATCH ENGLAND PLAY IN THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2022

Pupils and staff have got together on Monday 21st November to watch England play Iran in the FIFA World Cup 2022. Over lunch, a tuck shop was made available to pupils to purchase drinks/snacks for during the match. All proceeds will be donated to a charity representing equality and the LGBTQ+ community.

In form, pupils were given a

presentation on the history of the World Cup, inspiring our pupils to aim high. Many of our pupils will never have experienced coming together as a school community to celebrate our country's national sport. We hope it was an enriching and memorable experience for all. Many thanks to the PTA for supplying flags and decorations for the event.



## PUPILS AND STAFF DELIVER MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES TASTER SESSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

Mrs Jimenez, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, and Mrs Rigg, School Librarian, took a group of pupils from year 9 to Queen's Drive Primary School and to St Andrew's Church of England Primary School to deliver taster lessons in languages using the Eurotoolbox books which are currently available in the library.

They delivered two sessions, one to year 3 at Queen's Drive and one to year 6 at St Andrew's. The primary school pupils had a chance to look at books in multiple languages: French,

Portuguese, Polish, Italian, Spanish and German. The pupils had to look at the titles and decide what language was the book written in, complete a translation of some titles, discuss French and Spanish speaking countries and then listen to a short story in French or Spanish.

Mrs Jimenez and Mrs Rigg were very impressed with the primary school pupils' work. Thank you to the group of year 9 pupils for assisting and thank you to both schools for hosting us.



## FESTIVE CHEER IN THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

For the past few years, pupils and staff have enjoyed decorating their form room doors with a Christmas theme. This year, the Technology Department has gone over and above, creating these fantastic door and wall decorations, complete with Christmas lights and lots of festive cheer!



## Dates for your diary

Friday 16th December—school closes for the Christmas holidays at 12.30pm

Tuesday 3rd January—school opens at 8.20am

Wednesday 11th January—Year 7 Chester Zoo trip

Thursday 12th January—Year 9 Parents Evening in the sports hall

Thursday 12th January—PTA Meeting 7pm in the music block

Wednesday 1st February—Careers and Options Evening 4pm—6pm  
(open to years 9, 10 & 11 and parents/carers)

Monday 13th—Friday 17th February—Half term holiday

## PUPILS EXPLORE CAREERS WITH BBC BITESIZE



We were delighted to welcome the BBC into school on Tuesday 6th December 2022 to deliver a careers session to pupils in years 7 – 10.

Alex Mansuroglu, Radio Presenter from Kiss FM and Radio 1, hosted the hour-long sessions exploring different career options with a panel of guests. The focus was on careers within the creative and sporting industries, encouraging pupils to think about the range of roles available at the BBC, from camera operator, to journalist, from web designer to animator, data analyst to location manager. Alex encouraged pupils to think about the different careers encompassing storytelling, thinking about roles in advertising, games design, photography and

writing, before introducing the guests.

Claire Bryan, Radio Presenter and Producer at BBC Radio Merseyside, Rachel Hayward, an Author and Publisher and Graeme Atkinson, a former player for Preston North End and now Recruitment and Higher Education Development Manager at Preston North End's Community and Education Trust, joined Alex to talk about what their jobs involved, their career journeys and how they overcame any setbacks they had encountered.

It was interesting to learn about how each member of the panel and the host had made the progression from school life to their chosen careers. They were all able to offer useful advice to pupils when

considering what qualifications and training to undertake as well as encouraging pupils to try out new things and take opportunities. The session finished off with questions from pupils.

Many thanks to the BBC for coming into school today to deliver such an inspiring session.

For more careers' information pupils may wish to visit BBC Bitesize Careers.

Graeme from Preston North End's Community and Education Trust will be attending our school Careers and Options Evening, which will be open to pupils in years 9, 10 and 11, on Wednesday 1st February 2023 from 4pm – 6pm.