

St Michael's Church of England High School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs J Jenks BSocSci Hons PGCE

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Therefore, choose

Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit

Forthcoming events Michaelmas 1

Tuesday 5 Sept
School starts

Sunday 10 Sept
Education Sunday:
St George's Church

Thursday 14 Sept
Open Evening

Friday 15 Sept
Open Morning

Thursday 28 Sept
Christian Values En-
richment Day

Monday 2 Oct
Staff training day
(School closed)

Wednesday 4 Oct
Y10 tracking 1

Thursday 12 Oct
Open Morning

Wednesday 18 Oct
Y8 tracking 1

Thursday 19 Oct
Y11 Consultation
Evening

Tuesday 24 and
Wednesday 25 Oct
West End Theatre
visit

St Michael's Newsletter: Trinity 2 July 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

This has, once again, been a very busy and intense half term with the demands of the GCSEs, the start of the new academic year and various wider-curricular activities, including Christian Values Enrichment Days, sporting and musical events, Duke of Edinburgh, Work Experience and visits from our feeder primary schools. I trust that you follow all that is happening in school through our twitter feed and recently updated website and that you will enjoy reading the brief summary enclosed.



Our former Year 11 pupils were a credit to themselves, their parents/ carers and the school at their Prom. Examination results will be available for pupils in the Armstrong Centre at 9.00am on Thursday 24 August. They have been a truly magnificent group of young people and we wish them well in the future.

Earlier in the month we welcomed our New Year 7 pupils for their induction day. They gave a very positive first impression and are clearly looking forward to coming to St Michael's in September. I am sure that they will embrace all of the wonderful opportunities available to them.

Congratulations!

There has been much for our young people to celebrate at recent events. Summer Arts was once again a resounding success. Similarly, our Year 11 GCSE Art and Textiles Display, held on the same evening, truly showcased the talent and creativity of our young people.

For an amazing 21st consecutive year (excluding absences due to the pandemic) we were Chorley and District Athletic Champions; an absolutely wonderful achievement and a testament to the great ability, talent, dedication and drive of pupils and staff. Well done to all who have represented school so well and a huge thank you to parents and carers who support all the wider-curricular activities.

Our new Year 11 pupils proved to be wonderful ambassadors for the school in their recent work experience week. We are so proud of their positive and mature approach and that this has been recognised in fabulous feedback from the host companies and organisations. Thank you to parents/ carers and local employers for your support.

Our new Year 10 pupils also enjoyed exceptional success in completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. Thank you to the pupils for their positivity, determination and resilience. A considerable number of St Michael's staff helped to

facilitate these visits and without them being so willing to give up their own time to train and some of them to becoming assessors, this wonderful opportunity simply wouldn't have been possible. Whilst changes to the organisation of the D of E programme will be necessary in future years, the school remains committed to providing this offer so that as many pupils as possible can benefit from the experience and achieve this highly regarded award.

The pupils completing the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award have hosted a successful tea party this term for members of the local community and this uplifting afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by our visitors.

The term concludes this week with our 'Presentations' and End of Year Service. Regrettably, this year, due to the hall refurbishments, it has not been possible to invite parents/ carers to attend our presentations which has had to be adjusted somewhat to be hosted in the Sports Hall. If your son/daughter has received an award, then they will have brought home a certificate and programme and I know that you will want to acknowledge their achievements with them.

Farewell

This term we say goodbye to several members of St Michael's staff.

Mrs Fiona Cardwell, Curriculum Leader for Technology and Art is retiring after a phenomenal 34 years of dedicated service to St Michael's. Mrs Cardwell is the second longest serving member of staff at school. We thank Mrs Cardwell for her inspirational teaching and the considerable contribution she has made to the wider life of the school, notably in the design and construction of all the sets for our school productions.



Mrs Dawn Darby, Teacher of Science, is also leaving after an incredible 33 years of committed service to the young people of St Michael's. Like Mrs Cardwell, Mrs Darby is one of only a handful of staff who have worked with all six of St Michael's Headteachers. I know that they have both experienced considerable changes in school during this time. Mrs Darby's connection with St Michael's is even greater than her 33 years as a teacher, having also attended the school as a pupil. We thank them both for the enormous contribution they have made to the school and wish them every happiness in their next ventures!

Additionally, we also wish a fond farewell to Mr Chris Kohler who is leaving St Michael's to take up a promoted position as Head of PE after six years at St Michael's. Our gratitude and best wishes also go to several colleagues who have been with us this year, Mrs Yvonne Allmark, Ms Laura Brownbill, Ms Ruth Hurley, Mr Ronan Walker, Mr Francis Swarbrick and Miss Jo Stebel.

Mrs Magdi, has just returned from her maternity leave and we thank Mrs Cathy Clarke and Mr Jon Heywood for returning to St Michael's again to support the English Department during her absence.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in helping to meet our high expectations and standards of uniform. If you are intending to purchase new items of uniform in the summer please can I remind you of the importance of labelling all individual items. Our full uniform and appearance regulations are in the personal organiser as well as on the school website. Please may we ask for your continued support in helping to ensure that the following aspects of our dress code, are adhered to at all times:

Shoes: Black traditional style. No trainer style or canvas allowed. See images on the website if unsure.

Hair: This must be of a naturally occurring shade. **No shaven heads (no shorter than a number 2 sides and back)**. No lines cut into the hair or extreme fashion styles. Plain hair bands/slides-black only.

Ties: Clip on ties only (which should be free from graffiti/ pen marks)

Skirts should be no more than three inches from the knee and waist bands should not be rolled over. Failure to follow the uniform and appearance policy will result in working in isolation from the rest of the class. **School will be the final arbiter of uniform related issues.**

A number of girls are not wearing their skirts according to our regulations. It is vital that this is remedied on return to school in September. The new skirts sold by our uniform suppliers Jada and Nu do have elasticated waistbands which should remedy the issues regarding length.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in helping to avoid taking your children out of school in term time. Please may I remind parents and carers that any requests for absence may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Attendance at school is one of the biggest influences on success. We would ask all parents to support us by ensuring that your son/daughter attends school regularly.

Building projects

We continue to work on upgrading our facilities. Work is currently underway on the refurbishment of the school hall, a project that has only been made possible through the support of St Michael's Trust. Thank you to the large numbers of parents/ carers who contribute to this. It is not surprising in the current economic climate that contributions have declined. If there are any parents/ carers who do feel in a position to be able to support The Trust, then please email admin@saint-michaels.lancs.sch.uk and we will forward the necessary paperwork to you. Unlike many of our feeder primary schools we do not have a PTFA, Summer, Christmas Fairs etc. and The Trust is therefore our vehicle for fund raising to support the work of the school and maintain our vibrant and well cared for learning spaces.

Reading

Please can we ask for your help in encouraging your child to read both for pleasure and to engage in wider reading to supplement their academic studies. We recognise that reading is not just about pupils becoming more successful academically but reading regularly and widely, (whether that be fiction, the classics, poetry, non fiction, newspapers or blogs,) will in turn improve their reading fluency, widen their vocabulary, improve their comprehension and ultimately lead to better outcomes. Attached, along with this newsletter, is a list of recommended reads. We look forward to hearing what your children have read over the summer when they return in September.

Thank you to all parents/ carers for your continued support. We value enormously the role you play in 'Team St Michael's' and wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Please remember that term ends at 1pm on Tuesday 25 July and the buses have been booked for that time. Michaelmas term begins at 8.50am on Tuesday 5 September.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher



**Trinity 2 Twitter
news**

District Sports

It was once again a clean sweep at the District Sports competition. Every year group won their section making us overall winners again! Fantastic effort!



June 2023

Summer Arts

Our talented singers, dancers and dramatists once again performed to perfection at our Summer Arts evening. Prior to this, the talented Year 11 artists had their work displayed in the Training Suite.



Well done handballers!

A fabulous performance once again by our male handball team as they came 8th in the national handball finals for the second year running. Pupils travelled to Nottingham to take part in the competition.



**July
2023**

Christian Values Enrichment Days

This half term has seen three Christian Values

Enrichment Days with pupils exploring values such as creation, community and stewardship. They have taken part in teambuilding activities, visited Grasmere, Liverpool Museums and taken part in the exciting 'Bangdrum,' experiencing Brazilian rhythms and dance.



Afternoon Tea

Local residents and members of the community enjoyed an afternoon tea at St Michael's. The pupils who are taking part in the Archbishops' Young Leader Award organised the afternoon, along with a raffle and bingo. Scones and strawberries were on the menu and much fun was had by all!



Work experience

Well done to our Year 11 pupils for a successful week on work experience. We hope you have learnt some new skills and had a useful week pursuing a career of your choice.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's expedition

Huge congratulations to the 200+ pupils in Year 10 who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this summer. They spend two days walking around Rivington and camping at Bibby's Farm to finally complete the expedition section of the award. They have taken part in the Skills, Voluntary and Physical sections during Curriculum Enrichment in Year 9. A massive achievement—well done to all!

