

# St Michael's Church of England High School

*A Church of England Academy*

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*Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit*

## Forthcoming events Michaelmas 2

**Thurs 7 Nov**  
Y7 Tutor Consulta-  
tion Evening 5-7pm

**Thurs 14 Nov**  
Y7 tracking

**Thurs 14 Nov**  
Zambia Celebration  
Evening 6.30pm

**Thurs 21 Nov**  
Awards Evening

**Wed 27 Nov**  
Shakespeare for  
Schools Festival

**Thurs 28 Nov—04  
Dec**  
Y11 Mock exams

**Thurs 5 Dec**  
Celebratory Evening  
6pm

**Tues 10 Dec**  
Year 9 reports

**Thurs 12 Dec**  
Y10 tracking

**Tues 17 Dec**  
Christmas  
Community Party

**Thurs 19 Dec**  
Y7 and Y8 Christmas  
disco  
Y9 Christmas fun  
run

**Fri 20 Dec**  
Christmas services  
at St George's (open  
to parents)

## St Michael's Newsletter: Michaelmas 1 18/11/24 *Message from the Headteacher*

Dear Parents / Carers

Pupils have made a wonderful start to the term, and we continue to celebrate the myriad of events and achievements in our vibrant learning community.

### Year 11 Leavers

We are in awe of the incredible achievement of our Year 11 leavers who gained truly fantastic GCSE results. The provisional average Attainment 8 score for each pupil is 59.6 and the provisional progress 8 score is 0.59. These results once again illustrate St Michael's exceptionally high position in the county for both attainment and progress. I commend the outstanding commitment of pupils and staff in achieving these results and the significant part played by our supportive parents and carers. I hope it is reassuring for pupils and parents/carers to see that wonderful results and success is



achieved by pupils throughout the year group in all teaching groups.

### Year 7

Our new Year 7 pupils have settled in well to life at St Michael's. They made particularly wonderful contributions in their first Christian Values Enrichment Day of the year. Four of these days are held annually, the first always being in the week of St Michael's Day when Year 7 look at the fight of 'Good against Evil'. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for Year 7 Information Evening. Parental attendance at such events is usually well over 90% and helps to facilitate the sharing of information about all areas of school life and the home / school partnership which is crucial to your child's success. We look forward to seeing Year 7 parents at Year 7 Tutor's Consultation Evening in school on Thursday 7 November at 5.00pm.

### Year 11

Thank you to Year 11 parents for your attendance at Consultation Evening yesterday. It was fantastic to welcome you into school and I know this facilitated the opportunity for you to speak to the large number of colleges and post 16 providers that were able to join us for the evening. Please do complete the questionnaire form about all aspects school life so that we can continue to further develop and improve the school for our young people. The link for those parents/ carers who have not yet completed this is <https://forms.office.com/e/eCCGngxJT7>

### Congratulations!

The PE Department has smashed even their own exceptionally high standards this term. This week, the pupils' half termly lunchtime concert was simply superb. The remainder of the Duke of Edinburgh cohort have successfully completed their expedition to achieve their Bronze Award. These are just a few brief snapshots of so many amazing things that occur in school daily. Please do see the school website and 'X' to keep up to date with school life.

### Zambia

The Zambia Team had a wonderful experience in their summer visit and worked exceptionally hard to help enrich the communities they visited. Moreover, they know that their lives have been enriched immeasurably by the people they have met, the welcome they received, and the opportunity to share in the joy and gratitude of faithful communities that are thankful to God for the blessings they receive in life. The pupils have led Worship on their experience this term and some of them have visited primary schools too. They are holding an evening for parents and carers interested in hearing about their experience and how we will continue to support the projects in Lusaka in the future. We are holding a Zambia Celebration Evening at 6.30pm on Thursday 14 November. Please contact school if you are interested in attending.

## **Curriculum**

A reminder that if you want information about what your child is learning then the curriculum plans are available on the website under Curriculum link [Curriculum | St Michael's CE High School \(saint-michaels.com\)](http://Curriculum | St Michael's CE High School (saint-michaels.com)). Please do discuss these plans with your child and encourage them to talk to you and teach you about what they have been learning. Thank you for encouraging them to use their organiser efficiently and develop effective home learning and study routines.

## **A uniform reminder**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in our drive for the highest standards of uniform. We ask for your continued support in helping to ensure that skirt lengths are no more than three inches from the knee. (After a holiday, it is particularly ear piercings, hairstyles, fake tan, false eyelashes, false nails and eyebrow treatments that have caused problems.) Thank you again for all that you do to help reinforce our high expectations and standards. If you have any queries about any item of uniform, please contact the appropriate Pupil Manager.

## **Staffing Updates**

This term we have been delighted to welcome new additions to Team St Michael's. Mr Shah and Mrs Carr have joined the English Department. Mr Grundy has joined the Science Department. Mrs Merga is our new Attendance Officer and Mrs Murray, Administrative Assistant. They have all made a fantastic start to their time with us. After half term, Mrs Evans will join us as Pastoral Support Lead following the departure of Miss Larkin to a role outside education.

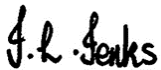
We also pass on our huge thanks to Mr Gow, who has chosen to conclude his role as Pupil Manager of Year 9 this half term. Mr Gow has supported numerous pupils and families in this pastoral leadership role over many years at St Michael's. There are so many who have benefited from his compassion and wisdom. We are delighted that he will remain at St Michael's teaching English on a part time basis.

Mr Topping has been appointed to the role of Pupil Manager of Year 9 and we wish him every success and fulfilment in this role.

Best wishes to Mr Nelson (Teaching Assistant) for his forthcoming marriage.

The success of our pupils is largely dependent on the strong relationships, mutual respect and trust developed between school, parents and carers and we thank you again for your continued support and prayers this term.

Enjoy the half term break!



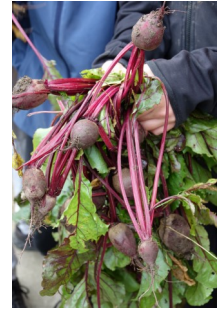
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**Michaelmas 1  
X (Twitter) news**

**School Garden**

Our school garden has been yielding a bumper harvest with raspberries, potatoes, carrots, beans and beetroot amongst other produce. We have taken this to the Open Kitchen at Hollinshead Street Church to share with the people there.



**Christian Values Enrichment Day: Sept 26**

Pupils in all years enjoyed a day focused on Christian Values in September to mark St Michael's Day (Sept 29). Year 7 went on an educational visit to Blackburn Cathedral. Year 8 studied social justice through the medium of Performing Arts. Year 9 pupils went to Chester Zoo where they took part in sustainability workshops. Year 10 were either on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition, or went to a Manchester synagogue and took part in social, moral, spiritual, cultural and citizenship activities. Year 11 celebrated a break from their studies at Alton Towers.



**River Wyre  
field visits**

Pupils in Year 11 have been taking part in their Geography field work this half term. Three groups have visited the River Wyre as part of their Geography GCSE.



**DofE expedition**

We are delighted to share with you that all pupils who completed the two day Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award expedition have passed their Award!



The second half of the pupils in Year 10 took part in their DofE expedition this half term, walking around Anglezarke and Rivington and enjoying a night under canvas at Bibby's Farm. Pupils showed great resilience in the inclement weather! Well done to all!

**Zambia Appeal**

Thank you so very much to everyone at St Michael's and to all members of our community who have supported our Zambia Appeal. Pupils and staff had an amazing experience over the summer holidays helping to build a toilet block at the Good Samaritan School in Lusaka. St Michael's pupils are continuing to support children in Zambia in our fundraising this year.



On Thursday 14 October at 6.30pm we are holding a Celebration Evening where pupils will present their experiences.

If anyone wishes to attend please contact the front office on 01257 264740.

