



# ST GABRIEL'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## The West End comes to Bury! Beauty and the Beast enchants.

The school production of 'Beauty and the Beast' took place on the 17th-20th November and involved 90 students from Years 8-11. It received huge acclaim from audience members, and we are very proud of all the students involved in making it such a fantastic success. This was a huge show that involved a complex set comprising a castle, a fog machine, three projectors and intelligent lighting and sound. The students were also supported by a 17 strong orchestra, who consisted of students from the past and present and friends of the school. Another key element of the show was the fantastic costumes! They were hired from the Disney touring production and made the show extra-special in bringing the characters to life.

Rehearsals for the show had been on-going since June and the cast worked tirelessly and with total dedication throughout the whole process. We were delighted that we had a full house for every performance and even more delighted that both casts received a standing ovation! We heard two beautiful renditions of 'Home' and 'A Change in Me' by both Leah Hayward and Anna Booth, who played the role of 'Belle' with real vigour, maturity and emotion. Hugo Knowles expertly played the part of The Beast and performed with both strength and sensitivity for all four performances. The antagonist 'Gaston' was played by Patrick Kilvington and he rose to this role with both comedy and menace, and was supported by his comedy side-kick, Le Fou (played by Zachary Jacques and Harrison Smart).

The bickering duo of Cogsworth (played by Charles Middleton and Chloe Marshall) and Lumiere (played by Alex Lomax and Oliver Richards) were fantastic to watch. The role of Mrs Potts was played by Isabella Middleton and Danielle McGrath and their beautiful rendition of 'Beauty and the Beast' was a real highlight of the show. Other characters such as the 'diva' Wardrobe (Lucy Burns and Colleen Langan), flirtatious Babette (Olivia Kiely and Megan Yates) the eccentric Maurice (Aidan Robinson and Kieran Fothergill), the delightful Chip (Adam Lord and Ethan Mvula) and the mysterious and creepy D'Arque and D'Adow (Niamh Hughes, Scarlett Dunne, Shania Foster and Emily Prendergast) all played a significant part. The excitable Silly Girls, key ensemble and chorus were outstanding and performed with real energy and enthusiasm in all the musical numbers.

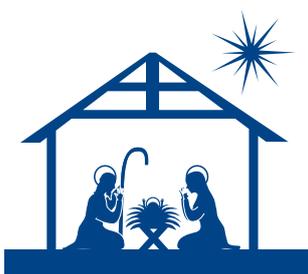
A big production like Beauty and the Beast required a lot of staff support and we are so very grateful to all those people who volunteered their services to ensure the production was a success. Costumes, set, props, stage management, make up, visuals, art work, the programme, publicity... the list is endless. We could not have done it without you all! A special thanks to Miss Boucher (stage manager), Mrs Bowers (props co-ordinator), Mrs Mather (costume director) and Mr Bacon (set manager) who worked tirelessly with their teams to make the show a success.

'Beauty and the Beast' has brought together a new community within the school. Students from different year groups and performance backgrounds have bonded together; new friendships have been formed and creative expression through singing and drama is celebrated. Students have developed skills of confidence, teamwork and resilience and we hope that 'Beauty and the Beast' is an experience they never forget.

### A message from the Headteacher

As we leave Advent, and the realisation of Christmas, we give thanks for everything we have achieved together this year. We remember the events that have shaped out term's work. I hope what you read gives you a glimpse of the vibrant community that St Gabriel's is. A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

*Mr S.A. Smith*



# Coffee Morning 2015 - A record breaker

This year's fundraiser for Class 4 at the Good Shepherd school in Uganda broke all records in terms of attendance at Coffee Morning and the money raised (£2846). Pupils from across the school rose to the challenges set, bringing in items to sell and baking cakes, and once again proved their amazing generosity. The Coffee and Cake event on the Friday launched our outreach work, followed closely by all the usual fun of the fair on Saturday morning. Highlights this year included the signed copy of the Hobbit by Gandalf himself (Ian McKellan), the Drumming workshop, and our very own sneak preview of Beauty and the Beast. Thanks to all our community who supported the event and congratulations to 9R who won the Pizza Party draw for contributions brought in. We now look forward to our next round of letters from our friends in Year 4 to hear about progress back at our partner school, 'The Good Shepherd'.



## Gabs on their MISSION.

Our children and staff never fail to amaze me! At the end of a busy term, the start of the Year of Mercy and a few weeks before our Christmas break, it was hamper time. Each year our hampers for the needy families within our parish seem to grow and grow in number. It was one early morning when I was approached by a year 8 girl I had never come across before, Annalise Collett.

'Hi I am Annalise and I really enjoy getting involved with charities that need help at Christmas. So I was wondering if St Gabriel's would get involved. I'd like to work on the Key 103 Mission Christmas project.'

This was the trigger. Annalise described what was involved and we became registered with Key 103 with Annalise and Mr Loster hitting the Key 103 airwaves. Assemblies were put into action with the Mr Loster and Mrs Roberts double act and people were asked to throw their loose change into a bucket. Well!!!

St Gabriel's pupils are the most modest and generous pupils in Bury. I was blown away by their amazing donations-pound coins, £5 pound notes; next assembly-£10 notes and not to be outdone, the Year 9 assembly-£20 note!!!

Then we asked for donation of toys - it was marvellous to see the staff, pupils and families bringing in sacks full of new toys to pass on to the children in need in Manchester. Then we had 3 cake sales and all the money raised was put together to buy extra toys and gifts.

A small idea from a determined and warm hearted Year 8, Annalise, has been an excellent way of St Gabs putting our Mission into action.

What a wonderful family we have at St Gabriel's, always willing to reach out to others in need. Long may that continue!

Just think of all those children who will be smiling on Christmas morning due to the generosity of the St Gabriel's Family!

Thank you, so proud Mrs Roberts and Mr Loster.

P.S. Hampers still to come ! 75 target!



## Castlerigg 2015

This November, 49 of our year 10 pupils went on the week long retreat to Castlerigg Manor in the Lake District to discover more about their faith and meet new friends. The retreat was a wonderful experience for our pupils and they arrived back home both spiritually uplifted and with a more deep-rooted understanding of their Catholic faith. The pupils were keen to learn, engaged and as always they were a credit to the school and it will be a week that will live long in their memory. The Manor is situated at the heart of the Lake District and our pupils also got to enjoy some walks



around Derwent Water to sample the beauties of nature and enjoy some quality time in the great outdoors. There was also time for a stroll around the delightful Cumbrian town of Keswick. The retreat was staffed by Mr Taylor, Miss Maymon, Mr Wray, Miss Werner and Miss Doyle and our thanks go to these staff for making this retreat possible. The annual retreat goes a long way to helping our pupils grow in faith and confidence, helping set them on a firm foundation for the future.

## Year of Mercy



### Catholic Writers Guild

The Catholic Writer's Guild competition this year required our pupils to answer the question: WAS HE A LIAR, OR MAD? OR WAS HE TELLING THE TRUTH? WHO WAS JESUS CHRIST?

The Year 9 pupils really took to the challenge and wrote some wonderful responses. Our pupils' faith is very real and alive, and this was reflected in their deep thoughtful responses. Brooke Warwick, Charlotte Steel and Karen Yau won runners up prizes in this national competition. Congratulations!

### Year of Mercy

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will be a major event in the Catholic Church, held from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th), 2015 to the Feast of Christ the King (November 20th), 2016

At St Gabriel's we have started to celebrate the Year of Mercy by holding Advent Reconciliation Services which all pupils took part in and Advent Liturgy during form time and then they received a Year of Mercy Prayer Card. This was followed by the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation with one of our local Parish priests or experience a time of prayer and reflection in a Prayer Space in the Hall.

On the 8th December seven of our pupils went to the Salford Cathedral to celebrate Mass with Bishop John Arnold with other pupils from all over the Salford Diocese.

As part of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Salford has organised a double decker bus that will tour parts of Greater Manchester and Lancashire. The bus will be stopping in town centres, housing estates, colleges, and homeless centres. It will have priests on board, available to hear Confession, blessings or just a simple chat. There will also be music and young volunteers distributing leaflets to passers-by. Throughout the rest of the year at St Gabriel's we will be holding different events to celebrate the Year of Mercy, so watch this space!

## Remembrance 2015

In the week leading up to the 11th November, the school took time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those in the armed forces, whether it was in a historic conflict such as World War One or a more recent conflict such as Afghanistan. In a series of assemblies, pupils took time to consider why the poppy is a symbol of remembrance. Pupils also focussed on the sacrifice made by 22 members of our local community in WW1 who never came home, the impact this had on our community and why we take time out of our busy lives on the 11th November each year to remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today.



## Theology and Philosophy writing competition

This year the RE Department are delighted to announce that St Gabriel's pupils won first, second and third prize in the Holy Cross Theology and Philosophy writing competition. Pupils were invited to reflect upon a photograph, song or news article which has moved them in some way and explain why.

Abbie Ward won first prizes. Abbie chose to reflect on a photograph which showed a moving act of Christian and Muslim solidarity in Cairo.

Jack Bennett won second prize. Jack chose to reflect on what may well become one of the most remembered photographs of 2015-the drowned body of Aylan Senu on the shore of a Greek beach.

Kiara Simpson won third prize. Kiara chose an image from the Haiti earthquake and reflected upon her response to the photograph and questions which arose for her in terms of her belief in God, who would allow natural disasters to happen.

Miss Fell, who runs the competition, wrote to explain that they were very impressed with the pupils' creative insights and that she enjoyed looking through all the entries that our pupils submitted.



# Democracy Day

On 21st October, whilst Year 11 took part in RAP day, the rest of our school community celebrated Democracy Day and elected a new school council.

Miss Maymon was impressed by the quality of applicants who had to write a letter of application, be interviewed and deliver a manifesto to their whole year group in assembly. A democratic election then took place and new representatives were chosen.

Pupils, form teachers, Heads of Year and Mrs Harvey were all in awe as pupil after pupil took to the stage and commanded the audience, convincing their peers to vote for them as their school council representative. Candidates were persuasive, confident and clearly spoken. They spoke from the heart on what they value most about school and issues that concerned them.

Later that day, Year 7-10 pupils took part in an election and Mrs Harvey and Miss Maymon were both really pleased to announce the successful representatives the following day.

Democracy Day workshops centred on the Citizenship themes of rules, fairness, rights and responsibilities, liberty and freedom as well as parliamentary democracy.

Congratulations, once more, to the following pupils who will represent their year group on the school council for two years: Year 7 - Alynia Holt and Zakariya Ali; Year 8 – Yusuf Ali and Luke Treanor-Smith; Year 9 - Ruari Dunne and Adam Lord and Year 10 – Marianna Kambalis and Matthew Findlow. We have every confidence in your ability to represent your year group's needs and to be a shining example in our community and beyond.

We would also like to thank all who applied for the post, but were unsuccessful. In a truly democratic and fair election, unfortunately not everyone can win. However, there were lots of fantastic candidates and you should all be proud of your efforts. Well done!



# School Council

On Friday, 20th November, we held our first school council meeting with Mr. Smith, following the completion of the election process. Prior to this meeting, topics had been discussed, which would be raised with the Head Teacher to introduce improvements and develop new initiatives.

The three main focus points were :

- Standards cards to continue the development of consistently high standards for uniform and equipment, alongside the Pupil Reward system.
- Outdoor shelters to allow pupil access to outside space during bad weather, therefore avoiding overcrowding on indoor corridors. Ideas for funding and fundraising were addressed.
- Fingerprint machines relocated to avoid congestion in corridors and lunch queue. Possibility of different locations are also to be considered.



# Make a Noise Week 16th-20th November 2015

This year's national anti-bullying week theme was, 'Make A Noise,' and in particular that no one should stay quiet whether they see bullying or they are personally experiencing it.

**So what do we mean by bullying?** Behaviour that is repeated, intended to hurt someone, either physically or emotionally, often aimed at certain groups e.g. because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. It takes many forms and can include physical assault, teasing, making threats, name calling, as well as cyber-bullying - bullying via mobile phone or online.

**Making A Noise at St Gabriel's** Alongside celebrating the noise made by the truly fabulous Beauty and the Beast, different subjects got involved in unique ways. Here are just a few of the many examples ...



In Religious Education, pupils researched and taught each other what different faiths teach about bullying. They looked for similarities and celebrated what we all have in common.

In Food Technology, pupils looked at factors affecting food choice in different cultures and religions. Meanwhile, in Design Technology, Year 7 pupils took part in a competition to create an anti-bullying logo design for an app.

In Physical Education, pupils considered how playing sport and working in teams can help prevent bullying. They also had a girls' boxing coach deliver some taster sessions, who explored how some people use boxing and martial arts clubs as a way to meet new people, combat stress and depression, and as a result gain confidence to overcome bullying.

In English, pupils explored how society is bullied or pressurised by big brands, through advertising, with a particular focus on how they target children. They also looked at how much of a problem bullying is and how it is presented in the media.

In ICT/ Computer Science, pupils focussed on E-safety and in particular cyber-bullying. They also looked at different countries' access to technology and how different faiths may be restricted by their online access in some countries.

In PSHE, KS3 pupils engaged with a project of their choice on the theme of preventing and combatting bullying. Choices included holding discussions and debates, creating artwork, songs, rhymes, raps, dramas or poems, carrying out anonymous acts of kindness during the week or making a noise about bullying on social media sites. Meanwhile, KS4 pupils discussed an MTV show on the theme of bullying and considered how to use the internet safely and how to combat cyberbullying.

## How you can Make A Noise?

If you think you are being bullied, or witness bullying you need to tell someone such as a family member or friend. Talk to a teacher. You could talk to your form teacher, Head of Year, Mrs Roberts or any adult in school whom you trust, as well as Peer Mentors. Do not just put up with it! Let's continue to make a noise together and stamp out bullying!



## Duke of Edinburgh

A group of 45 year 9 students have started their assault on the bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award. The award requires students to develop skills, participate in a physical activity of their choice and volunteer for a period of between 3 and 6 months. They also have to undertake 2 practice expeditions and one final assessed hiking and walking expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. After school sessions on Monday afternoons provide students with the opportunity to learn first aid, camp craft and how to survive in the wild! We wish them good luck and will keep you updated on their progress.

Mr Tems and Mr Wray.

## MFL Year 9 Language Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce that we have started the Autumn term with a team of Language Ambassadors in the MFL Department. The team of 10 wrote letters to the department expressing how important it is to be able to speak different languages. They have already hit the road running, organising a Year 7 MFL Club for games and for homework, and are planning to 'micro teach' a Year 7 lesson. They have an action-packed 2016 with trips to MMU and of course International Day in

February. We are extremely excited about their enthusiastic and energetic contribution. Bravo!



## European Day of Languages

St Gabriel's pupils celebrated European Day of Languages with a whole school quiz and spent form times across the school learning about the benefits of learning a language. To mark the event the MFL team wore European National Costumes all day.

The winning form in Year 11 had a French breakfast delivered to their form room.



## Festive Music

The chamber choir performed festive songs and carols within our wider community at Killelea Home for the Elderly on December 9th.

48 of our singers went to perform at St Mary's 'Hidden Gem' on December 16th, which is a beautiful church situated on Mulberry Street in Manchester City Centre. This is a very special event as the church, founded in 1794, is thought to be one of the oldest post-reformation Catholic Churches in any major centre of population in England. We were invited to perform Carols and Advent songs as part of the Hidden Gems annual 'Schools Advent Carol Service' programme.

## Annual Carol Service - 15th December

Our 42nd Carol Service was held on December 15th in the School Hall. Various choirs (Senior Choir, Lower-School Choir, Chamber Choir and Staff Choir!), instrumentalists and soloists provided a range of festive music to accompany the various Christmas readings. This annual event shares the Christmas message with our wider community. A happy and holy Christmas to all!

## The Real Business Challenge

Wishing a group of Year 10 Business Studies pupils the best of luck with their entry for the Real Business Challenge. Their PowerPoint on their health drink concept 'Hive Heroes' really did create quite a 'buzz'!



## Young Enterprise Programme

Year 10 pupils are taking part in the Young Enterprise Programme and as a result have set up two separate businesses. One of the groups is called "Bliss" and they are selling bath bombs, soaps and gifts. The other business is called "Lumiere" and they are selling candles and products that contain lights and shimmer. Both groups will be attending the Christmas Markets in Manchester on the 9th December where they will have a stall selling their products. The teams will also have a stall at the Trafford Centre in February and will be taking part in the final presentation evening in March. We wish them every luck in their new venture.



# GCSE Geography Fieldwork

On September 8th the Year 11 Geographers descended upon the seaside resort of Blackpool to collect data for their controlled assessment. The pupils carried out fieldwork in two locations, The Comedy Carpet and the Southern Promenade. The work involved pupils carrying out various surveys of the area and asking questions to the general public. We even had time for a stick of rock and some overpriced fish and chips to reward us for our hard work.

*Mr Faulkner*



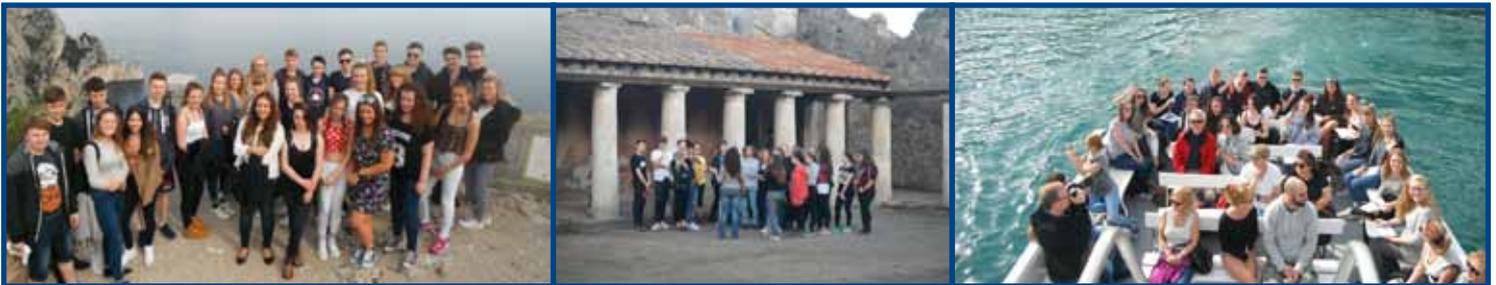
## The Bay of Naples Trip

Over half term a group of 27 GCSE Geography students (and one historian) visited the Bay of Naples in Italy. Below is an account of the trip written by two of the students:

When we were in Italy, we had a great time whilst experiencing many amazing sights and were also able to speak to people we haven't worked with before. On the first night we braved the Italian train system to visit the nearby town of Sorrento where we did some sightseeing around the town centre and some souvenir shopping. On the following days we also visited Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii and Capri. When we went to Capri we travelled over by ferry before taking another boat to tour around the island, viewing geographical features such as arches, stacks and caves. We then had some time to explore the town of Capri and our first lunch adventure.

The day after this we visited Mount Vesuvius, an active volcano! Although the walk up was tiring, the end result was worth it as we saw lots of volcanic features and even steam being emitted from the crater. After this we visited the ruins of Pompeii for a guided tour of the town. Our highlight of the trip was visiting Capri and getting the chance to experience this island for ourselves, with our friends. We got the chance to see geographical features for ourselves which has helped towards our geographical knowledge. We would like to thank Miss Boucher, Miss Dobie and Mr Faulkner for giving us the opportunity for a trip to remember. We would both highly recommend students to go on this type of trip in the future.

*By Holly Smith and Natalie Greenwood*



## WW1

On October 11th, James Baker and Sean Corcoran, accompanied by Mr Fleming, embarked on a trip across the English Channel to WW1 battlefields and sites of remembrance in northern France and Belgium. We visited the Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the missing of the Somme, which bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died at the Somme. Twenty-two of the names on the pillars of the Thiepval Memorial belong to young men from Bury. We also visited Tyne Cot Memorial where James and Sean found two other men from Bury. We also had the opportunity to visit some reconstructed trenches and took part in the last post at the Menin Gate.

The trip was part of the National Centenary Education Programme, a government initiative to ensure one teacher and two pupils from every school in the UK visits the Memorials and battlefields of WW1. Our tour consisted of three coaches with other members of staff and pupils from other schools in the Greater Manchester area; it was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to appreciate other pupils' experiences of the trip. St Gabriel's will be returning to the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium in June half-term with year 9!



## First St Gabriel's History Essay Writing Competition

December sees the launch of the inaugural St Gabriel's History essay writing competition. Open to year 8's and 9's the question is:

'Who is the most misunderstood person in History?'. Mr Tems said, "It is important we provide opportunities for our most able students to stand out from the crowd. Some of our students are the most gifted I have ever had the privilege to teach and this competition will help highlight their abilities to employers and further education providers". Good luck to all our entrants! The winner will be announced in February 2016.

The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.

~Theodore Roosevelt



## Behind the Scenes: Props Design

The Art rooms have been a hive of activity as a team of highly creative and talented year 9 pupils worked to design and construct the puppet masks used in the prologue of *Beauty and The Beast*. They developed stylised caricatures of the actors' roles of: a selfish and vain prince, a haggard old woman in need of help, a beautiful enchantress and, of course, The Beast. They used a range of new materials and mastered the sculptural elements of 3D form. The large scale masks were injected with theatrical drama and energy to capture each character.

Hasnain Amin, Sofia Galasso, Grace Hogan, Freya Holland, Glorija Kardis, Breanna Llanes, Erin Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Erica Ribeiro, Maayan Rubb, Samaira Shah, Millie Smith, Grace Soro, Aimee Taylor, Julia Tos and Nicole Wilson, all showed a huge amount of commitment and dedication in the making of the puppet masks and we are very proud of their achievements.

Well done! Mrs Kay and Miss Burns.

## Year 11 Creative Art Enrichment Days

Year 11 GCSE Art pupils had an adventurous day exploring the art and culture of Manchester. Pupils explored Manchester Gallery and Manchester Museum to discover ideas to inspire their 'Animal Structures' art project. They uncovered the stories behind classical mythology and found many artists who had studied the theme of 'Animal Structures' in many different styles and disciplines, from Classical pottery to Pre-Raphaelite tempera paintings and Art Nouveau ceramic tiles.

Pupils then explored many of the exhibits in the Manchester Museum. They enjoyed looking for the live animals in the vivarium and took many photographs of the frogs, snakes and lizards as they appeared from within their camouflaged setting. Following their trip, Year 11 attended a creative workshop taster day which enhanced their ever expanding skills base and enriched their growing portfolio. They experimented with lino-cut printmaking processes, decorative paper-cutting, mixed media and origami. Pupils now have a wealth of creative ideas for the project development and sketchbook studies.



"I was able to get closer to a live snake which I will base my art project on. I learned more about the snake's pattern and structure." Paulina Piekutowska.

"The Manchester Art Gallery allowed me to develop creative interpretations of artwork and to discover it's cultural and contextual meaning." Caitlin Finney.

Well done Year 11! Thank you for all your creative efforts!

**Miss Burns and Mrs Kay**



## Afternoon Tea with The Mayor

As part of the many creative opportunities offered within Art and Design the pupils entered into a borough wide poster competition entitled 'Greening Grey Britain' within Bury in Bloom. Our pupils performed extremely well and out of over 130 entries year 8 pupils Ellie Cockcroft and Stephanie Woodall were selected as winning entries. You may have seen their winning posters displayed in and around Bury over the summer. They attended an awards ceremony at Bury Town Hall where The Mayor, Councillor Stella Smith, presented the girls with their certificates and they were also invited into The Mayors Chambers for refreshments following the ceremony. Stephanie was also selected as the overall winner in the category. Well done to both of them!

## Illustrators Light up Bury!

The Art Department were delighted when Bury Collective invited our art pupils to be part of the Bury Light Night celebrations. The artist Lee Crocker of Bury Collective and Bury Art Gallery asked our creative year 9 pupils to design eco-characters to express good and bad attitudes to recycling for the event. He shared his inspirational sketchbooks based on everyday life to inspire our year 9 illustrators who produced imaginative and quirky characters. They produced bold designs using graphite and pastels to create a dramatic impact.

Our creative ambassadors included: Prince Mpofu, Ryan Lomax, Dylan Williams, Ewan Spensley, Michelle So, Lucy Liddle, Carys Wright, Rebecca Whittle-Smith, Abbie Sheppard, Millie Morley, Issabella Bruce and Aleksandra Zakrzewska.

The pupils work was displayed in many local business and bars to mark the celebration. Great fun! Well done!!



## Literacy in the Limelight – Writing Week 9th-13th November 2015



In order to further enhance the literacy skills of our pupils and raise awareness about the importance of good literacy, staff and pupils put their literacy skills in the limelight, with a specific focus on writing.

Staff planned lessons which aimed to develop the writing skills of our pupils and there were a number of competitions to get pupils excited about writing. Well done to all pupils who took part and thank you to all staff for their hard work. Winners of the competitions are listed below:

### Match Reports

Hannah Young  
Joe Hornsby  
Niamh Slater  
Emma England  
Sam Mathieson  
Alex Symington

### Geography

Grace Hogan  
Libby Burke

### Food Tech

Rosie Rafferty  
Fred Bailey  
Amy Curtis  
Robbie Renzulli  
Alynia Holt

### Book Reviews

Ewan Hill – Year 9  
George Rendell – Year 8  
Hollie Harrison – Year 7

### Form Time Literacy Quiz

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# Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to the year 7 Indoor Athletics team who came 3rd place in the Bury Indoor Athletics competition. They are now through to the next round.



# Basketball

Well done to the Year 11 basketball team who were undefeated in the league programme this season, finishing top of the North section. The squad were Pawel Dekowski, Tom Hamer, Matt Wilkes, Patrick Watson, Tom Taylor, Anton Tamanis and James Kenny. Mr. Durack.



# Netball

All netball squads are currently training hard and competing in a variety of competitions and leagues including:

- Bury Netball League
- Manchester and District Netball Tournament
- Year 10 and 11 Catholic Netball Tournament
- U16 National Schools Netball Tournament
- U16 Greater Manchester Schools League

We welcome the following Year 7 pupils to our netball squads:

Amber Hill 7A	Jennifer Roberts 7C
Uzma Afridi 7A	Emily Butterworth 7J
Jessica Jolley 7L	Sophie Gartland 7P
Lucy Rose 7M	Joanne Ogunyemi 7P
Hannah Young 7M	Alisha Cosgrove 7R
Brooke McDougall 7S	Olivia Robinson 7R
Tara O'Connor 7S	Holly Walsh 7J
Madi Rees 7W	
Annabel Brierley 7W	



# Bury Street Shakers and St. Gabriel's awarded national recognition

Bury Street Shakers currently run a satellite dance club at St. Gabriel's. At this club many of our Year 7-9 pupils are coached by Street Shakers and our dance leaders, and they have performed at a number of events across Bury and Manchester. Many of the dancers then go on to dance for Bury Street Shakers club and are potential dance leaders of the future. This school club partnership and hard work has resulted in us being nominated as and awarded the title of the best satellite club in the North West. We have now been put forward to the national round as we have been short-listed as one of the top 3 satellite clubs for any sport in the country.

Our nomination was successful as Liz Norris (Bury Street Shakers) celebrated the fact that we are not just a dance club but a social enterprise that reinvests in young people's futures by way of offering and paying for their training, giving them volunteering opportunities and providing them with peer mentors. Many of our pupils start in satellite club but then move to hub club in which they continue to grow in confidence and stretch themselves. Some pupils are then employed as assistant coaches and leaders when they turn 18. Sport England have recognised and rewarded the model of St. Gabriel's and Bury Street Shakers and acknowledged that we are not a competitive club but a nurturing one which contributes to the educational curriculum of the pupils as well as enhancing the personal and social development of our pupils.

## Boys' Football

As usual a busy start to the school year. All teams have been involved in cup and league games. At the moment both league and cup competitions are at the early stages, but all year groups are well placed to succeed in the new year.

The Year 7 footballers recently took part in the Bury Schools 5 a side competition and performed with great credit. They beat Derby and Broadoak before losing in the semi-final to Bury Church. Well done to all the team.



## Girls' Football

Girls in Year 7-9 continue to train hard every Tuesday at coaching sessions led by Bury Football Club. Their commitment and enthusiasm for these sessions has been fantastic. After training well and developing their skills, the girls have gone on to compete in a number of football competitions. This has included a Year 7 and 8 girls football tournament organised by Bury FC. Congratulations to Shauna Redmond and Roisin Boles who were nominated by staff as players of the tournament for St. Gabriel's. Well done and thank you to Shannon Power (Year 11) who used her football knowledge and experience to coach the Year 7 team throughout the competition. The Year 9 girls' football teams also competed recently in a Bury schools competition. Congratulations to Lucy Tierney and Lucy Liddle who were nominated as players of the tournament.



## Girls Cross-Country

Well done to our cross-country teams who competed at the Bury Schools Cross-Country competition on Tuesday 17th November. In very difficult weather conditions, there were some excellent performances. Well done to all involved:

### Year 7 Girls Team

Sophie Gartland  
Molly Ryan  
Uzma Afridi  
Ruby Shield  
Leia Hogan  
Amy Smith  
Madi Rees

### Year 8 Girls Team

Abbie Sheppard  
Rebekah Whittle-Smith  
Alannah Radcliffe  
Niamh Slater  
Ella Dempsey  
Isabella Bruce

### Year 10/11 Girls Team

Ella Hunter  
Freya Wright  
Selina Cockcroft  
Sadie Thompson  
Colleen Langan

## Boys Cross-Country

The Bury Schools took place in November and on a very wet, muddy and difficult course our pupils performed admirably. Special mention should go to Harrison Smart who finished 9th in the under 14s boys race and Kelvin Cockcroft who finished 11th in the under 16 race. Kelvin was racing against boys who were a year older than him and more than held his own. Well done to all pupils who represented the school with great credit.



# Thinking of a career in Teaching?

## SCHOOL DIRECT PLACES AVAILABLE 2016-17

The St Monica's Catholic Teaching School Alliance in Bury consists of a group of schools working together to provide personalised high quality Initial Teacher Training packages through the School Direct programme with the award of a PGCE teaching qualification. The School Direct partnership is led by St Gabriel's RC High School working collaboratively with local partners in the Bury area to successfully train outstanding teachers.

## WHAT IS SCHOOL DIRECT?

School Direct provides practical, hands-on training and education based in the many good and outstanding schools across Bury. Our School Direct courses have been designed by schools in Bury – in association with Manchester Metropolitan University – to focus on the skills we are looking for in a newly qualified teacher (NQT). We directly recruit trainees onto our School Direct course to train in our schools for a year. In 2016-17 we will be offering School Direct placements in English, Maths, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics). History, Geography, Music, Drama, PE and Primary.

Many schools now run School Direct courses. This is a popular choice for anyone aspiring to gain a PGCE and secure a teaching post in the network of schools they are training with. If you're successful in your training, there is a possibility that you will be offered a job in one of the schools when you qualify. For more information see our website or contact the school directly. School Experience Programme

If you or someone you know would like to train to teach in a school in Bury, we would love to hear from you. Our School Experience Programme could give you a chance to have a taster day or more in one of our schools to see if teaching is for you. Visit the website or contact the school for more details.

[stgabriels@bury.gov.uk](mailto:stgabriels@bury.gov.uk)

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## Adverse Weather Conditions

Please check the school website for details of arrangements for adverse weather conditions.

We would ask you to discuss the arrangements you want your child(ren) to follow if they leave school early because of deteriorating weather.

## P.T.A.

The PTA continues to raise funds for the school. We have had a number of parents join our 250 club, which raises money for the minibus, but it is also your chance to enter a monthly draw with cash prizes. The cost of membership is only £12 a year.

The Christmas Draw takes place on 16th December 2015 and the winners numbers are posted on the school website. On 1st February 2016 we will be holding our annual Prom Show. Details will be available after Christmas. This is a very popular event as our Year 11 pupils act as models, modelling their dresses and suits on the "catwalk".

We will also have our "May Do" in May at Greenmount Golf Club. Again this is a very popular event and details of this social event will be available later on in the year.

Once again the PTA would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and we wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.