



ST GABRIEL'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRONUNTIO

July 2018

Celebration Evening and School Prom

After a long exam season for Year 11, it was very pleasing to see them mark the end of their time at St. Gabriel's with a Celebration Evening in the school hall on the 21st June, followed a week later by the Leavers' Prom at the Village Hotel. I was really proud that so many pupils received awards on Celebration Evening and it is just a pity that everyone cannot be recognised in some way as they have all been stars to work with over the last five years. At the Prom, the class of 2018 looked incredible in their finest outfits and it was fitting that they enjoyed the night in such a pleasant and well-mannered fashion, whilst still letting their hair down on the dance floor! Thank you again to the 'Class of 2018'. The pupils, parents, families and carers have all been a real pleasure to work with. Thank you, **Mr Stewart**.



A message from the Headteacher

As we approach the summer holidays, we reflect on what has been another, very busy, but successful, academic year. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Pronuntio as it represents a brief glimpse of how we provide a well-rounded education for all our children, enabling them to have great and worthy experiences. Enjoy the summer break!

Mr A Loster, Acting Headteacher



WE ARE ONE: MANCHESTER

We hold in our dear thoughts and prayers all those affected by the Manchester Arena bombings. A year on and we are still strong and come together as one. Our solidarity and unity is what represents us. We witness hope shown by St Gabriel's Elementary School in Canada who sent us messages of encouragement and love on their native Maple Leafs.

Hope for the Future: Beacon of Hope

On Tuesday 26th June 2018, Our Pupil Chaplains attended a Diocesan Launch Event for Hope for the Future: Developing Parish Communities 'Beacon of Hope'. Throughout the day, different schools talked about how they are getting more involved in Parish Life through different ventures. At this event Bishop John presented every school with an image of the San Damiano Cross which we are to display in a prominent place. The San Damiano Cross is the large Romanesque rood cross that St. Francis of Assisi was praying to before when he is said to have received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church.



One venture which we have used to launch the Hope for the Future programme is a joint Art and Religious Education Poster Competition to raise awareness of what we do in our local community to be Beacons of Hope.

A massive well done and congratulations to the competition winners for their amazing posters:

1st prize-Tom Caunt

2nd prize-Izzy Howarth and Grace Lowe

3rd prize-Miah Rogers and Amy Hilton

Watch this space for other events in the coming year!

Fr Francis Wadsworth 20th Anniversary Mass

The Gift Team Pupil Chaplains spent a lovely afternoon at St Marie's RC Church celebrating Fr Francis' 20th Year Anniversary of his ordination. We then joined parishioners for tea and cake in the parish room. We were made to feel really welcome. Thank you St Marie's parishioners!

CAFOD Workshops

MAD group had a visit from Sophie Aulton who is currently undertaking a gap year with CAFOD and based at Leeds Trinity University. Sophie has visited some of CAFOD's partners in the Central American countries of El Salvador and Nicaragua and goes into schools to talk about her experiences and share the work that CAFOD does. Sophie completed a variety of workshops with our pupils. It was a lovely afternoon and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed listening to Sophie about CAFOD and her personal experiences.



Happy heavenly birthday
Lewis Albon
We send wishes to heaven,
carried to you upon a prayer.
To the place where you are now,
with sweet tender love and care.
Though we miss you always,
each and every day.
It seems to hit us even more,
because it is your birthday.



St Joseph's Penny Celebration Mass

Each year the pupils from our school are invited to raise money through the St Joseph's Lenten Appeal to help the work of Caritas. We are enormously proud of this work and the generosity of our students who responded to that invitation with their time and energy to raise these important funds. To thank them for taking part in St Joseph's Lenten Appeal 2018, Bishop John Arnold invited our M.A.D Group to join him in Salford Cathedral for the St Joseph's Penny Celebration Mass.

Primary school competition and writers award:

In the summer term, the RE department have continued their primary school competition which is aimed at promoting the links with our Catholic feeder primary schools. The pupils were asked to research a famous religious statue or sculpture and then create a factfile on the sculpture and how art can be used as part of worship. The Catechism explains that 'art is a talent given by our creator God'; the RE dept. cannot wait to see this year's entries and look forward to viewing the magnificent work that is produced by our primary school pupils year after year. We have also sent numerous entries in to the Catholic Young Writers award, which is aimed at promoting creative writing with a philosophical angle.

Crossbar Challenge

Year 8 Learning Support organised a very enjoyable 'Crossbar Challenge' for Year 7 and 8 pupils. A play-off final was required as both Owen Pye and Jordan Shannon hit the crossbar an impressive four times from five attempts! The boys maintained their high standard during the final and with the scores again level at 4-4; Jordan struck the winning shot, claiming the £5 prize. As he celebrated by sliding on his knees, Owen went straight over to shake his hand and congratulate him - a fitting end to an incredibly sporting (and skilful) contest. Well done to all participants and thanks to the Year 8 group for organising this charity event.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

41 intrepid Year 9 students are currently partaking in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They have already completed a practice walk and camp in Ashworth Valley - for some the first time they have ever camped. The two day expedition involved them navigating along a circular route on the first day and then back to Bury on the second; they were also practicing their camp craft which includes cooking their own meals, pitching tents and dealing with the changes in weather conditions successfully. The students are now preparing for their final expedition and are busy planning their own routes to walk in the Yorkshire Dales.



English Department

Whilst studying a range of social issues, Class 7B became concerned over plastic pollution and its negative effects on the planet. As a result, the class decided to write to Her Majesty the Queen, to express their fears over the future of the world's oceans and sea creatures. The students were thrilled to receive a royal response from Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty was "so pleased" to hear from the class and "encouraged to know of their concern for the future of our marine life."

Inspired, the pupils came together and have officially adopted an Asian Rhino, called Lankeu. The breed is currently critically endangered and unfortunately, there are estimated to be around just 63 remaining in the wild.



Young Woman Achiever Award

Earlier this year Grace Burgess (Year 10) entered the Soroptimist International of Ramsbottom's Young Woman Achiever Award 2017. The panel were very impressed with Grace's achievements and so awarded a 'highly commended' certificate and cash prize.

Grace was nominated for the award due to her dedication to Gymnastics - she has represented the North West, but more recently has begun coaching younger, aspiring gymnasts, developing the skills required to compete. Next year, Grace plans to enrol on a Judging Course with a Level 1 Coaching Course in order to further share her talents.

Raising Aspirations for Year 9 Boys

A group of Year 9 boys were selected to take part in an introductory programme to encourage them to get into Mountain Biking

- a sport which requires courage, determination and resilience. The boys learnt how to brake with confidence, adjust their body position on the bike, maintain balance on steep drop offs, and handle berms. This gave them the confidence to apply these skills to the trail later in the day. A lot of fun was had and many biking skills were learnt.

"We had finished the course and what a good time I had: going round berms and not flying off the course, going up and over jumps and bumps with ease, and being out done by "Danny MacAskill's brother" who was quite skilled with a bike and an expert in wheelies. This trip has definitely left me wanting more". A massive well done to all the boys involved.



Inventive Home Learning

Year 7 responded in an inventive fashion to their most recent home learning research task, which was based on the theme of Landscapes. They have investigated a wide range of landscape artists to inspire their experimentation with different materials. We have selected some examples that have gone beyond expectations in their originality and personal effort. Well done to Tia Russell, Imogen Young, Jessica Connolly, Adelaide Quest, Patricia Montes and Aaron Healey.



Performing Arts

Tuesday May 22nd - Chamber Choir at Band in the Wall, Manchester

The Chamber Choir were invited to sing at the prestigious night club venue with Bury Music Service Jazz Band. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience and, as usual, sang beautifully. The choir also had the opportunity of singing to joint jazz pieces with the jazz band at the end of the concert.

Congratulations to: Thomas Gaddes, 9P, for securing a place at the junior school of the Royal Northern College of Music from September. Lucy Horton, 10C, has been invited to perform double bass with the Chetham's School of Music Symphony Orchestra.

Eliza Hart, a past pupil, has a six-month contract performing in the West-End show, Thriller Live.

Hansel & Gretel: GCSE Music and Drama students have collaborated this term to produce their unique interpretation of this wonderful fairy tale. Opportunities for parents to see this production will be arranged in the next academic year.

Theatre Visit: GCSE Drama students visited The Met Theatre, our local theatre venue, to see a production of Jim Cartwright's play, Two. Students will be performing extracts of the play in the new year for their practical assessment and analysing it in their written exam.

Year 7 Art Workshop

The girls have worked very hard this year in art club and have produced some bright, fun and eye-catching work. The most recent has been focused on decorative pattern using ink wash and fine-liner. I am very proud of their creative efforts and how they have grown as artists.

"I enjoyed using bright colours and patterns. Art club let me show my creativity and imagination" Amy Hilton

"It is a great way to improve your art and to interact with friends" Leila Bowden

"Art has inspired me to do my very best in all I do" Olivia Crossland

"Art club let me use things I had never used before and it gave me confidence" Daisy Thomason

"It helped me to develop my drawing" Betty Bailey

"We did loads in art club and I enjoyed it all year"

Well done girls.



Computer Science Masterclass

Bury College came in to run a Computer Science masterclass with Year 9 and 10, to inspire them to follow the subject for further education at college. The pupils programmed Edison robots to react to colour, light and sound: groups worked together to program the robots to follow a particular pattern of instructions. It was a fantastic couple of hours spent programming and seeing how robots work in real life.



MicroBOT Robotics Cars – Coding Club for Girls

A small group of girls in Year 7 and 8 have been busy meeting up every Friday lunch time to build their very own programmable MicroBOT cars. These are built using the BBC MicroBit, cardboard boxes and all sorts of electronics components! The BBC MicroBit is used to program our cars to move around. As you can see we have been quite creative with our car designs and we can't wait to get programming our MicroBOT cars. That's when the fun will begin: creating mazes, obstacle courses and even playing a game of golf!



YEAR 10 FOOD HYGIENE SUCCESS

Once again, all Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students have succeeded in gaining the Level 2 Food Hygiene certificates. This is a course all Year 10 students complete as part of their GCSE course, but the qualification they obtain enables them to work in the Food Industry. This is a valuable qualification and we are proud of their success.



GCSE Geography fieldwork

During the week of 18th June, the Year 10 GCSE Geographers embarked upon their fieldwork in order to prepare them for their skill unit paper. On Tuesday and Wednesday we visited Salford Quays to evaluate the environmental success of the regeneration; Thursday and Friday were spent at the seaside at Cleveleys judging the effectiveness of the groynes and other sea defences. At both sites, the students had to collect various data themselves, gaining valuable experience working in the different conditions that Geographers can face: this data was analysed during lessons at school to enable the students to judge the impact of human activity in both places.



Sevilla 2019

25 GCSE Spanish students are booked onto the study trip to the South of Spain. We have an action packed programme: bullfighting, Flamenco, visit to the football stadium, boating, the Cathedral and a theme park - and of course exploring an amazing city and practising our spoken Spanish!



MFL Language Ambassadors

We now have 18 active Language Ambassadors busily planning and assisting in the department.

Our summer project is to celebrate the Bastille on the 14th July. As well as Boules and cooking (with a French Chef) we are planning a Bastille Day film starring our Language Ambassadors, filmed entirely on location at St Gabriel's, focusing on key events of the French Revolution.



Ski Trip to Les Menuires

In the first week of the Easter holidays, 50 students from Year 9 and 10 (and 5 staff members) took part in the 2018 ski trip to Les Menuires, part of Les Trois Vallées ski region in France. After flying to Geneva and transferring down to the resort, we settled into our hotel and got our ski gear ready for our first day skiing. This trip was the first time many of the students, and indeed the staff, had ever been skiing on snow and conditions during the week couldn't have been better: excellent snow, clear blue skies; and beautiful sunshine all week long.

All the students and staff had great fun all week and everybody improved during the week's lessons, venturing to the top of the mountain for the long runs back down to the village, demonstrating the various skills required to ski in such circumstances. There were numerous instances of skiers taking a tumble - from the complete novices to the advanced group and staff members (who thought they could still handle the jumps.) Luckily the only things hurt were our dignity and pride!

Sadly, our departure from Geneva was subject to a slight delay of 5 hours, but all of the students coped admirably with this final hardship and were complimented by our fellow travellers as to their behaviour in the airport, proving once again how great St Gabriel's students are.

My thanks go out to all of the students on the trip for making it such fun; and especially Miss Maymon, Mr Booth, Miss McLoughlin and Miss Kildunne, for giving up their holiday and enabling the trip to go ahead.

Mr Faulkner



PGL Boreatton

On Friday 4th May, 135 pupils and 14 staff went to PGL at Boreatton Park in Shropshire for our annual Year 7 pastoral weekend. When we got there, the pupils had dinner and were put into their activity groups, before it was off to sing songs around the campfire! After singing and playing catch, it was time for bed: after all, they had to be up at 7am and be raring to go!

Saturday morning dawned and so did the sunshine - the weather was glorious and remained so for the two days. The pupils took part in kayaking, problem solving, orienteering, archery, the Giant Swing and trapeze. Our pupils were amazing and embraced all the activities (especially kayaking and trapeze) and so many managed to jump successfully off the ledge and grab the swinging bar.

Saturday night was the PGL disco and some members of Year 7 were keen to show off their dance moves - the floss! On Sunday morning, the Year 7s took part in a reflection and learned about the story of the Starfish.

It was a wonderful weekend and it would be fair to say that PGL 2018 was a huge success. A huge thank you to all those staff who gave up their weekend, as without them it would not be possible for the trip to go ahead. Finally, a special mention to all our wonderful pupils who embraced all the challenges and were a credit to have on the trip.



Achievements

This year, pupils in St Gabriel's are awarded an achievement point for displaying excellent behaviour in class. These points are accumulated across the year and will lead to pupils winning certificates and prizes. The following pupils are the leading achievement point scorers for their forms (since the last Pronuntio issue). Congratulations to you all!! Pupils highlighted yellow are top of the year!!

Year 7		
Form	Name	Achievement Points
A	Larissa Panas	51
L	Elisha-Mai Aitken	43
M	Sydney Williams	43
S	Elizabeth Karran	46
W	Ella Brodigan	37
B	Jessica Connolly/ Daisy Thomason	38
C	Katie Beckett	48
J	Maimoona Latif	45
P	Jack Varney	37
R	Helena Whelan	53

Year 8		
Form	Name	Achievement Points
A	Joe Myerscough	61
L	Orladh Dunne	70
M	Ella Thompstone	53
S	Emily Chandley	32
W	Amelia Heywood	27
B	Josie Radcliffe/ Isabella Tucci	26
C	Wiktoria Sowa	64
J	Jacob Hatton	39
P	Precious Entwistle	29
R	Charlotte Turner	37

Year 9		
Form	Name	Achievement Points
A	Toni Wosser	26
L	Ami Gibbs	22
M	Hope Webster	31
S	Emily Norton/ Tara O'Connor	23
W	Niko Arceo	44
B	Tyler Horrocks	29
C	Solomon Levy	18
J	Libby Graham	29
P	Ethan Chappell	20
R	Ben Hardman/ Nathaniel Young	19

Year 10		
Form	Name	Achievement Points
A	Alex McGrath	29
L	Ellie Cockcroft	22
M	Sarah Fish	26
S	James Lockett	37
W	Ella-Louise Simmonds	28
B	Jack Hesford	20
C	Charlie Woods	13
J	Elena Warnakulasuriya	16
P	Grace Makin	23
R	Aleksandra Kuczaj	20

Most achievement points for the year		
Year	Name	Achievement Points
7	Sydney Williams	164
8	Joe Myerscough	230
9	Toni Wosser	131
10	Tilly Graham	113
11	Elliana Murillo	81

Top form in each year group by average points (since last Pronuntio Issue)		
Year Group (Side of Year)	Form	Average Points
7a	A	31
7b	R	31
8a	L	41
8b	C	30
9a	W	20
9b	J	15
10a	S	21
10b	P	13

Points correct as of 19.6.18

Bury Athletics

Congratulations to the Year 7 Relay team who won the final in an extremely close race- particularly with rivals St. Moncia's. Individual were: Ella Brodigan, Matilda Brett, Isabella Kershaw and Millie Uprichard.

Other outstanding performances were:

Theo Hadcroft Plummer: Shot Put; Mikey Redmond: 2nd Place 100m; Oliver Donnelly: 2nd Place 800m; Millie Uprichard: 2nd Place 100m; Robbie Renzulli: 2nd PLACE 100m; Matilda Brett: 2nd Place 200m; Lucy Rose: 3rd Place Discus.

Year 7 Relay Team BOYS



Cricket

A huge well done to all members of the Y7 and Y8 cricket team who have demonstrated fantastic team spirit and dedication throughout this summer! As a result we have been able to secure a place in the semi-final of the Bury Cup with a convincing win over Castlebrook, where we will now face Tottington! Thomas Yorke-Robinson deserves a special mention for putting in a superb performance and being an excellent captain.

Thank you for all your dedication - it has been a pleasure to be a part of it. Let's keep going! **Mr Booth**



Year 10 Catholic Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the following pupils who represented the Year 10 Rounders Team and came 2nd in their recent Catholic Schools Tournament: Ellie Schofield , Lily Thompstone, Emma England, Antea Bosnjak, Orla Doody, Anna Sharratt, Rosie Rafferty, Imogen Watson, Katie Findlow, Grace Taylor, Nicole Helling, Grace Makin, Stephanie Woodall, Olivia Baird, Georgie Lowery, Eve Cryer, Ellie Cockcroft.



Year 7 Tag Rugby

Congratulations to the following pupils who recently competed in a Bury Schools rugby competition. All pupils involved are very talented sportswomen who have been dedicated to extra-curricular activities throughout the year. Well done girls; keep up the excellent work: Mia Quirke, Isabella Kershaw, Sydney Williams, Sapphire White, Niamh James, Sophie Bowd-Mahon, Elizabeth Karran, Ella Brodigan, Jess Downes.



Mia and Maisie Linaker-Walsh

Congratulations to Mia and Maisie Linaker-Walsh who have successfully qualified for the British Trampoline finals in Birmingham, September 2018. It will be broadcast on TV and streamed live through BBC sport. If the girls perform well in this competition they will be selected to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Russia in November 2018. Mia has qualified in the 15-16 elite categories: she is the youngest in the group, aged 14, whilst Maisie is in the 11-12 elite categories. Good luck to both girls and congratulations on such a fantastic achievement.

