

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD A Catholic Academy for Girls *Weekly News – Issue 30* 12th May 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians Headteacher's Headlines...

Today has been a great day of celebration at the Ursuline as we celebrated the end of the taught year for Years 11 and 13, they do of course have their exams so it's not quite the end of the school year yet! During the assembly celebrations we looked back at past successes, the highs and lows and the journey our students have been on (see pages 13 - 14). I wish every student much success in their examinations and want them to know they are assured of my prayers throughout this time!

We have received applications from Year 12 students for the Head girl positions, it is exciting and very rewarding to read their letters which show such commitment to serving the school. #SERVIAM. On that note I would like to pay special attention to the amazing head girl team we have had this year. We are really going to miss this team of inspirational young women, they are the leaders of the future! I am personally very grateful to them for all their direct support during many events throughout the year, they've been fantastic.

Head Girl - Nicole Malwatta

Deputy Head Girls - Nereannah Olufusi, Abeer Kashif, Faiza Shakeel

Senior Prefects - Nicole Drydon Dias, Jessica Darwin, Shanice Hislop, Pooja Kaur, Tehreem Mir



Ms F Stone <u>headteacher@uai.org.uk</u>



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Chaplaincy News



Pope Francis@Pontifex – 10th May 2023

In our daily mission as baptised Christians, may the love of Christ push us towards the peripheries of our societies to meet our brothers and sisters who have been cast aside and abandoned, to show them the Lord's tenderness. #GeneralAudience



Forward in Joy – 366 days with Angela Merici – Daily words of wisdom from our patron saint May: Prudence

12th May: It is better to follow what is certain, without danger, than what is uncertain, with danger.

13th May: Indiscreetly hurting one's body would be sacrificing stolen goods.

14th May: Do everything with discernment and maturity of judgement.

15th May: Let their prudence be evident to all.

16th May: If, according to times and circumstances, the need arises to make new rules or do something differently, do it prudently and with good advice.

17th May: God has ordained from all eternity that those who are united in doing good enjoy every prosperity.

18th May: Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God.

Stewardship of Creation

In our RE lessons we are learning about Catholic Social Teachings and one of those principles is "Stewardship of Creation". We feel that this is really important as it is good for people to be in a cleaner environment and for us to care for our surroundings. These lessons made us think that we should take care of our world for the future generations and think about how we personally can make a change even if it is something small.

"Personally, I have been thinking about the amount of plastic water bottles I see thrown away or being used in school and how much waste that is. I want to encourage everyone to reuse and recycle" **Raheema**

"I have been making an effort to pick rubbish up when I come across it and throw it away even if it is not mine" *Chidera*

"In Islam we are also encouraged to be good stewards. The Quran says that we should take care of our environment and we all have a responsibility to do this" *Raheema*

In response to this teaching, a few of our class went outside after break time and picked up any litter we could find in the playground. It was a small action but we agreed that we can do this more often and encourage others to do it too. This is God's creation and we believe that it is EVERYONE'S responsibility regardless of what faith you are. We can all do our part!

Chidera and Raheema 9C







Laudato Si News

Our Laudato Si Committee were all hands-on deck during lunch last week helping to fill up the veg trug in our chapel peace garden, and in the coming weeks will spend more time getting their hands dirty and plant lots of flowers, fruit and veg. Well done to all!



AND...

Thank you to our wonderful Laudato Si Committee who were so helpful in filling up our second planter during lunch *this* week. Great work! We already have some growth in our planter in the Chapel Peace

Garden too thanks to all the rain! And much to our delight we have also noticed that some of the beautiful flowers that we planted last year in the courtyard are growing strong.

An extra special thanks to the London Children's Flower Society who have sent us lots of additional seeds and a lovely book to give us lots of tips and tricks on how to make our green space thrive.

Well done to all involved.







Ms Eakins

Chaplaincy Foodbank Visits

Just in case you were not aware, every month 6 students volunteer with the chaplain at our local food bank (Jubilee Church around the corner from school). It has been an amazing experience for them with many of them saying that they would love to do it again. It is amazing that we are seen to be living out our motto of Serviam in the community whilst also supporting an amazing charity.

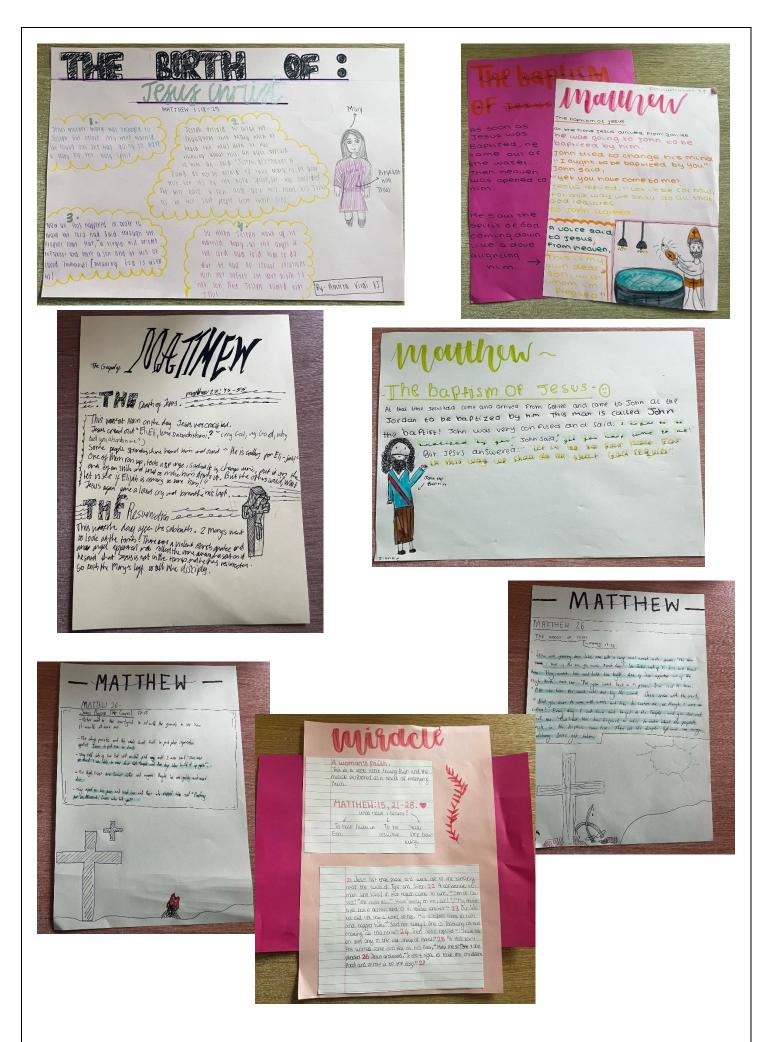
The other way that we try to support the Foodbank is through donations. We have two beautifully designed donation boxes in the chapel that are permanent fixtures now so that anyone can donate at any time. One Year 7 student brought in 12 items this morning and we are eternally grateful for her family's generosity. Please spare a thought, when doing your family shop, for those in need and if you are able to add a tin or packet to donate then please do.

Many thanks for all of your support already 🕹

8J RE Lessons

Today in RE we've talked about Jesus birth and here are some amazing artworks from 8J.

Please see photos below...



Chaplaincy Diary Dates



Chaplaincy Diary Dates

Movie Mondays Every Monday 12.40 – 1.30pm in chapel (all are welcome)

Every Tuesday there will be Chat and Chill with the Chaplain – A drop in session for all ages. Come and chat, chill, discuss new ideas and activities for chaplaincy, fundraise and more! Come and see!

Chaplaincy Team meetings Every Thursday **9am – 9.30am** (Alternate weeks for different year groups. Listen out for notices)

Feel Good Fridays – 12.40 – 1.30pm Every Friday (By invitation only) in Desenzano House



Jack Petchey News

A huge congratulations to **Phoebe Billy - Giwa** in Year 7 and **Semilore Ogunbajo** in Year 8 who both received their Jack Petchey awards this week.

Both students embody what it means to be SERVIAM and are incredibly helpful and kind towards others.

Phoebe has been described as a ray of sunshine. She is always smiling and brings so much positivity with her to every lesson. She is incredibly dedicated to her music lessons also and always goes the extra mile. She has also been known to sing hymns in her Religious studies lessons.

Semilore is an excellent student who is also incredibly kind, thoughtful and always beaming with positivity. Semilore always helps others and is always eager to engage in school activities. Semilore has shown great interest in one of our key Catholic Social Teaching principles - "option for the poor" and will always suggest ways that she can help those who need it the most. Semilore is also very keen to connect with other Ursuline Schools around the world so that we can learn more about their lives and culture!

Well done to both!



Semilore with Ms Eakins, Jack Petchey Coordinator. Phoebe



La Vida Charity project ¡Gracias!

You may remember from reading our Newsletter of 28th April that some Year 9 Spanish students took on the challenge of organising an exciting fund-raising project. They collected **£84** through a delicious cake and bake sale and a raffle, the prizes being a beauty hamper and a box of 12 cupcakes. The winners are **Zeyneb Siddiqui** (7T) (cupcakes) and **Ibtida Khan** (9C) (Beauty Hamper) Bravo!





iGracias, chicas! *Ms Delpech, Head of MFL*



Science News

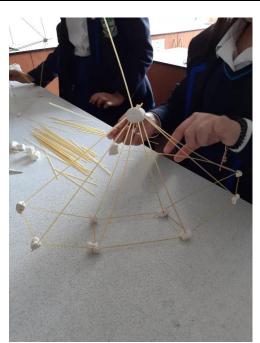
Science Club Week 16: Spaghetti Marshmallow Towers

This week in Science club we were engineering the tallest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. The tower had to be made to stand on its own with no support and each group were given a limited supply of marshmallows so had to be creative with them.

The two tallest towers were 90cm and 72cm so well done to those groups!

Some groups although may not have had the height certainly were creative with their designs and structures so well done for giving it a good go!

Thank you to my helpers Lilly (Y9), Laiba (Y12) and Miss Agudelo



Mr Uddin





Sixth Form News

This week Year 13 have been working hard preparing for exams and we finished with a celebratory assembly on Friday afternoon. Year 13 also wrote some wonderful letters to year 11 students wishing them good luck and sharing some

of their experiences at the Ursuline Academy Sixth form, some of which I will share here. We would like to wish all our wonderful Year 13 students the best of luck for the exam season. It is not goodbye as we will still be supporting Year 13 through the exam season, and as one of our school mottos is 'Once an Ursuline, always an Ursuline' we hope to all keep in touch and hear the fantastic things that are achieved post 16. It has been our pleasure to teach and support our students over the last 2 to 7 years (if they have been with us since Year 7!) and we hope that they get all that they dream of in life.

Some dates to be aware of:

REPLYING TO UNDERGRADUATE OFFERS

Make sure you know about the deadlines. These are based on when you get the last decision in from your University or Colleges. Check your application to see your personal deadline.

If you receive your last decision on or before **18 May** 2023, your reply date is **8 June 2023** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before **12 July 2023**, your reply date is **17 July 2023** (including Extra choices).

KEY INFORMATION - SUMMER EXAMS 2023

A Level exams will be held between **15 May** and **28 June 2023.** A Level **results day** is Thursday 17 August.

Candidates sitting exams this summer <u>must</u> keep the following **contingency days** available, in case exams have to be moved nationally "in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations":

8 June (pm)

15 June (pm)

28 June (am and pm)

Students should be reminded not to book holidays before the final contingency day.

Well done for finishing Year 1? Nou olid it? Remember to focus on Your exams, don't get too excited OD Readthe questions 3 times, pace yourself and save time to read your work? Ngi, I think you should stay here for sixth form because the teachers will support you so much and they want to see you do well. Whatever decision you make, remember #SERVIAM? Once an Ursuline, always an Ursuline? Lots of love, Kim W

Good Luck on your examis, and don't Areas too much Remember to take breaks when beking. My experience here at the usualine sixth form has probally been too best. I have onet the best friends, and reviewed the best import and help from all RF the beaches. by being in this sixth form, this has helped me to Mach my full potential and achieve the grades I wanked. I nope you are able to achieve the grades you wanked and kimember to rever streps boing into sixth form can be overwhelming but, you honestly will be able to make the best friends and memories. While going to this sixth form I have defineltly been happy with making the devision of going to this school.

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From Hanifah.

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Good week on your exams, you guys are gerra do soo good. Rememberte take brakes when revising. Reminder: Grades den't define your?

If house going sidth form 1404 won't regret it hu experience neve has been underlienable. Imade life long friends and have had the best support and never from all teachers. The school is like a small community? You will cherish your time here :).

Ms Basi, Head of Year 13

<u>Uniform</u>



Perhaps it's because we are heading toward the end of the school year, but we have noticed that uniform standards are starting to slip. Please see below for a reminder of our 'rules'...

Uniform Guidance at the Ursuline Academy

What are the uniform items you must wear?



- School blazer with SERVIAM badge pinned to the lapel
- White shirt/blouse
- School V-neck sweater or cardigan
- Blue school skirt worn to the knee
- White or Navy knee length socks or

black or navy tights

- Black, flat-heeled school shoes [leather or leather appearance].
- Head coverings must be blue or black
- Cloth coats [no real or imitation leather] must be plain black or blue and *longer* than the blazer
- · Hair must be 'natural' colours only

Optional: two plain studs worn in the lobe of each ear, a small religious symbol on a thin plain chain, a watch.

- · Additional jewellery or smart watches
- Hair accessories must be black, blue or clear only
- Nail polish or nail extensions
- Make-up
- · False eye lashes or eyelash extensions
- 'Hoodies'
- Leggings
- Socks over tights
- Sweaters must be worn correctly and not tied at the back



What are you not allowed to wear?



End of Year CELEBRATION Year 11 & 13 Assemblies













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Join us for our three day Summer Taster programme and get a taste of student life with LIBF

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Do you feel unsure about your university choices or how student life will suit you?

Every year, we host a three-day <u>Summer Taster programme</u>, where students just like you get together to experience university life in the heart of London's thriving financial district. It's a great chance to meet other students, who you may be studying alongside in the future, as well as:

- exploring the career paths the financial services sector has to offer
- touring London's financial district, one of the top global financial hubs

 getting an insider view from an expert panel discussion and Q&A and so much more!

The London Institute of Banking and Finance is not your typical institution. We're small and specialised, placing extra attention on careers and employability through our degree programmes. We also regularly run <u>REACH events</u> for mature, ethnically diverse and female students with the aim of making the finance sector more inclusive and representative of our society.

If you have any further questions about Summer Taster programme, or want to find out a little bit more, <u>head to our website</u>. <u>email our team</u> or catch us at a UCAS fair this June. We'll be exhibiting at Maidstone, East London, Colchester and Bedfordshire – see you there!



Get a taste of studying an Animation, Games or VFX degree

Post-16 students are invited to our undergraduate taster day on Saturday 13th May, a perfect introduction to industry software taught on our degrees in **animation**, **video games**, and **VFX**. Please share the details with students who may be interested in attending.

Why join our taster day?

- Take your seat at a workstation for a taster session in your chosen discipline
- Try out some industry software we teach; either Unreal Engine, Maya or Toon Boom Harmony!
- Add some digital artwork to your portfolio
- Explore our state-of-the-art studios in London!

This is a great opportunity for students interested in a career in one of the UK's estimated 2.29 million jobs in the creative industries! (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, 2022)

Event details

Date: Saturday 13th May

Time: 10.30am - 1.45pm

Where: Escape Studios, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH

Impetus Scholarship Application - Future Engineering Leaders Programme.

Impetus education

Apply for scholarships to our Future Engineering Leaders programme. The deadline for scholarship applications is fast approaching and we encourage all eligible students to apply by **May 31st**. Please see the details of the scholarship attached.

To apply for the scholarship, students can visit www.impetus.education/scholarship.

We are offering one full scholarship worth £1090 and ten 50% scholarships worth £545 each. The programmes will be running **online** in **July and August 2023**.

This is a great opportunity for students aged 16-18 to pursue their passion for engineering and gain valuable skills and knowledge from our expert tutors who are alumni of **Cambridge University**. The programme covers a range of topics including the latest innovations in manufacturing technologies and artificial intelligence.



Work Experience in Law.

CMS Connect (work experience)

CMS is a founding member of <u>PRIME</u>, an organisation formed by various UK law firms committed to improving access to the legal profession.

During the sustained programme of support, students will develop skills that all employers look out for, not just those in the legal profession. This happens through:

- Paid work experience this summer (7th 11th August 2023)
- Mentoring
- UCAS application skills workshop

And much more! Successful applicants can also be spring-boarded to the CMS Solicitor Apprenticeship or undergraduate careers programmes.

We will be running CMS Connect across our London, Bristol, Sheffield and Glasgow offices.

To find out more, check eligibility and apply, visit: <u>www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/work-</u> <u>experience/</u>

Applications opened on 24 April 2023.

Applications close on:CMS Connect 9 June 2023



INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LAW

We're not just about law. Our undergraduate courses in

law, **business**, **criminology**, **policing**, **psychology** and **computer science** have been specially designed to give students an exciting, practical and academic experience, teaching them real-world skills so they can achieve their career ambitions. We have campuses in 6 locations including London, Birmingham, Bristol, Nottingham, Manchester and Leeds, as well as an online campus (courses vary depending on location).

SUMMER OPEN DAYS

Our in-person Open Days, on Saturday 17 June and Saturday 8 July 10am-12.30pm, are an ideal opportunity for your students to find out what it's like to study at The University of Law. They can meet our tutors and current students and get all their questions answered. We also have a virtual Open Day on Thursday 22 June 4-6pm for those who can't make the ones on campus

Explore our Open Days

OTHER EVENTS

Real World Lectures

Wednesday 17 May – How is mental health protected by the law? (virtual) Tuesday 6 June - Does the law support the LGBTQ+ community? (virtual) Wednesday 28 June - Can the law effectively regulate cyberspace? (virtual) **True Crime**

Wednesday 24 May - The Oscar Pistorius Case (virtual)

Book here

Ms Finlay, Careers Coordinator



#FosteringCommunities. Foster for Redbridge.

Redbridge Foster Carers share what it is like to be part of the Redbridge Fostering Community and caring for the Borough's most vulnerable children as part of the Foster Care Fortnight #FosteringCommunities campaign. Take a look at what our foster carers say <u>https://youtu.be/4rnBZ3Ypqbl</u>

If you have a place in your heart and home to foster, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email <u>fostering@redbridge.gov.uk</u> or join us on our next virtual information session on 19 May 2023 at 10am to 11am. Visit <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foster-for-redbridge-coffee-morning-190523-10-11am-tickets-560846265277</u> to book a place.

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Foster for Redbridge 020 8708 6068 fostering@redbridge.gov.uk

Would you like to understand more about county lines in Redbridge, Havering, Barking & Dagenham?



Free webinar for parents & carers

25th May, 7.00 - 8.30pm



your area

Register: METParentWebinar.eventbrite.com







Are you entitled? Did you know...just registering your daughter for Free School Meals means

that our school gets extra money!!

You can register your daughter for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less that £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get Free School Meals.

If you want your daughter to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – she will get a free meal (saving you more than £400 per year!). There is NO stigma attached and no one will know because we operate a cashless payment system in our Dining Hall.

If you qualify but don't want your daughter to have Free School Meals, please still register as the school will get additional funding. Your daughter can still continue to have her packed lunch as normal!

To apply please complete the on-line Free School Meals application on the Redbridge.gov.uk website. You can apply regardless of which borough you live in because your daughter attends a school in Redbridge. It is a simple 1-page form, so don't delay, apply today!!

It is important to note that:

- Taking the meal is recommended but not compulsory
- Your daughter may receive additional help as a result of being registered, for example, help with the cost of music lessons or school trips
- No one will know and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming
- Registering your daughter for Free School Meals will bring in more money to our school.

Thank you for your co-operation!



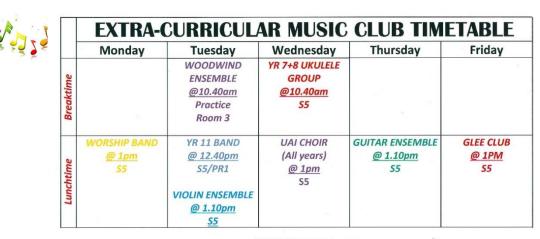


Extra-Curricular Activities

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	Indoor Rowing - All Year Groups: CHB	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Gym					
	Worship Band – All Years: SDE	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S5					
	Maths Intervention – Year 11: SAH	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	F15					
	Chemistry Club – All Years: JOS	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G8					
	Athletic – All Years: JMA	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Gym					
Tuesday								
	Woodwind Ensemble – All Years: SDE	10.40 – 11.00a.m.	Practice Room 3					
	Maths Club – All Year Groups: TKO	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	S6					
	Contemporary Dance – Years 7 & 8: SFR	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Dance Studio					
	Badminton – Years 11 & 6 th Form: DEA	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Gym					
	Eco Warriors Club – Years 7 & 8: HCO/JMC	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G3					
	Year 11 Band: SDE	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	S5/PR1					
	Violin Ensemble – All Years: SDE	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	S5					
	STEM Club - All Year Groups: AKO	1.00 – 1. 30p.m	G12					
	Drama Club – Years 7 & 8: IMI	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	Drama Studio					
	Rounders – All Years: CHB	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Gym					
Wednesday			10 11					
,	Ukulele Group – Years 7 & 8: DEA	10.40 – 11.00a.m.	S5					
	Fitness – All Years: CHB	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Gym					
	LGBTQ+ 'Alphabet Soup' Club – All Year Groups: HMA/EDO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F19					
	Science Club (Selected Students): PBH	12.45 - 1.15	G10					
	Board Games Club – All Year Groups: BFA	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	F13					
	French Club – Years 7 & 8L LDE	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G6					
	Geography Intervention: HCO	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G3					
	UAI Choir – All Years: SDE	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S5					
		1.00 1.40p.m.	55					
	Football - Vears 0, 10 % 11 + PUL/CSC	2 20 <u>4 20</u> m	Playground					
	Football – Years 9, 10 & 11: LBU/CSC	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground G3					
	Geography Revision: HCO/JMC	3.20 – 4.20p.m.						
Thursday	DT GCSE Catch Up Session: AKO	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	G12					
Thursday	Art GCSE Coursework & Intervention: RBU	12.40 1.40m m	S2					
		12.40 – 1.40p.m.						
	P E GCSE Coursework & Intervention – Group 2: CHB/SFR	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G18					
	Chess Club – All Year Groups: LFI/BFA	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G7					
	STEM Club - All Year Groups: AKO	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G12					
	Guitar Ensemble – All Years: SDE	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S5					
	Handball – Years 8 & 9: SFR	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Gym					
	GCSE Computer Science Catch Up Session – Years 10 & 11: RMI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	F6					
	Year 11 English 5 o clock Club: MCR/LBU/LCA/FCH	3.30 – 5.00p.m.	F8					

Friday			
	Art Club – All Year Groups: RBU	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	S2
	Multi Games – SS Students (Invitation only): JMA/BTEC Students	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Gym
	Glee Club – All Years: SDE	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S5
	Running Club – All Year Groups: JMA/NHA	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Gym

P E Clubs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Indoor Rowing All Years Gym (Ms Harrison- Bloomfield)	Contemporary Dance Years 7 & 8 Dance Studio (Ms Francis) Badminton Years 11& 6 TH Form Gym (Ms Eakins)	Fitness All Years Gym (Ms Harrison- Bloomfield)	GCSE PE Coursework & Intervention Group 2 G18 (Ms Harrison- Bloomfield & Ms Francis)	Multi Games SS Students (Invitation only) Gym (Mrs Mansell & BTEC Students)
After School 3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Athletics All Years Playground/Gym (Mrs Mansell)	Rounders All Years Playground/Gym Ms Harrison- Bloomfield	Football Years 9, 10 & 11 Playground (Mr Burt/ Ms Scallan)	Handball Years 8 & 9 Playground/Gym (Ms Francis)	Running Club All Years Playground/Gyn (Mrs Mansell & Ms Harrington)





A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is a gift for us too. Pope Francis reminds us that, "The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles and God wants this gift to reach everyone."

Wednesday 10th May 2023

The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus - to do good things and be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace which come from God.

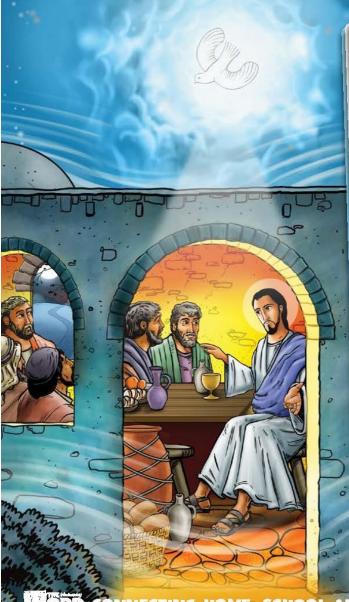
Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HELPER**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



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To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 14th May 2023



Jesus said to the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, but you

know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. (will not leave you orphaned: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will still see me. Then you will know that (am in my Father, and you are in me, and (am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. (will love them, and they will see me as (truly am."

> Adapted from John 14:15-21 The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

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"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." *Pope Francis*

NECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEI



The Holy Spirit is our helper - alive and active today - nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self-control, patience, faithfulness and kindness. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.



Our Special Time Together

Jesus said to his friends, the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I will pray to the Father and he will give you a Helper (the Holy Spirit) to be with you forever. I will not leave you alone. I will come back to you. I am going back to the Father now, but you will see me because I am alive. And because I live, you will live too. Anyone who loves me keeps my commandments. And those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."



Why did Jesus say he would pray to the Father? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



God sends the Holy Spirit, our helper, to teach us and to be with us always.

Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help to your child? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children, other people, or directly by the Holy Spirit, and describe the difference that this help made to your life. Then each of you talk about an occasion when you went out of your way to help someone. What does your child know about the Holy Spirit (the third Person of the Holy Trinity), our helper?

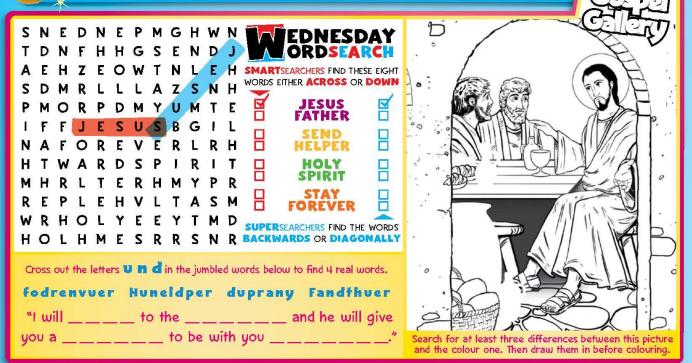
"Happy the person whose words come from the Holy Spirit." St Anthony of Padua

We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide and help us to do and say the right thing. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; use kind words; set the table and help each other with the dishes. Are there any vulnerable or lonely people in your community who may especially need your help right now? What could you do to help?

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

Dear Lord Jesus, please send your Holy Spirit into our lives to be our helper \geq to guide us, so that we can be a great help to those around us. Amenst ,



When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, our helper, to help us to choose the right way to live.

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