



CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

VERITAS

NEWSLETTER



A message from the Headteacher

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to ensure this term has been such an enormous success. It has been wonderful to see our students thrive and enjoying all aspects of school life. To celebrate this, we are launching our newsletter: 'Veritas' which highlights just how much our school community achieve not just for ourselves but for the wider community of which we are a part.

This last year has continued to be challenging but as a school and community we have come together. We have stood together through this incredibly challenging time and we continue to come through it together. There is a sense of community and feeling of family that is incredibly special at Cardinal Heenan, the support and eagerness to help others is inspiring.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year, but we ask that you check the website before the end of the holidays for any updates. All students and staff should complete a Lateral Flow Test on the evening of the 3rd or the morning of the 4th January before they return.

It just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful and Holy Christmas.

Mr Kelly, Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Start of term: 04/01/22

**Whole school Covid-19 testing:
04/01/22**

**Year 11 Mock examinations:
05/01/22 - 17/01/22**

Staff Training Day: 04/02/22

**Year 8 Options Evening:
10/02/22**

Half Term starts: 21/02/22



YEAR 7 GIFT OF A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS

Benedict Cumberbatch commented; "I can feel infinitely alive curled up on the sofa reading a book" a sentiment we could not agree with more. Reading is something which as a school we treasure and are delighted to be participating in the BookTrust's Book Buzz programme.

Our Year 7 students have enjoyed choosing their favourite book from a list of books on the BookTrust's Book Buzz programme. The 17 titles included a wide variety, from non-fiction reads for curious minds, to fast-paced page-turners.

Every student in Year 7 has received the gift of a book for Christmas, having chosen their favourite during library lessons. We hope they enjoy them.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On 15th December students and staff wore an eclectic range of Christmas jumpers. The day was a really fun way to get everyone into the festivities. Students and staff raised over £970 for The Catholic Care Christmas Appeal. The Christmas Appeal focuses on the neediest people in our own communities, for whom this time of year can be especially difficult – with no festivities, no Christmas dinner, and no presents for the children. This appeal helps bring the Christmas spirit of love and generosity to those with so little, and bring a smile back to their faces. Thank you for your support.



LIBRARY CRAFT CLUB



A group of Year 7 and Year 10 students have been busy in the library every lunchtime making button Christmas trees which they have sold to raise money for new library books. Next half term, they are going to be busy making cards and other gifts using buttons.

THANK YOU



Thanks again this year to our friends at The Myrtle Tavern for their donation of our school Christmas tree. It sits nicely in our school foyer.

Real trees are still available to buy from them until 19th December.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friends of Cardinal Heenan was launched in September. Our first event, the annual Christmas Fayre, was on Wednesday 1st December. The Fayre was very well supported, and everyone enjoyed a variety of Christmas stalls, tombolas, along with mulled wine and mince pies.

We all got into the festive spirit with wonderful performances from the choirs at Immaculate Heart and Holy Name primary schools. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, the money raised will be shared between our Duke of Edinburgh scheme; the school Library; Catholic Care and Friends of Cardinal Heenan.

We are planning more events in the new year. If you would like to get involved, please email fch@cardinalheenan.com.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD FUNDRAISING

The current Duke of Edinburgh's Award group is the largest Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School has ever had. They are very committed and determined to make their mark by fundraising to buy expedition kit for the school.

Their endeavours to date have been widespread: making and selling sweet cones at the Christmas Fayre whilst running the 'festive snowball target game' on the night and making and selling refreshments at the Year 7 disco and helping cleaning up at the end of the night.

We look forward to seeing what fundraising plans they come up with next and their progress on the Award.

DAY OF THE DEAD CAKE STALL

In November, Year 8 students baked Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) themed cakes as part of their Spanish homework. The students enjoyed being very creative with some fun and elaborate decorations. The cakes were sold in school and raised £90 and will be combined with other events for the Good Shepherd Appeal.





DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Every Thursday a lively debate on a broad range of topics has been enjoyed by the debating society. The topics discussed ranged from paternity leave and second jobs for MPs to whether dogs are better than cats.

Congratulations to three Year 9 students (Anna, Alicia and Orlaith) who have progressed to the next round of the ESU's Schools' Mace Competition. Good luck in the next debate.

Another Year 9 team (Jayden, Lois and Evie) recently participated in the ESU's Public Speaking competition. They competed against two strong teams of Year 11 students and the judges commented that they were some of the best Year 9 speakers he had seen and that he was confident that they would go on to achieve great success next year with the benefit of more experience.

YEAR 9 BIMA DIGITAL DAY

The BIMA Digital Day gave 60 of our Year 9 students a fascinating insight into a world of digital careers. Numiko, an award-winning digital agency based in Leeds, hosted the day.



The students had to prepare digital pitches on climate change and the competition was fierce. The overall winners 'climate change team' were praised for their solution which was 'useable, achievable, accessible and driven by data.' Their entry has been entered into a national competition.

SHELL ENGINEERING STEM DAY

Understanding the wider context of the subjects that comprise STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is vital for our students and helping to ensure that they have a good understanding of the career options they have.

Earlier this term 70 Year 8 and 9 students participated in workshops organised in association with Shell Energy. The workshops provided an introduction to engineering and focused on group work and the importance of STEM subjects.

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

With the aim to excite young people's interest in engineering via the medium of aerospace fifteen Year 10 students attended a workshop delivered at GSAL by the Sandy Gunn charity. The day looked at aerospace engineering and the future labour market. Thanks to GSAL for hosting the event.

RESTART A HEART

Restart a Heart Day 2021 saw all Year 11 students take part in a one-hour session to learn the basics of First Aid, CPR and practising using a defibrillator.

Thank you to First on Scene for delivering the workshops, these life-saving skills are invaluable. Our students developed confidence in the vital life-saving skills needed to deal with a wide range of situations that could arise at any time.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our careers programme either virtually or in person.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALLING SUCCESS

In their debut season of secondary school football, the year 8 boys' football team have excelled themselves.

The team have compiled an impressive record with wins against Roundhay, Allerton High, Co-op Academy Priesthorpe, Lawnswood and Prince Henry's. The team reached the quarter-finals of the Leeds Schools' Cup where they lost 2-1 to Temple Moor. As the team pushed for a winning goal, a last minute counter-attack led to a deflected shot that cruelly wrongfooted the Heenan keeper.

Competition for team places has been fierce with up to thirty boys attending training weekly. The team now turn their attention to their league fixtures in Spring.

NETBALL

Netball has been very popular this term with over 65 students attending extracurricular sessions. Everyone has enjoyed participating in matches. Congratulations to our Year 8 team (U13) and Year 11 (U16) currently sitting at the top of the Leeds Netball Schools Association League. Special mention to the Year 7 Netballers (U12) who have really got stuck into competitive interschool fixtures.

U14 GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE



Congratulations to the U14 girls' football team who represented Cardinal Heenan in the English Schools' Football Association National Cup. 382 teams initially entered the competition and the girls made it through to the fifth round. On Monday they faced South Hunsley School & Sixth Form College, they gave absolutely everything to the match but unfortunately it wasn't their day. Well done to the team for an outstanding performance.

**SPORTS CAPTAINS AND VICE
CAPTAINS TO BE ANNOUNCED VERY
SOON! WATCH THIS SPACE**

YEAR 9 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The team have had a successful start to the year with three victories from their opening four matches. A narrow defeat in their first game to Farnley Academy was soon banished and three outstanding victories have followed against Allerton High, Lawnswood and Pudsey Grammar School.

The team face Mount St Mary's in the next round of the Leeds Schools' Cup after our festive break.

TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to our Y10 & Y11 teams that are joint top of their league after the first league meet.

BADMINTON

Congratulations to our KS3 girls & boys and our KS4 boys teams who remain unbeaten in their league with lots more badminton planned for the new year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Evangeline Rose in Year 9, who last Saturday participated in the LSAA West Yorkshire Cross Country trials at GSAL. Finishing a strong third and qualifying for the West Yorkshire race taking place in February 2022.



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ADVENT

Our staff and students have been sharing the hope and love of Christmas this Advent through their giving. We were able to bless others and give generously to the St Vincent De Paul Toy Appeal because of the thoughtful donations of our community.



Our Year 7 and 9 Chaplaincy Team made Christmas Cards for prisoners and our Year 9 Team are collecting loose change to buy pyjamas to spread Christmas joy to others.

We are also collecting essential items for those in need this Christmas too. Thank you Cardinal Heenan!

HAVE A PEACEFUL & HOLLY
Christmas

AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE AT
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