



St Josephine Bakhita



Next Friday, 8 February, is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita. Aged 9, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery, and since her canonisation in 2000 her Feast Day has been a day when the church prays for the issues of modern slavery and human trafficking.

In England & Wales the day has usually been marked by a Mass at Westminster Cathedral. This year it was decided that the event should be moved out of London and we were asked to host it in school. So that we can involve as many students as possible we have planned a series of events next Friday: Year 10 will have an assembly at the start of the day, the Sixth Form will have a workshop and Liturgy later in the morning, and Year 11 will have something similar in the afternoon.

I am delighted that there will be two bishops with us for the Liturgy: Bishop Patrick Lynch from Southwark and our own Bishop Alan.

Leading up to the day students in Key Stage 3 will be learning about the perils of modern slavery and human trafficking and producing some work for display during the Liturgy.

This is a unique opportunity for the school and will be very educational for the students. It is a very contemporary issue and some of the details around it are shocking yet valuable lessons for life.

More details next week.

Mrs Pereira

Today our new headteacher is making the first of three planned visits to the school this term. She and I will be working to achieve a smooth handover at Easter to ensure that the school continues to function without interruption. She will formally introduce herself to students in assemblies at the start of next term, but if you see me with a visitor today you now know who it is!

Year 9 Options

The turnout on Tuesday was very high which suggests that students and parents appreciate how important this process is. We hope that you found the event helpful. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers and older students before making their decisions, but please note that the deadline of 15 February must be adhered to.

Sean Hayes

Safer Internet Day - 5 February 2019

Again we will be marking Safer Internet Day in school the week beginning the 4 September 2019. During this week all assemblies will focus on how students can remain safe online and act responsibly when using the internet.



The following are the top 5 tips for a safer internet.

- 1. Choose Consent**
Always ask others before sharing something about them.
- 2. Choose to be supportive**
Offer support or report posts or accounts that might be upsetting or offensive.
- 3. Choose to be in control**
Take the time to look at your privacy settings of your favourite accounts.
- 4. Choose to find out more**
Always check terms and conditions before signing up to a new app, to make sure you are aware how your data is stored and used by apps on your device.
- 5. Choose to talk about it**
If you are not sure what to do or how to respond to something online, then talk to someone about it. Together for a better internet.



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Holocaust Educational Trust

The Year 12 history students and a selection from Year 9 took part in a live stream webcast with the Holocaust Educational Trust. The students watched an interview with Holocaust survivor Harry Spiro and Judge Robert Rinder, whose grandfather came to England with Harry in 1945. Harry told of his survival at a number of concentration camps including Buchenwald and Theresienstadt. It was a very interesting and moving discussion and there was time at the end to ask Harry questions about the importance of remembering the Holocaust and challenging hatred and prejudice.



Miss Cox



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ROOM 211

**Your Year 11
Study Room
Period 5
Wednesday and Thursday**

CCF News

Two weeks ago, the cadet contingent was looking to fill 20 spaces. We ended up welcoming nearly 50 at the first introductory session. Mr Chesham and I were stunned when we first walked in to the room. It has been an extreme learning curve and we have lost a few along the way who realised it was not for them. Thankfully, we are ready to welcome the 42 new recruits fully in next week's session. We would like to congratulate all of those still with us and hope that they maintain the extraordinarily high standards they have so far shown.



**Academic Tutoring Year 10:
4 February - 15 February**

Activities Day

Activities Day will take place on Wednesday 17 July 2019. The students have received a booklet this week outlining the many different activities that are on offer. Next week the students will need to return their booking forms. It is essential they do so in order to get a place on the activity they most want to do. All students will be notified of which activity they have been allocated by Tuesday 12 February and the deposits are due by Friday 15 February. If students do not bring in their deposit their place may be given to a student on the waiting list for the activity.

Please discuss your child's choices with them and ensure that you are aware of any costs attached.

Year 7 and 8 Disco

As part of our 60th anniversary fundraising activities, we are having a Year 7 and 8 disco on Friday 1 March, between 5.00 and 7.00pm. Tickets cost £2.50 and will be on sale from Student Services from Monday onwards. There will also be a special tuck shop run by Mrs Reid on the night, so students can bring money to purchase drinks and snacks.

Myriad Project

This week in our mindfulness sessions, students have been looking at how they can tame their animal minds. This builds on the work done on attention last week. Students have been introduced to the idea of, rather than ignoring a stormy mind, turning to face it and observing what is happening. We have done a practice called a FOFBOC (Feet On Floor Bum on Chair) to try and help students learn how to anchor themselves during difficult times. Students are encouraged to take part in the home practice and they can also attend room 210 at 1.30 every Monday for a group session on the home practice led by Miss Wilson.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Last week a group of year 9 drama students, the CCF and our Head Boy and Head Girl, Gamu and Nicole, took part in the Peterborough ceremonies to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. The drama group performed a moving piece of drama in Cathedral Square, watched by many members of the public. The CCF were part of the formal parade and all attended the service in Peterborough Cathedral afterwards. We have had so many positive comments about the quality of the students' performance and about their conduct during the event. Well done to all involved and thank you to the staff who supported them.

Year 9 Options Support

Year 9s can come to the Study Centre at break and lunchtime if they need help completing their options online.



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