



A New Term

Welcome back to a new term. It hardly seems possible that we have reached this point in the year. Students have returned well this week and continue to work hard. This term will be a time of recovery and looking forward.

Testing

The majority of students and all staff are now getting used to home testing twice a week using Lateral Flow Testing.



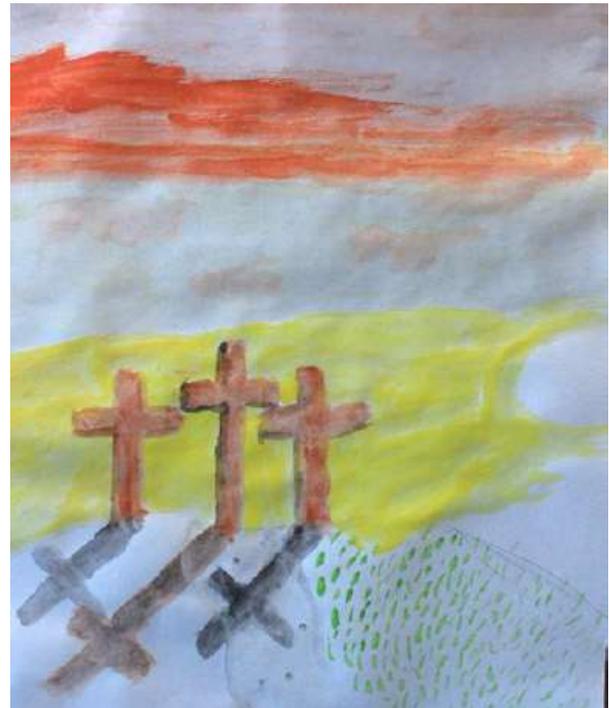
Please continue to support your child in this so we can continue to identify any positive cases of COVID-19 quickly.

Kate Pereira



Easter Art Competition

Over Easter our students were invited to take part in an Easter Art competition. Students from several schools were invited to paint a scene from the Easter story. The entries received were excellent and have now been sent off to be judged by The Knights of St. Columbia. Well done to our students who submitted beautiful work!



Entry from Dhani Lane – Year 8

RE Department News

During February, students took part in a project that was based on St Josephine Bakhita. They engaged well in this project and produced a variety of exceptionally good work that presented the hardships faced by St Josephine Bakhita as she was kidnapped and enslaved. We formed a mini competition and the winner is Jude Staton who produced an amazing newspaper article about a world free from slavery. Well done also to Jasmin Lewis and Modaser Azizi who wrote a powerful prayer and poem about St Josephine. Students can see the display on the RE corridor.



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Take Your Place at the Parent and Carer Higher Education Open Days

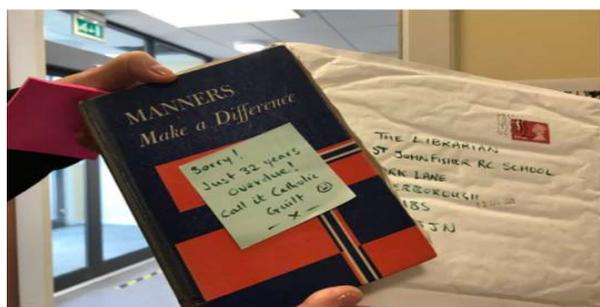


Parents of Year 10 - 13 students are invited by Take Your Place to their bite sized open day event to help simplify the process of applying for a Higher Education place.

The first event takes place on 18 April and will be repeated on 21 April. Parents of students in Years 10 – 13 received an email last month with details on how to secure a free ticket to the virtual open day.

Better Late Than Never!

We would like to thank our former student who returned this book borrowed from our Library in 1989. We've done a quick calculation on the possible fine that will be overlooked and it would be approximately £832. Please rest assured all is forgiven!



Study Centre

The Study Centre is available for years 7 and 8 on a rota basis. It is open after school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm for supervised study. We would particularly encourage any students struggling to organise their homework to attend.

Students will need to book a slot with their tutor or at Student Services. It will be operated on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 20 students per day.

Day	Year
Monday	7
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	7
Thursday	8
Friday	7

WOW – Audacious

The theme for this week's thoughts is 'Creative and Talents'. The word audacious has been chosen, as to describe someone using this adjective means they are willing to take risks. It is important that we take risks and that we are brave and fearless. God has given us many talents that we can share, so we should audaciously show these to the world. On Wednesday 21 April it is World Creativity and Innovation Day, therefore it is the perfect opportunity to share your talents. Pope John Paul II has spoken about this opportunity to be audacious and show off your talents when he said, "Those who perceive in themselves this kind of divine spark which is the artistic vocation—as poet, writer, sculptor, architect, musician, actor and so on—feel at the same time the obligation not to waste this talent but to develop it, in order to put it at the service of their neighbour and of humanity as a whole." (Pope John Paul II)

We also celebrate St George's Day on Friday, 23 April. He too links to the WOW as he was a daring soldier who bravely killed a dragon and is now the patron Saint of England.



Word of the Week: Audacious

- adjective

1. showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.

– "a series of audacious takeovers"

- Similar: bold, daring, fearless, intrepid, brave, unafraid

2. showing an impudent lack of respect.

– "he made an audacious remark"

- Similar: impudent, impertinent, insolent, presumptuous, forward, cheek

