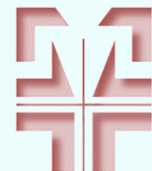


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Forthcoming events

Trinity 1

Thursday 28 April
and Thursday 5 May
Year 6 Introduction
Evenings

Monday 9 May
May Day Bank Holi-
day

Tuesday 10 May—
Friday 13 May
Year 10 Exams

Friday 13 May
Year 8 reports

Monday 16 May
GCSE written
exams start

Thursday 19 May
Year 7 reports

Friday 20 May
Year 9 short reports

Wednesday 25 May
Sports Heats

St Michael's Newsletter: Lent 2

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

As the Lent term draws to a close and we prepare for Easter it is good to reflect on events that have taken place this term and look forward to the Trinity term.

It has been wonderful to see so many clubs and wider curricular opportunities on offer again this half term. We have some way to go to get participation levels back to pre-covid times, but I do want to thank so many of our pupils for embracing the numerous opportunities available at St Michael's in addition to rising to the challenges of their academic studies.



Year 11

We are now very close to the main GCSE written examination period. Year 11 are an amazing year group and deserve to do very well. We are doing all we can to work with you in supporting your children through this pressured time. Please let Mrs McCaffrey know if you have any concerns about your child in the remaining few weeks. You have already received details of the comprehensive programme of revision and support that is available to your son or daughter. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 11 to school on Thursday 23 June at 11.15 for our special leavers' service.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers who support school in our drive for the highest standards of uniform amongst all our pupils. The length of some girls' skirts is becoming a concern again and I remind parents and carers that the length must be within three inches of the knee. We are also grateful for your support in relation to coats, hair style and make up/ fake tan. Our full uniform list is available at the front of your child's organiser. If you are in any doubt about any item of uniform please contact your child's tutor, Pupil Manager or Mr Chadwick.

Student Leadership

Thank you to Year 10 pupils who have been motivated to apply and subsequently interviewed, to represent the school in the role of prefect next year. We are currently in the midst of our rigorous selection process for the most senior student leadership roles in school, with interviews taking place after the Easter break. It is a great privilege to be able to read so many wonderful letters of application expressing what St Michael's means to so many of our young people. Year 7 pupils have also applied for the role of 'Bridge Buddy' to help aid the transition process between primary and secondary school for the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September.

Charitable Giving

Thank you to all pupils and parents/carers for your support for our Lent Appeal. The funds raised this term will be supporting Comic Relief, Ukraine and our Year group Charities (Year 7- LEpra, Year 8-Yohaly, Sponsor a Child, Year 9 – Young Minds, Year 10 – Cry School, Lusaka, Year 11 – Help the Homeless).

Wider Curricular Opportunities

I am sure that you will enjoy the half term summary attached to our newsletter which provides a snapshot of the wonderful array of enrichment opportunities that

our pupils are participating in. Some of the highlights of this half term include World Book Day along with the success which our pupils have experienced in several competitions; including handball, netball and cricket.

Astley Road

Please can we ask for your continued support in dropping off and picking children up away from school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Like many schools we are working hard to ensure that attendance and punctuality levels return to their 'pre covid' levels. Please can we remind all parents/carers that pupils are expected to be seated in their tutorial rooms by 8.50am every day (not arriving at the perimeter of the school premises at this time).

After Easter, pupils who are late arriving to school will be spoken to by a member of senior staff. There will be a consequence issued and the situation will be monitored closely. Should it continue we will invite parents/ carers into school to discuss the issues around this. (If it is a school bus that it is late this does not affect punctuality.) Our high expectations at St Michael's apply to all areas of school life. As a school, a key responsibility is to help prepare our young people for life beyond school. Poor punctuality is not tolerated in the workplace and is simply not acceptable in school.

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Any pupil's absence/ late arrival also disrupts teaching routines and may affect the learning of others in the same class. I am sure that you are aware that ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is the legal responsibility of the parent/carer and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution. Thank you to all parents/ carers for your support in helping us to make improvements in this area of school life.

Staff

I am delighted to inform you that our Data Manager/ Exams Officer, Mrs Lissie Lever, has given birth to a son William Jack. Her maternity leave is being covered by Mrs Christina Brook. Our Wellbeing Administrative Officer, Mrs Clare Quin, is leaving at the end of this term and we wish her well in her new post.

Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all parents/ carers for the efforts you have made to support your son/ daughter in attending Consultation Evening this year. We value enormously the role that you play in our home school partnership. As we begin to make plans for the new academic year, we are interested to hear whether you would prefer to attend consultation evenings in school or online. There will always be some events that are held in school (Covid permitting) which will give us the chance to see you in person and enable you to come into the school building where your children spend so much of their time. (Introduction evenings, Year 7 Information Evening, Year 7 Tutor Information Evening, Year 9 Options Evening, Year 10 Curriculum Evening, Year 11 Revision Evening, for example.) If you wish to express a view, please would you be kind enough to [complete the question here](#).

The Lent term comes to a close on Friday with our Easter services held at St George's churches. We hope our pupils and colleagues who are travelling abroad on our ski visit to Austria have a fantastic time.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to parents/ carers for your ongoing support. It is an enormous privilege to lead 'Team St Michael's' and work in partnership with you. I look forward to all that we can continue to achieve together for the benefit of our young people in the future.

May I wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher



Lent 2 Twitter news

Amazing handballers

Congratulations to our handball team who won the North West Handball competition. The team is going through to face the North East in May to vie for best in the North. Well done to our pupils!



Y9 Enrichment

Pupils in Y9 have continued to serve their community this half term with litter picks at Cuerden Valley Park and by continuing to send cakes to the Open Kitchen at Hollinshead Street Church.



Community Award

Six advocates of Y9 Enrichment delivered an outstanding virtual presentation at the Goldsmith Community Awards. They created a project aimed at widening our support to the local community by extending the school vegetable garden and developing a greenhouse. Their aim is to be able to cultivate more produce to send to Help the Homeless charity in Chorley.



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Ukraine Appeal

Huge thanks to all those who have brought in so many items to send to Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed by the response. Thank you too for the donations to Ukraine as part of the non uniform day.



March 2022



World Book Day

A fantastic effort by pupils and staff on World Book Day this year! Competitions in the library, who school story-reading and amazing fancy dress certainly made this a literary day to remember!



Y8 netballers

Our Y8 netball A team are the District Netball Champions and the B team came 3rd overall. We are so proud of each and every one of you - well done!



Indoor cricket success

Congratulations to the Yr 9/10 Indoor Cricket team who performed brilliantly and became runners up at the Lancashire County Indoor Cricket Competition.



Lent Eucharists

A special thank you to all the local clergy who have come to lead our weekly Eucharist services during Lent. We are also looking forward to resuming our Easter services at St George's Church on the final day of this term.



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