



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message: Mrs Byrne

We have achieved so much this half-term, with teachers and pupils working incredibly hard in each and every lesson. When I do my weekly learning walks I am always so impressed by the energy and professionalism of our staff and the attitude and drive of our children.

There have been lots of coughs and colds flying around (me included!) but nevertheless pupils and teachers battle on and come in to school come what may. This fighting spirit is what makes our school so truly brilliant. Have a happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your continued support.



Year 11 GCSE Presentation Evening

Recently, we welcomed the fantastic class of 2017 back to their GCSE presentation and awards evening. It was lovely to see those pupils who have set the bar so high for St Patrick's and have moved on to exciting new places. They all looked so grown up and we are very proud of them! We were joined on the evening by the executive producer of Dragon's Den who reminded us of the great media opportunities we have right on our doorstep.



Senior Citizens Party



Mr Hall's Year 9 Hospitality and Catering students and Mr Snowden's Performing Arts students ran a successful senior citizens Christmas party during December. During the event members of the local community were invited into school, there was entertainment and refreshments provided by the students, who represented the school very professionally and should be extremely proud of themselves. A very merry time was had by all.

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OUR LADY & ST JOHN
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Cornerstones SVP Delivers Christmas Joy to Cornerstone Day Centre

St Patrick's St Vincent De Paul Group has helped to bring a little Christmas joy to many disadvantaged and vulnerable people across Manchester and Salford this Christmas.

The Group delivered over 100 Christmas parcels which had been collected as part of St Patrick's Cornerstone Appeal 2017. The parcels contained many essential everyday items such as food and toiletries. The group also wrote Christmas cards for both the users and volunteers at the centre.

Cornerstone is a day centre providing services to vulnerable and disadvantaged adults. They help people facing a wide range of social issues such as homelessness, poverty, poor mental health and addiction.

Year 10 pupil Nathan Ramsden, who visited Cornerstone alongside nine other members of the SVP Group, said "I would encourage as many other pupils as possible to join our St Vincent De Paul Group and get involved."

A volunteer from the centre said: "We are overwhelmed with the generosity St Patrick's High School has shown us this year. We rely on donations and this is the biggest single donation I think we have received in the last three years."

Pupils interested in getting involved in our St Vincent De Paul Group, please come along to the weekly meetings held in F10 on Tuesdays at 12:15pm. Alternatively you can speak to Mr Power.



Attendance Update

Attendance to school is massively important to us here at St Patrick's and we put in a lot of time and effort to make sure all of our children attend school on time as often as possible.

To date, with only a few days left in the term before we break up for Christmas, we are on par with our best ever whole school attendance figure achieved in the Autumn term of 2015 of **97%** and we'd like to thank all our parents and extended families for helping to ensure our children attend school regularly.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that we will not be able to authorise any leave of absence, including family holidays, except in very rare circumstances (in line with government policy) given that there is clear evidence that any absence from school can and does impact on children's attainment.

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Foundation Years - 'Elevate'

Friday 8th December marked the first of three lectures for our cohort of thirty-five Year 8 pupils. Traditionally, 'Elevate' presenters provide study guidance to GCSE students but at St. Patrick's we feel the next step in our journey of improvement is to empower pupils at a younger age, when learning is just as critical. Having been introduced to philosophy student, Stan, pupils learned how to enhance their learning and to lose their learning inhibitions. By the end of the session pupils were armed with a range of strategies for scanning and learning. A note to the Science department: many of those who attended are now converts to the subject having learned how to understand the function of a resistor! Pupils dutifully filled out their feedback sheets- Stan was a hit! The next step is to build on this session and to work with pupils so they are utilising what they have learned across the curriculum.

Key 103 Appeal

As a school we have supported the Key 103 Mission Christmas toy appeal. This was organised by our Deputy Head boy Liam Mears. The appeal was a great success and thousands of toys were donated for children across Manchester. The toys were delivered to the warehouse by Mrs Millar, Mrs Phillips, Beth Hughes, Abigail Rigor and Luke Scott. Whilst at the warehouse they met the charity manager and learnt more about this fantastic cause. It was lovely to witness behind the scenes as all the toys were gathered and distributed by the volunteers.



Primary Partners

Thank you to our primary feeder school headteachers who came to St Patrick's earlier this half term to ensure we have a smooth transition in July for our year 6 pupils. The support we receive from our feeder headteachers is excellent and we look forward to collaborating further this year.

Pupil Focus

Name – Cameron
Year - 11

What I love about St. Patrick's – How friendly everyone is and how the teachers really care about you. The expectations are very high and I am challenged every day.

My career aim – I would like to teach because I like helping other people.
Dream – To succeed in helping other people accomplish their dreams and have a happy life



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Teacher focus

Name – Mr Mallalieu

I teach - Science at KS3 and KS4, and have a Chemistry degree from Manchester University.

My best learning tip - I use a lot of varied resources within my lessons, including ICT and interactive online quizzes. I also teach students to be independent in their study and revision to ensure they get the great success that they deserve.

Something about me - I have travelled the world after studying and lived in Sydney for 2 years. I play saxophone with the show band and am looking forward to the school production of Grease in January



Sports Update

This year's Salford Mets cross country took place in October with St Patrick's well represented across all year groups. It was a joy to behold to sea of green shirts as our children took the opportunity to represent the school in their own time on Saturday mornings.

In the year 7 competition excellent performances by Josh Perryman saw him take the individual Gold medal With Freddy Tyler following him to take the silver medal. With great efforts by Liam Kenny, Kevin Afolabi, and Junior Ogedembe, the team finish in equal 1st place with Moorside.


The combined Year 8&9 team finished in 1st place overall, with Matthew O'Neill taking the individual gold medal and Joe Coggins taking bronze. Well done to all the team for you commitment - Ken Renji, Ethan Hulme, Ravi Eyongo, Jordan Whittaker, Reece Harvey, Temi Eboda, Matthew Reed, Joe Ashley, Alfie Daniels, Jakub Lowe and Ryan Cooney.

Special mention goes to Daniel Reed who was our sole senior team participant finishing in 4th place and 2nd place in his races.



Boys Football

It's been an extremely busy term for football and in particular Year 7 and 11. Year 11 have now progressed through to the English Schools Cup National quarter finals after beating Alsager High school 2-1. Special mention must go to 'super sub' Keenan Kavanagh who scored his first ever goal for school to take us through. Year 7 were unlucky to be beaten Hounsley High in their last 16 fixture narrowly losing 3-2. Year 7 however remain unbeaten in all competitions. Year 8, 9 and 10 have also progressed through to the knock out stages of the Salford league which starts back up again in spring.

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