



Spring 2019

St. Patrick's RC High School  
A National Teaching School

## Headteacher's Welcome



I've nearly completed my first half-term as Acting Headteacher at our fabulous school whilst Mrs Byrne enjoys some precious time with her new baby daughter and I've really enjoyed every minute. I feel very lucky that I have the opportunity to lead this wonderful community of pupils, staff and parents (even if it is for only a short period) and I'll be doing everything I can to ensure our very high standards continue to be preserved.

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time this half-term with a large number of different activities going on. There are too many things to mention but a few stand-out moments for me from this term include our Year 11 and Year 10 Boys' Football Teams performing so well in the Salford Schools' Cup Finals and our Netball Girls appearing on BBC Breakfast with the England Netball Team and Head Coach, Tracy Neville. In addition, the Battle of the Bands and our Talent Show were wonderful, fun-filled, uplifting occasions. Finally, the production of Little Shop of Horrors over three nights in January, led by our Music and Drama departments, was a real joy to watch. It again showcased how talented, committed and confident our young people are and I can't wait to find out what we'll be performing next year.

I want to wish all of our Year 11 students my best wishes as they continue to work very hard with their teachers to prepare for their upcoming GCSE exams. There's a lot of extra support on offer over the Easter holidays (see Easter Intervention Timetable on the website) and we've had a big push in particular on students using online learning platforms such as MathsWatch and Seneca Learning and these seem to be making a big difference to the progress being made by our students.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank my incredibly dedicated and hardworking colleagues who make this school what it is and who continue to ensure "amazing things happen here" every day for our students. I hope you all have a lovely and well deserved rest over Easter. We're all back to work on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

God Bless,  
**Mr J A Campbell** (Acting Headteacher)

**St. Patrick's - Amazing Things Happen Here**

## Pupil Focus - Hannah Year 10



At the end of this half-term, we would like to profile one of our amazing students, **Hannah**. She is a fantastic role model to pupils; both inside and outside of the classroom. As well as working exceptionally hard in each and every lesson, Hannah is also committed to helping the pupils of St. Patrick's outside of the classroom. She is part of our highly successful peer mentoring scheme, where she mentors a younger pupil and meets with them each and every week. Building on this, Hannah is also an Anti-Bullying Ambassador. Pupils like Hannah are helping St. Patrick's eradicate bullying once and for all! Aside from helping other pupils, Hannah is also part of our enormously talented Netball Team, where she recently represented the school exceedingly well at Condoover Hall. Most recently, Hannah and other pupils have started the "We Love Manchester" campaign in loving memory of those who tragically lost their lives in the 2017

Manchester Arena bombing. A pupil-designed badge will be on sale to pupils and all proceeds will go towards a ceremony being held in school on 22<sup>nd</sup> May to remember those who passed. We are extremely proud to have pupils like Hannah in the Gainsborough family.

## Staff Focus - Mrs Withers Teaching School Senior Leader

I couldn't be more proud to work at St Patrick's. I feel valued and respected as an employee. I enjoy what I do and I am surrounded by a fantastic team of understanding and amazing people. Every day, the Teaching School is different. We work with over 30 schools that require either support, advice or training. I get great satisfaction from being in a role that ensures I can make a small difference in someone's life. The job is extremely rewarding and challenging - to see that you can actually make a difference - not just to the young people at St Patrick's but to all the other many young people and staff at the schools that are part of our Alliance - is wonderful to be part of. Before joining St Patrick's, I worked as a Data and Exams Manager for 15 years for a very large school with a sixth form and before that, I was a Quality Manager, which involved the QA of processes and documentation for the company - the skills I developed have very much complimented my current role.



## St. Patrick's Day Mass



On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated our patron saint, St. Patrick, with a whole school mass, across three venues. Pupils from Da Vinci and Michelangelo witnessed the lovely service in the Sports Hall, with Lowry and Renoir in the Main Hall and Picasso and Gainsborough on the Hellerup.

As a thank you for their exemplary behaviour during the school-wide mass, all pupils were gifted a St. Patrick's card, which features the Prayer of St. Patrick and our school logo on the back, as well as a Cadbury's Crème Egg and a St. Patrick's Day 2019 pin badge, to display proudly on their blazers, in the shape of a shamrock, with similarities to the 2018 pin badge.

We would like to thank all of our staff and students for their contributions to the celebrations of this day.






## Achievements

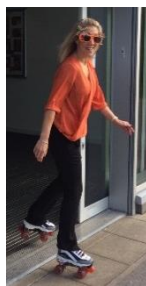
We would like to recognise two very thoughtful, considerate pupils, who both volunteered to help the less fortunate during winter: **Jessica** (Year 9) and **Keshana** (Year 8). Jessica collected shoe boxes and filled them with warm clothes, food and toiletries and distributed these to the homeless and Keshana went on a tour in Mumbai, India for 12 days, where he played cricket and also used his spare time visiting the slums.

## Colourful Walks Raising Money for St Ann's Hospice

House	Form	Amount Raised	House	Form	Amount Raised	House	Form	Amount Raised
Da Vinci	D1	£2.00	Lowry	L1	£10.80	Picasso	P1	£11.37
Da Vinci	D2	£2.77	Lowry	L2	£7.50	Picasso	P2	£15.54
Da Vinci	D3	£1.01	Lowry	L3	£10.02	Picasso	P3	£8.57
Da Vinci	D4	£1.00	Lowry	L4	£9.91	Picasso	P4	£8.13
Da Vinci	D5	£14.81	Lowry	L5	£3.00	Picasso	P5	£9.87
Da Vinci	D6	£5.86	Lowry	L6	£14.50	Picasso	P6	£13.65
Da Vinci	D7	£12.52	Lowry	L7	£10.87	Picasso	P7	£9.10
Gainsborough	G1	£47.06	Michelangelo	M1	£26.11	Renoir	R1	£6.60
Gainsborough	G2	£10.66	Michelangelo	M2	£13.15	Renoir	R2	£9.51
Gainsborough	G3	£10.34	Michelangelo	M3	£5.66	Renoir	R3	£0.60
Gainsborough	G4	£31.60	Michelangelo	M4	£7.63	Renoir	R4	£7.10
Gainsborough	G5	£6.66	Michelangelo	M5	£15.80	Renoir	R5	£30.26
Gainsborough	G6	£125.55	Michelangelo	M6	£14.55	Renoir	R6	£14.83
Gainsborough	G7	£2.80	Michelangelo	M7	£48.60	Renoir	R7	£13.00

WELL DONE ON RAISING **£630.87** FOR  St Ann's Hospice

During this half-term, we engaged in some colourful walks around school to raise much appreciated funds for St. Ann's Hospice. Each house takes it in turns to walk the perimeter of the school, brightening their surroundings with colourful accessories and often entertaining, too. We raised a staggering **£630.87** for St. Ann's Hospice, with **G6** raising the most, with a wonderful **£125** and the fastest form was **R3**.



## Science Club Fundraising for The Christie

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a sweet cone or treat box. The Christie Fundraiser was organised to raise money for the Teenage and Young Adult Unit at The Christie to help support patients with cancer and their families. A special mention goes to **Amelia, Hannah D, Hannah N, Jack, Liam, Meg** and **Mollie** (from Science Club) for your time and effort organising this and for raising **£365** from the fundraiser. This is an important cause for many of us and we really appreciate everyone's support to help us to achieve this.



## Battle of the Bands



Recently, some of our gifted and talented Year 9's and 10's performed in front of our Year 7's in the Battle of the Bands. Performing music from the 50's, 70's, 80's and 90's were the Year 9's in the Battle of the Decades and our Year 10's performed music from British Invasion Bands, such as The Beatles and the Who, who were very cleverly renamed The B-Youz and The Who-La-Hoops.

Our well-deserved winners were the 1950's for the Battle of the Decades and the Who-La-Hoops for the Battle of the British Invasion Bands.

## MAPAS Choral Festival



This half-term, our Symphony Group were also lucky enough to compete in Salford Music and Performing Arts Services' - also known as MAPAS - Choral Festival, which took place at Moorside High School in Swinton. They performed Adele's "Make You Feel My Love" and George Ezra's Budapest and receiving some excellent feedback from the judges, as well as

1<sup>st</sup> Place in the High Schools category! As always, they were a real credit to the school and they should be proud of their hard-work and effort that went into their performances.

## MAPAS Spring Showcase

2019 was the first year that MAPAS have used our school as the venue for their Spring Showcase Concerts. Running over three nights, they were a huge success and featured Salford Music Services' many different ensembles. We were featured on their final night with the senior groups, who sang "Lovely" by Billie Eilish and "Hey Soul Sister," by Train, with **Jasmine** (Year 11) as a Soloist.



## Little Shop of Horrors

On Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, we told the bizarre story of a nerdy florist who finds his chance for success and romance, with the help of a giant people-eating plant, who demands to be fed when we performed "Little Shop of Horrors". Featuring both comedy and horror, the musical was mostly cast with younger students, with some of our students taking on principal roles. A massive congratulations goes to Miss Olsen and Miss Crawford for directing and producing such a brilliant show and all involved, including the cast, production team and the school band for their involvement. It was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with plenty of students and parents coming along to support their family and friends.



**Don't Forget..**



**Drama Club!**

Every Monday, 3pm - 4pm,  
New Members Welcome



## Blue Remembered Hills

On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, our Year 11 Drama students performed "Blue Remembered Hills" as part of their GCSEs. Written by Dennis Potter, it is described as a "deceptively simple play," which explores the activities of a group of 7 year olds on a summer afternoon, during the Second World War. The children play, fight, fantasize and swagger, with their aggressions, fears, hostilities and rivalries a combination of adult interaction.

## Mock Trials

This year, the Mock Trial team competed at Warrington Combined Courts. We went up against 7 different schools and although we did not progress to the regional finals, the team worked really hard and won their rounds in the courtroom.



## World Book Day



On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of World Book Day. For a much appreciated donation to the charity, some of our staff members wore fancy dress to commemorate the occasion. Winning "Best Dressed" was the English department, very closely followed by Technology. 2019's theme was "Stories from



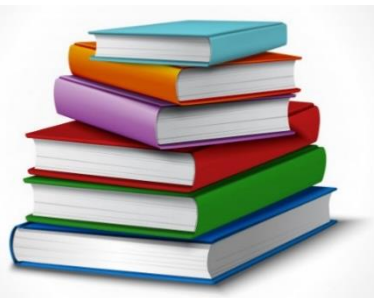
our Childhood” and there was a variety of different costumes, including Mary Poppins, Paddington Bear and the Queen of Hearts, to name a few. Mr Dorrian and Mr Ladley also won an award for completing a Quiz. A massive thank you to Miss Cassidy for all of her hard work and effort to organise such an amazing day.



## Salford Children's Book Awards

Author Ross Welford has won the Salford Children's Book Award 2019 for his book "The 1000 Year Old Boy". He was presented with the award at a ceremony at Salford University last Friday. 10 members of the LRC Book Club attended the ceremony, where they also met more authors from this year's shortlist, and heard them speak about their writing. There were even a few magic tricks performed. If you are a keen reader, and like your opinion to count, you can take part in judging the next Salford Children's Book Award. The shortlist (usually 5 or 6 books) will be announced next term. See Mrs Parker for more information.

**Don't Forget..**



**Book Club!**



Every Tuesday Lunch,  
New Members Welcome



## STEM Spelling Bee

Three Year 7 pupils represented our school at the very first STEM Spelling Bee, held at Salford University, this term. All of the words were from STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our pupils excelled; they got every single spelling right and only missed out on the top prizes due to the other schools being a little faster. Mr Mallalieu and Mrs Parker were extremely proud of their confident performance and positive approach.

## Lenten Reflection Workshops

On Friday, 12th April, all Year 7 pupils took part in Lenten Reflection Workshops. The workshops were delivered in school and the theme was Holy Week. All students attended four different workshops, delivered by eight teachers. The workshop focus included reflections on The Stations of the Cross, The Agony in the Garden, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The workshops concluded with all the children placing a daffodil at the Foot of the Cross, before they were rewarded with a chocolate egg.



## Year 8 Enrichment

During Year 8 Enrichment sessions, pupils have been looking at the Easter Story and have used different symbols to represent each stage. They have explored a range of media, including oil pastels, 3D card construction, mod-rock, water colours and pencil crayons. Mrs Williams and her students are delighted with the results.



## Year 5 Visits

During this term, St. Patrick's Transition Team welcomed to school lively Year 5 classes from our feeder Primary Schools, challenging them to a number of holiday-themed activities, including writing postcards for Literacy, learning about rhythms whilst playing the drums for Music and participating in co-operation games to warm up their bodies and minds for Drama. They also attempted Monoprinting for Art and all of the children involved loved their experience day.





## Geography Trip

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April, a selection of Year 11 Geography students attended a master class revision session over the weekend. They completed a range of different classroom based activities, broken up by outdoor activities such as archery and 'the leap of faith'. All students worked really hard and should be proud of what they achieved both indoors and out.



## 100 Days, 100 Girls, 100 Goals

Our Netball Teams were invited to the BBC News - **LIVE!** - to be filmed playing alongside some of the England Netball Squad and their Manager, Tracey Neville. Despite the very early start at 7am and the cold weather, they were all brilliant. **Hannah** (Year 10) was interviewed on TV and **Amelia** (Year 10) got a very special birthday memo! Make sure to catch some of the Netball World Cup Games, coming in July, to Liverpool.



## Condover Hall

We would like to say "Well Done," to all of the girls who represented St. Patrick's at Condover Hall during the recent Netball Weekend. As always, they were a credit to themselves and the school, both on and off, the court. Not only did the girls play Netball, but they were also able to take part in a variety of different PGL activities, such as High Ropes, Caving, Archery, Zip Wire, Climbing and Abseiling. Congratulations to our Year 10 Girls who finished as Runners-Up, losing only 1 match all weekend by 2 goals!



## For More Information..

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**It'll be packed with more fabulous news about our pupils and their amazing achievements!**