



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
A National Teaching School



Summer Half-term

Headteacher



Every half term at St Patrick's is always busy and productive, but I do feel we have set a record this half term! With the exam season kicking in for Year 11, we have all given an extra 10% and I can feel the buzz created by pupils and staff working together down every corridor.

We couldn't be prouder of how well pupils in all year groups are doing. Every time I visited classrooms I see exactly the same excellent standards of uniform, excellent standards of behaviours and a real thirst for learning that really makes our school a wonderful place to learn.

Year 11 are currently doing their GCSE exams and they have prepared so well and are so focussed. It is lovely to see them supporting one another through this busy time and working together.

Years 7-10 assessments will also be taking place soon and we know pupils will follow the great example set by year 11 and ensure they are fully prepared.

As we think about the near future, it is worth mentioning that it is a matter of weeks before Year 10 become the oldest year group in the school. We are currently looking at recruiting senior prefects to serve our school community and I know we will have tough decisions on our hands because there are so many outstanding candidates for this role. Best of luck to all who have applied and thank you for volunteering your time and service to St Patrick's.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for continuing to support us. Your insistence on high standards and the support you give really helps to make our school a better place.

Have a lovely half-term holiday. Let's hope the sun keeps its hat on!

Mrs Byrne.

Year 9 and 10 Parent's Evenings

Thank you to all our parents who joined us this half term to discuss their child's progress. It is so important that we all meet to track progress on the new GCSE courses and we very much value your support.

KS3 and 4 Awards Evening - change to usual format

We have decided to change the format for awards ceremonies this year. In previous years only those who have won awards attended the ceremonies, along with their families. However, we would like all pupils in a particular year group to join together to celebrate the achievements of their friends and we will hold this during the school day. We will still be inviting parents / carers of prize winners to join us and you will be notified in advance.

Attendance

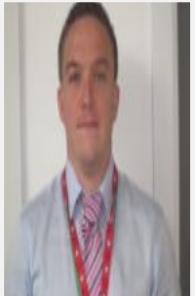
This is the time of year when we are tempted to get a cheap get-a-way before the summer holiday! Please can we remember how important full attendance is and be mindful at St Patrick's that we are focussed and learning until the very last day of the summer term, your support in keeping your child in school is very much appreciated.

Remembering the victims of the Manchester Bomb

In order that we remember the victims of the Manchester Bomb on this the first anniversary of the tragedy, pupils engaged with a range of activities during form time, exploring the impact of the event and their own feelings about what happened. We also held prayers in the chapel to pray for the victims and their families.

One of our pupils, Jessica in Year 8 is a police cadet and supported the memorial service in Manchester City Centre on the day. Well done to Jessica for showing such great service to our community.

Staff Focus



Dr Sate.

I teach Science at KS3 and KS4, and have degrees in biology/chemistry and physics.

My best learning tip—always attack the things you find hardest first there's no point revising things you already know.

I used to work in Forensic Toxicology, determining cause of death in legal cases, by looking at the chemicals in the patients blood stream and applying my knowledge of physics and chemistry.

School Standards

Please be reminded of our school standards of uniform and conduct:

Jumpers worn at all times (are optional after Easter)

Phones and devices not to be used in lessons unless for educational purposes as directed by staff

No fake tan

No heavy make-up

No false nails, no painted nails

No fizzy drinks such as Lucozade

No trainers

We appreciate your support in helping us uphold our high standards.

Pupil Focus



Abbi is a Year 10 outstanding pupil at St Patrick's; she has had a fabulous year so far and achieved many accomplishments. Her unwavering commitment to the school and her achievements within the catholic ethos include;

The liturgy group where she has been involved in the cornerstone appeal which enabled the school to give generous donations of food parcels to the homeless. She has been actively involved in all the year group masses and takes the catholic life in the school very seriously, she also a member of the SVP group.



On the academic side of school Abbi has had the prestigious invite to take part in the Loreto mater class. On a pastoral level Abbi has excelled within her peer mentoring of younger pupils and her recent appointment a prefect.

To add to her accomplishments Manchester City Football Club has invited her to work alongside their Official Club Photographer over this coming half term as they were so impressed with her action photography skills.

Thank you to Abbi for all her hard work and service.

Celebrating Success: Amazing Things Happen Here!



A 'HUGE' congratulation's to Annalise in Year 7 pupil for her recent triumphs in her gymnastic endeavours. Annalise competes regularly across the country representing the North West and specialises in four different disciplines; bars, beam, vault and floor. She recently competed at the North West national grades (national level 2) where she was placed 2nd in the North West region. She narrowly missed out on 1st place by 0.8! As a result of this, the top 5 regional gymnasts now come together, as a team, and represent the North West region. All five will be travelling down to Stoke-on-Trent to compete in the British Gymnastics national grade finals on the 27th May. Once there, Annalise will compete against some of the best gymnasts

in the country! There are approximately twelve regions in this competition including Scotland, Wales, London, East, South, South West, to name but a few. In addition, Annalise is also currently on the Cheshire and Merseyside squad and last year was Level 2 Cheshire and Merseyside champion. We would like to wish her all the very best in her forth coming competition. YOU CAN DO IT!!!

At Christmas, Eve in Year 9 visited the Biomedical Centre in Sweden. This is a state of the art facility where scientists perform high quality experimental medical research into a variety of things, including cancer. Since this visit, Eve has done a lot of work and created a video on how cancer can affect families and relatives of people affected.

Eve is returning to Lund to present her video on families dealing with cancer to the scientists and researchers there. Her work has led to her being invited as a guest of honour to the Symposium on Cancer Research.

” What a fantastic achievement!

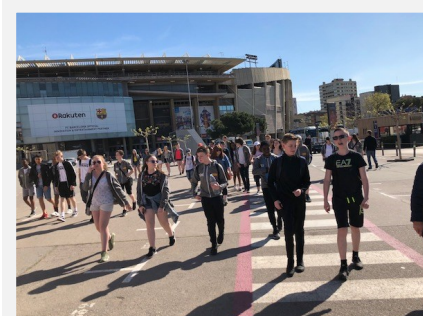
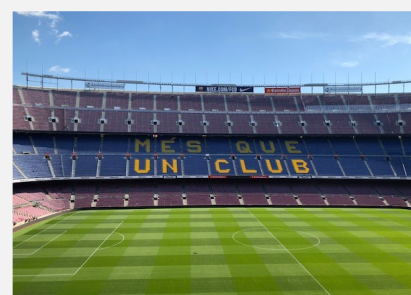


Barcelona

On Tuesday 3rd April, 40 pupils and 5 staff set off from school headed to Barcelona for 4 days of sunshine and adventures. The coach trip was long, but there were plenty of sing-a-longs and service station stops along the way. Our hotel was situated on the coast in the town of Tossa de Mar, where you could wander around the old town, visit the ruined castle and have lunch in the sunshine - which we did!

On the first day all pupils were set off on a treasure hunt task around town. In groups of three, with a list of items to find in Spanish and 10 euros, pupils set off with much excitement. Upon their return they were treated to a delicious beach side lunch in the sun as a reward for all of their hard work. Over the next two days we visited lots of Barcelona's most famous sights including the Nou Camp football stadium, the Sagrada Familia cathedral, Port Vell and we even took a cable car up a mountain to visit a castle! The highlight though had to be the flamenco show, where we got to practice some traditional flamenco moves before eating some delicious paella, and watching the professionals take to the floor. We all shouted 'olé' when the dancers had finished!

A great time was had by all and we were sad to leave on the final day. Thanks to all of the staff who gave up their precious holiday time, and to our wonderful pupils who were a credit to both their families and the school.



Welcome Year 5



In Shakespeare's time people believed witches could do all sorts of bizarre things, such as: sinking ships, turning themselves into animals and casting spells.

The first characters we see in Shakespeare's famous play 'Macbeth' are three wicked witches, casting spells and up to general mischief. They have a profound effect on Macbeth, who meets them on the way back from war. However, the witch's premonitions lead to treachery and murder, with the protagonist Macbeth at the heart of these evil deeds.

This term, St. Patrick's Transition Team welcomed to school a lively Year 5 class from St. Joseph's The Worker Primary School, challenging them to a number of Supernatural themed activities, linked to Shakespeare's infamous tragedy. We thoroughly enjoyed having them and look forward to them visiting again .



Mock Trials



Mock Trials are an annual competition which our school successfully competes in each year. This involves children taking on roles of judiciary (judges, defendants, prosecutor in a mock criminal case) The panel assesses the children in the professional appearance and how well they deliver these roles through out the whole trail. We were extremely proud of the pupils, and they were a credit to our school.

Year 11 Letters



In preparation for this really important time for our Year 11's it was decided that the pupils should have a much needed boost. We asked parents to write personal letters to their children to give them support and also to show the pupils how well they have done and how proud they are of them. These letters were opened during a special assembly suffice to say it was emotional for all involved pupils and staff alike. Thank you to our year 11 parent's and carers for sending in your letters—it certainly did the trick!

Sports News

Rugby



This term saw the conclusion of the Year 7 and 8 Rugby competitions. The Year 8 team has made good progress throughout, finishing with narrow defeats away at St Ambrose and at home to Moorside. The Year 7 team has grown weekly in strength and numbers, with 2 close defeats to Moorside and St Ambrose followed by a win away at Buile Hill. The boys have been working with Salford Reds throughout the term, with an afterschool development session, which really has proven beneficial to all involved .

Volleyball



Despite being a relatively new activity in the boys curriculum, a number of Year 8 pupils have really developed a passion for Volleyball and have been rushing down to the sports hall to practice at lunchtime. The boys represented Salford at the Greater Manchester Schools level 3 tournament finishing 4th overall, and the only team to defeat eventual winners Urmston Grammar.

Rockclimbing



The Year 9 Sports Studies group have recently been taking part in a 6 week block of climbing at the Climbing Depot in Trafford Park. As part of their course the pupils have to experience a range of outdoor adventurous activities. Although a little apprehensive at first, the entire group are now extremely confident and comfortable climbing a range of routes across the centre. Emily and Joe in Year 9 have been picked out by the climbing instructors as being very natural climbers.

Football

It's been a nearly year in football this year at St Patricks with all teams for the first time ever making it to the later stages of all competitions, it is clear to see that we continue to develop and get stronger as a school. However with two trophies won last year, this year we unfortunately ended the year empty handed. The Year 10 team were this year's unlucky runners up in the Salford League Cup knock out narrowly getting beat 2-1 by St Ambrose, with the temperatures in the high 20's it was a difficult game for all and a frustrating one too, with their goal keeper in excellent form. We regroup again over the summer and look forward to next year's challenges.