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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*Putting Our Faith in Education*

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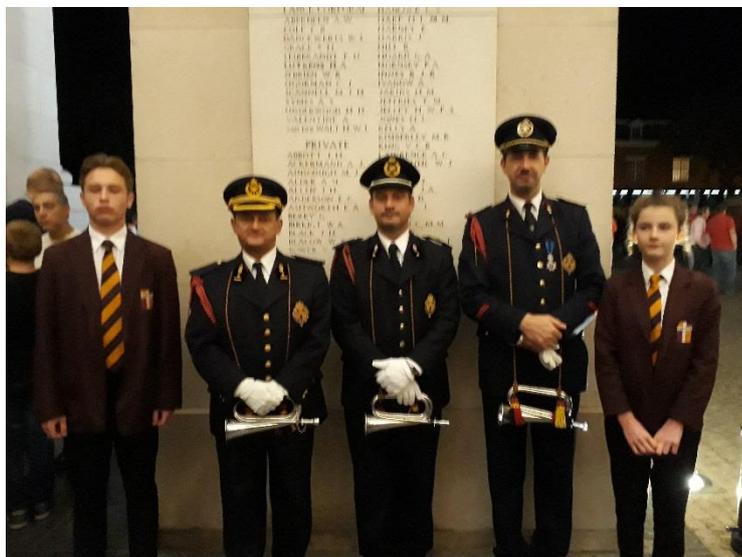
Dear Parents

### Remembrance

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Our school's Book of Remembrance, which lists the names of pupils and staff who have died, lies open in the School Chapel throughout the month as a constant reminder of all the deceased who studied or were employed in our school.

Services to remember the deceased members of our community, members of the armed forces and all those who have died in armed conflict, take place in school every year at this time of remembrance.

Today the names of deceased pupils and staff were read aloud by Kate McDermott, Head Girl, Joseph Grindrod, Head Boy, and their deputies Ruby Joseph and Benjamin Boam. All the deceased members of our families and community were remembered in the prayers of the entire school. May they rest in peace.



During the services pupils and staff said traditional prayers for the dead, including the *De Profundis*, and sang hymns led by our school orchestra and choir. Trumpeter Sebastian Rea, Year 11, played *The Last Post*. Year 10 pupils Pupils Oracene Drovi and Khushi Seegoolam and former pupils Daniel Clement and Frankie Ryan-Casey performed *The Green Fields of France*. Caitlin Pigot and Edward Navarro, Year 9, devised and led a reflection on our pupils' recent visit to the battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium, including a visit to the Menin Gate. The photograph shows Alistair Henderson and Alice Hobson, Year 9, standing alongside the ceremonial buglers and in front of the memorial which bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The behaviour of all our pupils during the solemn services was exemplary throughout.

*Lord, how long*

*Shall Satan in high places lead the blind*

*To battle for the passions of the strong?*

*Oh, touch Thy children's hearts, that they may know*

*Hate their most hateful, pride their deadliest foe.*

### School Sport

I had the opportunity this week to watch part of a football match between our Year 11 boys and a team from Pudsey Grange Field. It led me to reflect upon the great number of sporting and other extracurricular activities which are available to our pupils. Sadly, school sport is on the decline in many establishments. Here there are many staff (from PE and other departments) who are still willing to give up a great deal of their time to run teams and clubs. I am very grateful to them.

### Year 11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 16 November

Parents of Year 11 pupils have an opportunity to discuss their children's progress at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 16 November (4.00pm to 7.00pm). Year 11 students took their first GCSE mock examinations in English and mathematics earlier this week. The overwhelming majority are now working hard



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in preparation for the main session of mocks which begins on Monday 4 December and runs until Friday 14 December. Year 11 students have been reminded of the need to plan their time effectively in order to complete a programme of revision activities. Statements of proposed public examination entries will be sent home in January. Full reports will follow on Thursday 1 February.

**Medical Visit**

Year 9 History students enjoyed a visit to Thackray Medical Museum this week. They enjoyed using interactive galleries to explore the world of medicine from the Victorian age to the present day. The focus was upon surgery and how breakthroughs in science have changed all our lives for the better.

**Training Day**

Please remember that Monday 27 November is a staff training day when there will be no school for pupils. School begins again on the following day at 8.55am.

Yours sincerely



P Whelan  
*Headteacher*