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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear Parents

Medals in Malta

Cardinal Heenan pupils who represented Great Britain at the *International Sports Federation for Catholic Schools (FISEC) Games* in Malta returned with four medals this week. Congratulations to athlete Conor Hopkinson, Year 10, on winning a silver medal in the 4 x 400m relay and a bronze in 4 x 100m relay. He missed an individual bronze by just 3/100ths of a second! Swimmer Zara Paniagua-Gutierrez, Year 8, was silver medallist in the 400m individual medley. Footballer Jonathan Nyantou, Year 11, scored the first goal for GB in 3 - 0 victory over The Netherlands. He collected a silver medal following a hard fought draw in the final. Penalties decided the result: Brazil 4 - GB 2. Megan Driscoll, Year 10, finished fourth in the 3000m and was selected as the female GB athletics captain for the games. All events were for Under 17s. Some competitors were considerably older than our pupils. Zara was the youngest athlete at the games.

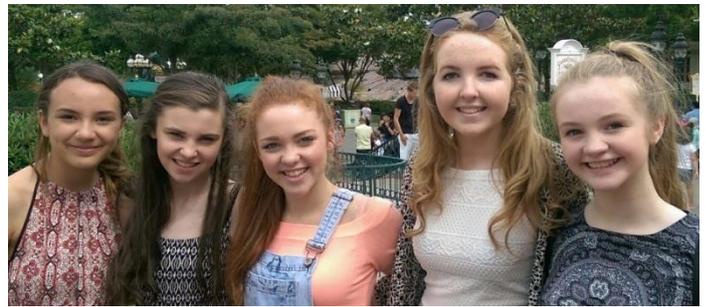
Our pupils contested for gold, silver and bronze medals against the best representatives from Austria, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Palestine, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, USA, Brazil and Croatia. Nominations for the national squad are made by catholic schools and colleges across the whole country: times are compared to select the strongest performers. The FISEC Games is a well-established event going back some 65 years. Many competitors have gone on to achieve success at Olympic and Commonwealth level. The event is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Papal Office. All four Cardinal Heenan pupils compete regularly up to county and to national level in their respective disciplines. They were highly commended by the GB staff on their conduct and behaviour in play and during the tournament. They represented their country at the opening and closing ceremonies and during the Mass attended by representatives from the John Paul II Office for Sport and the FISEC Bureau, the Maltese organising committee. Congratulations to Conor, Zara, Jonathan and Megan. We are very proud of you. Special thanks to Mr Forbes who accompanied pupils to Malta.



Orchestral Debut

This week we learned that another of our pupils has been invited to join the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra (CLYO). Scarlet Rowe, Year 9, has been recruited as a trumpet player, following a successful audition. CLYO is one of the leading ensembles of its kind in the country. With nearly 100 members aged 19 and under, the orchestra offers young musicians the unparalleled experience of a full symphony orchestra, enjoying repertoire that ranges from symphonies to concertos, overtures and popular film music. Regular performance venues include Leeds Town Hall, residential courses and tours in Europe. Congratulations to Scarlett on a very impressive achievement.

Visite à Paris



Year 8 pupils enjoyed a four day visit to Paris last weekend. Their itinerary included visits to the Musée D'Orsay, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur and Montmartre, as well as the opportunity to see the city by night from a cruise on the River Seine. Special thanks to the visit leader, Mrs Gaffney, who organised it all, and to Mrs Flaherty, Mr Wild, Mrs Himsworth and Mr Philliskirk who accompanied pupils.

Work Experience

For the last two weeks Year 10 pupils have travelled throughout Leeds (and beyond) to attend work experience placements. They have worked in offices, factories, hospitals, workshops and outdoors, gaining valuable insights into careers in law, journalism, manufacturing, engineering, sport, and much more. Thanks to all parents who helped our pupils to find 180 placements and to Mr Gaffey, Careers Guidance Coordinator, who worked very hard to organise this valuable learning experience. Please contact him if you are able to offers a placement in 2016.

Awaiting the Results

GCSE results will be available in school from 10.00am on Thursday 20 August. Where parents have requested that results are sent by post, these will be posted (by first class mail) on publication day, Thursday 20 August. (GCSE results will NOT be issued to telephone callers under any circumstances.) All Year 11 students and their parents are invited to a Presentation Evening in School at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3 November when GCSE certificates will be presented. We look forward to seeing our former students and their parents in November for what is always one of the happiest evenings in the school calendar.

Sports Day, Wednesday 15 July



The entire school decamped to the John Charles Centre for Sport on Wednesday, 15 July, for our annual Sports Day. Large numbers of pupils took part in the full range of athletic events on a beautiful sunny day. Many thanks to the PE department for organising the event and to all who participated in a most successful sporting occasion.

Try It On!



Large numbers of parents have ordered the new school uniform for September so that their children can wear it next term. (It will be compulsory for new Year 7 pupils.)

Pupils now in Years 7 and 8 must wear the new school uniform by September 2016. Pupils currently in Year 9 have the option of wearing the new school uniform should they choose, but this is not a requirement. Year 9 pupils must, however, buy and wear the new school tie (priced £4.99) by September 2016. For full details please see the *Dress for Success* booklet sent home early this term. It is available for download from the front page of our school website: <http://www.cardinalheenan.leeds.sch.uk/>

APC, the suppliers, will be in school again on Monday 20 July from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, on Thursday 20 August from 9.00am to 12.00pm and on the last day of the school holiday for pupils, Wednesday 2 September, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. On these occasions the new uniform will be displayed and APC staff will be on hand to distribute orders and to take new ones. (Wednesday 2 September is a Staff Training Day.)

Farewell and Welcome

At the end of term we will also say goodbye to a number of staff.

Mrs Gaffney is leaving after 31 years' distinguished service to Catholic education in Leeds, 25 years of which have been at Cardinal Heenan. She came to us from St Michael's College in 1990, having previously taught at Notre Dame High School. As Curriculum Leader for French for many years, she has been a passionate advocate of language learning, implementing strategies to advance pupils' language skills and to broaden their cultural horizons. She has been instrumental in achieving excellent GCSE results in languages year on year, leading numerous educational visits abroad and in making important contributions to the school's successful development.

Mrs Lea, taught at the John Kelly Girls' High School, London, and Allerton High, Leeds, before arriving here in 1993. She has served our community for 22 years as an inspirational teacher of Technology and Religious Education. Always exceptionally well prepared, her professional skills have been of the highest order. She introduced and led the school's highly successful *BTEC Health and Social Care* programme. As a gifted teacher of Religious Education and in her daily work with pupils, she has taught the faith by example.

Mrs Beresford, Curriculum Leader for Food Technology and, more recently, Healthy School Coordinator, also arrived in 1990 and is retiring after 25 years here. She came to us from St Andrew's Middle School and has served the school with unwavering loyalty and commitment throughout that time. She has organised the provision of refreshments at numerous school events, including the annual Christmas carol service.

Other leavers have been here for a much shorter periods. Miss Kohlman has been a dedicated teacher of science here since 2012 and is cutting a very long journey to work by moving to a school nearer home. Miss Norton, a peripatetic teachers of strings who has enabled many of our pupils to excel on the violin since 2012, will be spending her time on completing a PhD next term. Mr Philliskirk, a highly effective cover assistant since January 2013, is beginning a course of teacher training. Mr McKenzie has taught science ably here since 2013 and is moving on to a post in North Yorkshire. Technician Mr Rodgers, here since January last year, is also beginning a course of teacher training. Mrs Bains, who has been a diligent Curriculum Leader for Computing and Technology for one year, is also moving on to a post nearer home. Miss Corcoran, Assistant Curriculum Leader for Science, who arrived in September 2014, has served the school well, especially by leading the science team very effectively until Easter, during Mr Challinor's illness. Miss Gillot, Cover Assistant, is also becoming a teacher. Mr Thelwell, who has taught Geography since January this year, is taking up a post with *The Times Educational Supplement*. Mr Baldo, teacher of Mathematics since last January, is moving on to Rodillian Academy. Mr Challinor has resigned his post as Curriculum Leader for Science, following illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. All our staff leavers go with the thanks and good wishes of the Cardinal Heenan community.

Governors have been very busy in recent months appointing new staff: Mrs Willock, Cover Assistant, joined us in June. We look forward to welcoming many more newcomers in September: Miss Wilson, Assistant Curriculum Leader for Science; Mr McLaughlin, Teacher of Mathematics and Numeracy Coordinator; Mr Milner, Teacher of Geography; Miss Bishop, Teacher of Languages; Mr Palmer, Teacher of Technology; Mr Thornley, Teacher of Science; Mr Coldwell, Teacher of Science; Miss Briggs, Teacher of ICT & Computing; Mr Hadley, Teacher of English; Mrs Hammond, Music Instructor; Miss Liversidge, Cover Assistant; Mr Banks, Cover Assistant; Mrs Keinhorst, Year Manager; and Mr Folan, Technician.

Existing staff have been appointed to new roles: Mr Bownass, Associate Assistant Headteacher and Curriculum Leader for Science; Mr Hartwell, Curriculum Leader for ICT and Computing; Mr Richmond, Curriculum Leader for Technology; Mrs Flaherty, Curriculum Leader for Languages; Miss Whitford, Assistant Curriculum Leader for Religious Education; Mrs Hayden, Chaplaincy Coordinator and Teacher of Religious Education; and Mrs Hoyland, Year Manager, take up their new posts in September.

End of Term

Today we mark the end of another successful year on with a Mass of Thanksgiving for the whole school. The new school year begins at 8:55am on Thursday 3 September for all pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all that you do in supporting the school and to wish all pupils and their families a safe and happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E A Cox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

E A Cox, Headteacher