



22 June 2018

Dear Parents

Cardinal Heenan pupils were given the red carpet treatment last Friday when they were reserved front row seats for the installation of our former pupil Deborah McAndrew as the new Chancellor of Leeds Trinity University. Dignitaries from across the region attended the installation ceremony at the university's chapel, including Deputy Lieutenant Ed Anderson, representative of Her Majesty the Queen; the Lord Mayor of Leeds; the Bishop of Leeds Marcus Stock; Councillor Graham Latty; and Isla Bentley, the Leeds Children's Mayor. Our pupils joined in the celebrations which included a performance from Leeds Trinity Cathedral Children's Choir and a Yorkshire-themed lunch.



Deborah was a pupil here from 1982 to 1987, in the days when this was a 13-18 school. After completing A-levels at Cardinal Heenan she moved on to a degree in Drama at The University of Manchester. She trained as a teacher before embarking on a successful career as a writer and actor in theatre, television and radio. She co-founded Claybody Theatre Company in Stoke-on-Trent, where she is currently Creative Director. She has performed and published plays including original work, such as the World War One drama *An August Bank Holiday Lark* which won the National Theatre Award for the Best New Play of 2014. Beginning her acting career in the 1990s on the cobbles of *Coronation Street*, where she played Weatherfield regular Angie Freeman, Deborah appears regularly in BBC Radio Drama. Her theatre credits include work for London and regional theatres, and national touring.

Deborah paid tribute to her old school at the ceremony in an address which reiterated a passionate commitment to Catholic education and its impact in opening doors for all who wish to succeed. She follows on in the role of Chancellor from another former Cardinal Heenan pupil, BBC Sports presenter Gabby Logan.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 9 Art pupils visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Wednesday 20 June. The day included a guided tour and a sculpture workshop with artist Vicki Scott. Our pupils gained valuable insights into the sculptures of Italian artist Giuseppe Penone, which they are studying as part of their coursework. Gallery staff and artists praised our pupils' exemplary behaviour and 'deep understanding' of the art works seen.

National Honours for Ese

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil Ese Ogieva on being selected for the English School Athletics Team to take part in an international event at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, next month.

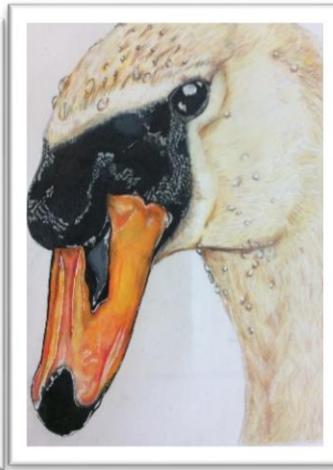


Enterprising Year 7

Cardinal Heenan has just become the first school in the north of England to offer a Year 7 Enterprise Programme, newly developed by Grant Thornton, the international professional services network of accounting and consulting member firms. Our Year 7 pupils worked in teams to develop a business idea, honing their skills in finance, entrepreneurship, team work, communication, leadership, presentation and creativity. Over the last two years Cardinal Heenan has worked on a number of schemes with Grant Thornton, including a Year 8 Dragon's Den activity. These projects are designed to encourage pupils to engage with business and enterprise in order to cultivate life skills needed in higher education and the workplace.



Art Exhibition



Our Year 11 GCSE Art and Design pupils are staging an exhibition of their work in school next week. They have worked on a range of themes for GCSE coursework, studying artists from different times and cultures. They collected their own research through photography and sources which supported them to develop independent ideas. They devised work in a range of materials and processes such as drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and ceramics.

Fleadh Cheoil na Breataine 2018

The Fleadh (festival) is the premier event in the traditional Irish music calendar within Britain, attracting an audience of several thousand from across the UK. Competitors vie for the opportunity to represent Britain on the international stage across various disciplines including solo instrumental performance, singing, dancing, storytelling and group competition.

This weekend two of our pupils, Eve Hurley, Year 8, and Emily Caulfield, Year 9, will be competing in the All Britain Fleadh at the University of Stirling, Scotland, representing our region in the ceili band, duet and trio events. Eve will also compete in the solo fiddle playing contest. We wish Eve and Emily the very best of luck.

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 pupils celebrated their final days at school with a Mass of Thanksgiving. Many thanks to our Priest chaplain, Fr Josh Hilton, who celebrated the Mass and to the parents who attended. Pupils also turned out for the annual Prom Night at Mercure Leeds Parkway Hotel, Bramhope. The event was very well attended. Dresses, suits, shoes and limousines were a sight to behold!



Measles

Please find attached an important letter from Public Health England about measles in Leeds. Parents may be aware that measles is currently circulating in Yorkshire with cases seen in children and young adults in Leeds and Bradford. The body is encouraging parents to ensure that all children and young people are up-to-date with measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination prior to the summer months when travel is at its peak. Vaccination may be arranged with your GP surgery.

Early School Closure for Pupils on Tuesday 26 June

The school will close to pupils at 1.20pm on Tuesday 26 June. School buses will collect pupils from school at 1.30pm after an early lunch. Parents, please contact school without delay if this early closure causes you childcare problems. Pupils who are unable to get home may remain in school, supervised by staff, until 3.15pm. Normal lessons will be suspended. The time gained will be used by staff in training for raising achievement as part of the school's strategies for attaining consistently high levels of pupil progress.

Yours sincerely



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