



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

The Holy Family Catholic High School

Year 9 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park



On Thursday 22 November a group of Year 9 pupils visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to study animal adaptations and habitats . Here are some of their comments and observations:



On Thursday, we all went to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. At first we went into Lion city. This is where all the lions lived. There were three prides of lions. After that we went over to the meerkats. This is where we had a talk about the meerkats. We learnt about their survival skills and adaptations. When this finished we split into two groups and went into a classroom to see lots of creepy crawlies. We talked about animals like polar bears and camels. Later we went to eat our dinner. Then we walked around the park and enjoyed the rest of the day.
Natalie Banaszczyk.

The Yorkshire Wildlife Park was an amazing experience for us all, even though it was really cold! We all enjoyed the fact that we could spend time together not as a class but as friends. Many of the animals were interesting and very cute such as the painted dogs and Leo the leopard gecko. Everyone had a really good time and I would like to thank Mr Devlin and Mrs Tinning for organising this trip for us all.
Bethany Campbell



It was great fun, I really enjoyed it. **Daisy Ludwell.**

RECORDING STUDIO EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 12th December, 12 Year 10 pupils studying music were invited to visit and perform in the main Recording Studio at Selby College music department.

Pupils were guided through the process of preparing for a live recording, setting up microphones, a PA system and Mixing Desk by the resident music tutors Nick & Ryan.

Gear in place, the pupils separated into their bands and then rehearsed & performed to each other and Selby College staff.

The stage and ambient lighting within the Music Dept. created a real sense of occasion as pupils waited for the 'red light', and the

opportunity to create a high-quality recording of their music. They all responded positively to the pressure and the process of working within a recording studio and all bands completed a 'take' that felt right.

When they weren't playing, pupils had chance to either sit behind the mixing desk & find the suitable levels, EQ and Reverb for their peers, or listen back to themselves playing in the 'Control Room'. All pupils will shortly have access to their completed recordings which they will get to review as part of their ongoing musical development. The enthusiasm and effort that Holy Family students put into the whole experience really paid off. Selby staff were so happy with the results that they've invited us back again in the New Year!

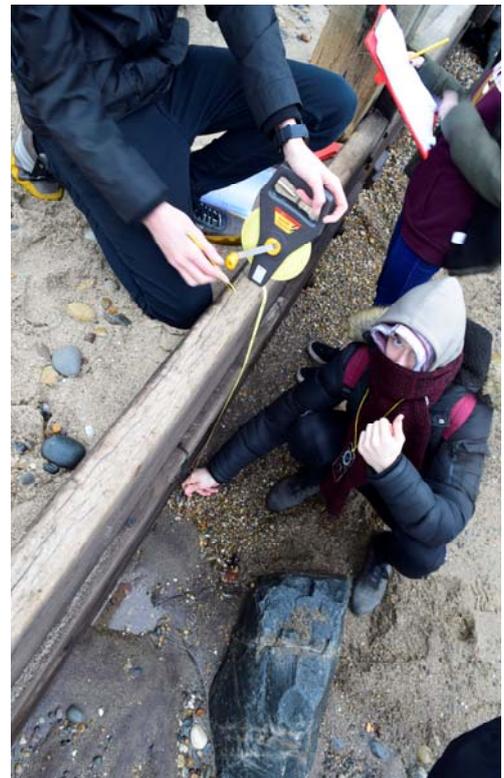
Mr Coombs– Music Dept.



Recently, we had a really successful week of Yr11 Geography GCSE trips; first to Leeds to investigate urban regeneration along the waterways and then to Hornsea to investigate coastal processes. The group were absolutely brilliant despite the cold weather and gale force winds! Thanks to Mr Walter and Mr Moran who drove the minibus and also to Mrs Williams and Miss de Benedictis who accompanied us.

Miss Hall, Geography Dept.

Yr 11 Geography Field Trips



ATTENDANCE



Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

What does 90% attendance mean?

- 90% attendance** = 1/2 school day missed every week!
- One school year at 90% attendance** = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- Over 5 school years of school** = 1/2 school year missed!
- All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is **90%** or below are considered to be persistent absentees.



We are continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and we are writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 98% - this is in line with governments expectations.

Currently, we are slightly below this and need your continuing support to ensure we hit this important mark.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in the new term as it will make a difference to their outcomes.

There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Punctuality Matters too!

Missed Minutes = Missed Learning = Missed Opportunities!

As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness. Awareness of the impact of lateness is raised with pupils, staff and parents regularly.

Registration begins at **8..50am** and all pupils are expected to be in their form room at this time. Pupils arriving after this time will be marked as present but arriving late (L). The register will close at 9.10am.

Family Holidays and Term Time Leave

Parents/carers should ensure that family holidays and any term time leave are arranged outside of school term time.

Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the Head teacher.

All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most extreme circumstances.

If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice.



ATTENDANCE REWARDS



Over half of the pupils in school have recently received outstanding achievement certificates for attendance.

We are rewarding pupils who reach the government benchmark of 98% or above.

SPORTING EVENTS & NEWS

PE Clubs

The PE department have offered a variety of clubs this half term including handball, badminton, cheerleading, netball, football and Sky Sports. All clubs are voluntary and give the opportunity to play in a more relaxed environment but at the same time prepare teams for up and coming fixtures.

PE Fixtures

This term have included netball, football (boys and girls) and rugby.

Netball results

Our teams have played home and away matches against Sherburn, Snaith, Howden and Brayton with success all-round, but a particular mention must go to our Year 8 and 9 girls who have had a particularly good season.



Girls' Football

The team opposite are the current Area School Games Winners

Grace Ogle, Lexie Littlewood, Ellie Gigg, Alesha Reader-Jones, Sophie Parish and Charlotte Dawson.

A big thank you to Mr Wagstaff and Ms Benedictis for coaching them to such a great standard.



Carlton Cluster Primary PE (Sports Premium)

This half term has been a busy time with the training of playground leaders in our local primary schools. Strong ambassadors from Years 5/6 have received training to support activity sessions at playtime. Some schools have selected pupils from Years 3/4 which is a huge achievement. Work has also been done in schools to increase team building and improve the fundamentals of movement.

On Monday 12 November, 180 students arrived at Carlton to take part in our annual Sports Hall Athletics event. All the pupils from Years 5/6 competed against each other in running, jumping and throwing. Points were awarded to each child and the winners were determined by the biggest score. This year Carlton-in-Snaith (right) were victorious with Chapel Haddlesey winning the small schools' event.



Upcoming Events

Coming to Carlton in the New Year is ex-pupil Josh Borom with his gymnastic company to work with some of our KS3 pupils. We also have dance and gym clubs running in preparation for our Dance and Gym Evening.



York and District Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to our cross country runners who competed against 19 other Secondary schools in the York and District Cross Country Championships. **Scarlett Oldridge 10B** ran a superb race to finish 7th in her age group (Years 10/11). She has now been invited to run for our County in the up and coming events in the new year.

CAREERS & ASPIRATIONS

CAREERS UPDATE

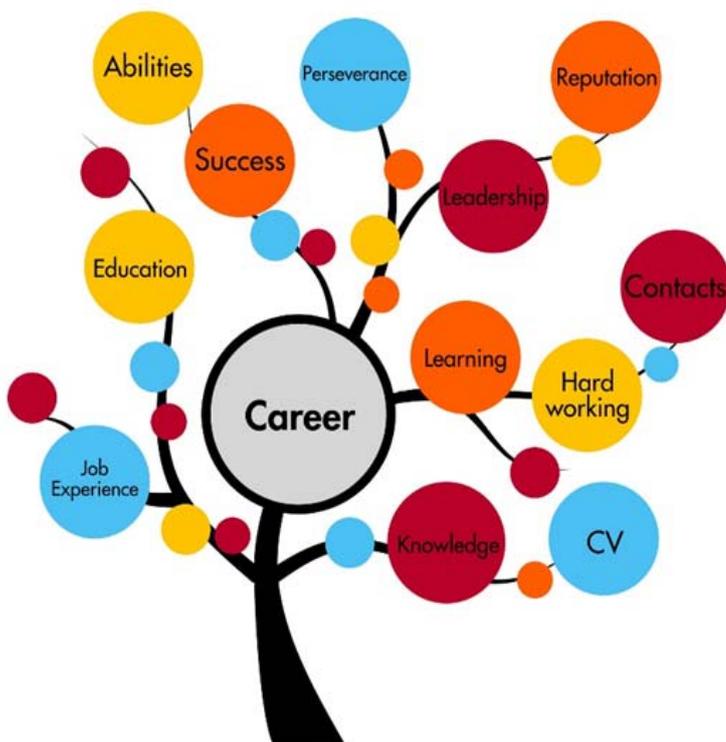
This half term, we have launched our Excellence Group to Year 11 students. The aim of this group is to provide additional opportunities for students to help guide them in making the most appropriate choices for their future and help them on their journey towards academic excellence. I am pleased to announce that there have been 16 students successful in their application to this group and they already have had a workshop with representatives from Selby College's Horizon Group. Our next planned activity is a visit to Oxford University in the new year.

All Year 11 students have now had their one to one consultation with our Mrs J Wilson, our independent careers adviser and should be in the process of applying to post 16 education providers. We have already welcomed Selby College into school to conduct their first interviews with students who got in their applications early. I strongly advise that students have at least one application in before they return to school after the Christmas holidays. All post-16 providers have details on how to apply on their own websites. I also recommend looking at the following website for information on how to best support your child with their plans for the future: www.careersadviceforparents.org

Finally, did you know that your child could be eligible for a government bursary to help with education related costs once they leave Holy Family High School? See the website below for further details: www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

If you require any further information about the careers programme at our school, please feel free to contact me using the following email address devlind@holyfamilycarlton.org

Mr D Devlin, Careers Leader



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 8 Faith Day On 22 November, Year 8 took part in a Faith day which started off with a walk down to the local church, St. Mary's, Carlton. While the pupils were there they did various activities such as exploring and identifying the features of a church. They learned about the rich Catholic history of Carlton including information on Blessed Thomas Thwing and his connection with Carlton Hall, now known as Carlton Towers.



History of Carlton Church



8 Newman working at Carlton Towers

Next stop was Carlton Towers itself, where pupils were given guided tours and shown the celebrated priest's hiding hole. After lunch, Year 8 took part in a workshop on St. Oscar Romero and this was linked with Blessed Thomas Thwing. The day ended with some personal reflection on remembering those people who are no longer with us but who led good lives .



8 Hinsley at Carlton Towers



St Oscar Romero Workshop

Other News



We have welcomed some new members to the Angelus group. They have already completed some wonderful work by going into forms and telling pupils about 'World Gifts'. The Angelus group now has a new President and Secretary, namely Tendai Matereke (left) and Katherine Barber (right). Well done to both girls!



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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

On Friday 9th November a number of pupils attended a Remembrance Service at Selby Cemetery. They were joined by Fr. Wilson and parishioners. After the service, pupils placed Remembrance crosses on the war memorial graves.

In school, all pupils attended a very moving Remembrance Assembly led by Mr Walter, Assistant Head. *“ The service was not only the commemoration of the many lives lost in World War 1 but it was also a celebration of freedom, the product of everything those men gave for our country. The main focus of the assembly was the history behind the tomb of the unknown warrior which is a memorial to all those thousands of warriors whose bodies were never found or identified. The service was very powerful and it reinforced the utter devastation of WW1 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.”* **Matthew Cooke**

During the week of Remembrance, forms made various pieces of beautiful art work that were displayed in the chapel on 9th November and later moved to the front entrance of the school.



Remembrance Art Work



Remembrance Service- Selby Cemetery

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Below)

After attending many preparation sessions, several of our Year 7 pupils and one Year 11 pupil were all confirmed at St. Mary's, Selby on Saturday 24 November. Miss Lambert, Mrs Ashworth, Mrs Habberjam and Mrs Brudniak were their catechists and they are extremely proud of all the pupils.

During the November, the month of Holy Souls, pupils and staff have the opportunity to say or write a prayer for someone who they wish to remember or pray for at this time of year. These prayers have been placed on and around our Remembrance Tree. (Below)



Josh & Eve Kirsch Maskill



Ellie Gigg

Confirmation candidates with Fr Wilson



KEY DATES & INFORMATION

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To Increase in Wisdom & Grace

**Early Finish Friday
21 December 2018**

Diary Dates

Thursday 20 December	Carol Service
Friday 21 December	School closes 12.25pm
Mon 07 January	Staff Inset / School Closed
Tues 08 January	School opens
Friday 22 February	School closes
Sun 24 Feb to Sat 02 March	Ski Trip, Italy
Mon 25 Feb to Thurs 28 Feb	Rome Pilgrimage
Tuesday 30 April	School opens

Year 11 Notices

Well done to our Year 11 pupils who have been great ambassadors for the school during two weeks of gruelling mock exams!

- ◆ Mock Results Day – Friday 11 January 2019
- ◆ Year 11 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 23 January 2019

On Thursday 13th December, a group of Y7, 8, 9 & 10 pupils visited Mansion House Care Home in Drax to perform carols & Christmas songs. The beautiful singing of the choir were warmly appreciated by residents and staff alike. The elderly audience meant that pupils had to deal with some unusual behaviours: residents shouting out suddenly, singing loudly, weeping, dancing and approaching the choir whilst they were in full swing. The pupils responded brilliantly, taking everything in their stride, sharing kind words with all present and helping the audience to get involved in the singing. Two residents, who were brought to tears, insisted on walking forward and thanking the pupils individually at the end. This was a really wonderful event and it was lovely to see the young and the old come together to share some singing and kindness at Christmas. The choir were also out last week at Carlton Towers Christmas Fair. They will also perform at Snaith Hall Care Home, for the senior citizens at school, at the school Christmas lunch and for the carol service in the final week of term.



The staff, governors and pupils, of our school wish you and your family peace and joy this Christmas and a very happy New Year.