



NEWSLETTER

July 2019

The Holy Family Catholic High School

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & TECHNOLOGISTS FARADAY CHALLENGE 2019 NATIONAL RUNNERS UP



Further to the highest scoring heat victory in the IET Faraday Challenge at York University in March, six Year 8 students took part in the national final in Edinburgh on 9th and 10th July. After a speedy train journey, the group spent their first afternoon sightseeing and visiting the National Museum of Scotland; then it was dinner in the hotel and straight into planning and preparation.

This year's challenge was in association with the James Webb Space Telescope and teams were tasked with designing a prototype that could assist in moving the telescope safely, once it is assembled, to its launch site in French Guyana. Our team designed a prototype vehicle which swept obstacles out of the way of the telescope.

After an early night, pupils were up promptly for breakfast and then took a taxi ride to the Royal Observatory for a tour after which they had to build the prototype and present the design to an esteemed panel of judges including Sophie Harker, IET Young Woman Engineer of the Year, Michelle Richmond, IET Director of Membership and Professional Development, Pierre Ferruit, ESA Project Scientist and Carolyn Atkins, Research Scientist at UK Astronomy Technology Centre.

The team gave a polished presentation and excellent demonstration of their fully functional prototype and came away as runners up with a £250 prize for the school! A fantastic achievement and many congratulations go to Tom Reid, Mary Peirson, Keeley Nundy, Peter Ross, Joe Armstrong and Alex Hartley; the successful team.

Congratulations!

PARIS 2019



Just before half term, on Friday 25 May, 71 year 9 and year 10 pupils set off on a four day residential to Paris accompanied by 9 members of staff. The weather was kind apart from the odd torrential downpour and the visit included a guided tour of the Paris landmark sites, a boat trip on the Seine, the Eiffel Tower and a full day at Disneyland culminating in a spectacular night time firework display. Both pupils and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable time!

OPAL COAST 2019



On Friday 05 July, 35 year 8 pupils and 4 members of staff spent four days away on the Opal coast in France. The students had many opportunities to practice their language skills with a trip to a local market to buy ingredients for a packed lunch, a visit to a sea life centre, a crepe making workshop and a day spent at a local theme park. A fantastic time was had by all.



C'ETAIT FORMIDABLE!

"I think the storytelling was good, as when we are telling a story about ourselves we are going to be more interested in it. I enjoyed it because we could make it as funny as we wanted and because it could make other people interested in it too. It also made us respect one another when they were talking and communicating with each other is making us better acquaintances."

Thomas Dale 7NW

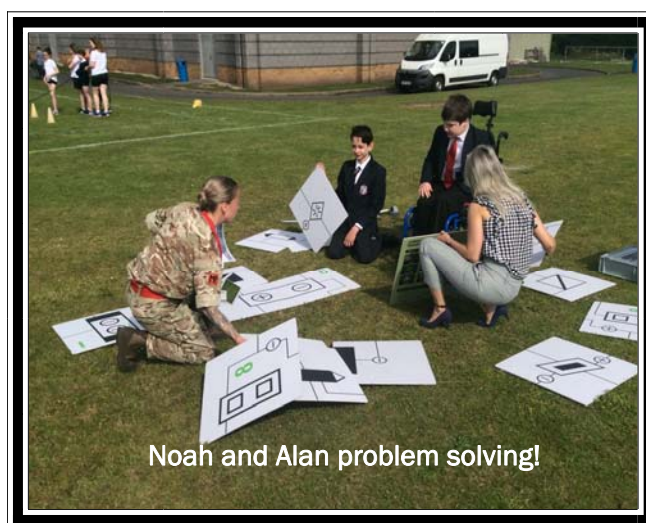
ENGLISH FEEDBACK TO MR HETHERINGTON & MISS AGAR

Hi, I'm Lily Gwynn 9NW

I really enjoyed film studies because you got to learn about different ways of filming and directing movies. We also got to talk about our favourite films and watch thrilling trailers.



Student leaders receiving training from NYBEP to help develop their leadership skills.



Noah and Alan problem solving!



STEM Day Winners Howard demonstrated their projects on Monday 08/07/19 .



Great team work on army led activities

ACTIVITIES & SPORTS NEWS



EUROFEST 2019

On Thursday 27 June, 20 year 8 students from the MFL department took part in the Eurofest competition at Selby college and won "best tourist stand" and "best school overall". They proudly returned with not one but two trophies!

GRADUATION TO KS4



Congratulations to all our Year 8 and 9 pupils who successfully graduated on 10 July 2019. Many thanks to Major Griffiths for his inspiring speech and presenting the certificates. **#aimhigher**



Massive congratulations to one of our students Kaitlin Mills (pictured left) with Master Paul Jones of Wales Taekwondo who runs the Welsh Open displaying the 3 Gold Medals that she won in May. **Well done Kaitlin!**

The Year 9 Sports leaders excelled when they were asked to lead events at a Multi-sport meeting in York. Two pupils were singled out by the VX Sport club representative saying: "We can't speak too highly of Benji and Tom. A real credit to their school. They were brilliant!"



There have been some superb performances from the Year 8 & 9 rugby teams this year. Competing against Barlby High, Selby High, Sherburn and Brayton Academy.

Can you help?

The school is trying to raise funds for a new set of portable goals in readiness for the new school year. If you would like to make a donation to the PE department or have any links to local businesses that would like to sponsor the school's PE department then please do get in touch! Thank you.



SPORTS DAY 2019



Sports Day Winners with Mrs Mitchell & Mr Wadsworth

Sports Day 2019

Congratulations to Newman House on winning our annual sports day. Beaumont ran them a very close second but Newman held on for victory by winning two of the last events. It was fitting that Newman won this year, as their namesake Cardinal Newman is to be made a Saint in October this year.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
1 st	Newman	1 st	Hinsley	1 st	Newman
2 nd	Beaumont	2 nd	Howard	2 nd	Howard
3 rd	Hinsley	3 rd	Newman	3 rd	Beaumont
4 th	Howard	4 th	Beaumont	4 th	Hinsley

The day was a huge success with all pupils participating a wide range of events, including; tug-of-war, rounders, long jump, throws and track events. There was an exciting new event for the day.....a 90ft inflatable assault course! Pupils had the opportunity to test themselves against their friends and other form groups on the physically demanding inflatable.



Refreshments were available all day, some of which were made by our year 10 pupils. Raffle tickets were sold in the weeks prior to the event and pupils from Year 7 even brought in cakes to help raise funds.

Multi-sports were also running in the main hall meaning that pupils of all abilities could get involved in the day.

The tug-of-war events really tested the strength of each form...true grit and determination was shown throughout the event.



Pupils conducted themselves brilliantly all day and this was summed up in a truly inspirational moment when Alan Beaumont (Year 8) came towards the end of his 200m sprint. Virtually the whole year group got up to support and encourage Alan, ensuring he made it to the finish line.

That is the essence of Sports Day at Holy Family. Supporting each other to be the best that we can be.



The Olympic & Paralympic values are excellence, friendship, respect, courage, determination, equality & inspiration. All of these values were demonstrated throughout our sports day. Each and every pupil was a credit to themselves and to the school. Well done to all!



CAREERS & ASPIRATIONS

We have had an exceptionally busy half term with our careers programme and we have participated in many exciting and inspiring activities. Our focus has been on raising the aspirations of the pupils and showing them what is available when they leave school.

All of our Year 10 pupils visited Leeds Trinity University to gain first-hand experience of Higher Education and had the opportunity to speak with a range of students to find out about university life. Years 10 and 11 have also been on visits to a range of local Post-16 colleges, meeting the staff and trying out Level 3 Vocational and A-Level courses.



A group of Year 8 and 9 pupils were invited to Drax Power Station to learn about the different careers. They spoke with a wide range of staff, ranging from environmental chemists to communications managers, turbine engineers to control room operators. It was such a fascinating experience to learn about the different career paths. The key message was *“work hard at school and pursue something about which you are passionate”*.

In addition, 50 Year 10 pupils have been out on work experience this term; a new introduction to our careers programme for this year. The pupils have had the opportunity to experience the world of work and learn valuable skills for their future careers. I would like to thank all the companies and work places that have offered placements to our pupils and given them such excellent guidance. We could not do this without you.



This term also saw the graduation of our first ever group of pupils who have worked through the Diana Award Mentoring Programme. A number of Year 10 pupils had a 10 week programme working with our excellent mentor from the Diana Award and representatives from Drax Power to develop their employability skills. Part of the award involved delivering a social action of their choice. The students decided that they would like to promote the core British value of mutual respect for others. This culminated with the group preparing and leading their own assembly to Years 7 and 8 and then presenting to governors, senior staff and the Chair of the Selby District Equality Network. Many congratulations to all the pupils involved; we are so proud of what you have achieved. Also, sincere thanks to all the mentors who worked with our students.



Finally, I am very pleased to announce that the Holy Family Catholic High School has been awarded The Quality in Careers Standard which is the National Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Quality Award. This award is externally assessed and recognises that our careers programme fully complies with the Department for Education's 'statutory guidance'. We are one of the first schools in the country to be awarded this accreditation.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Fundraising for St Mary's Church , Carlton

Well done to Thomas Leach, Eve Kirsch-Maskill, Irah Brereton, Ella Beranek and Ella Slater-Lewis who attended Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Carlton on Sunday 23 June and afterwards sold many cakes they had baked or bought in aid of the repair of the church bell. They raised just short of £200. Thanks also to Mme Gibert for coordinating the support both in Carlton and a week later at St Mary's, Selby.



Lourdes 2019

On Thursday 04 July, 13 year 10 pupils and 3 members of staff set off with other Catholic schools on the Leeds Diocesan 10 day pilgrimage to Lourdes. After a 24 hour coach journey, the group arrived at their destination and began with a walk to the open air City of the Poor for the opening Youth Mass. Their packed itinerary was made up of 7 days of supporting pilgrims and attending a number of services including Blessing of Hands at St Bernadette's centre, Stations of the Cross, International Mass in the underground basilica, Anointing of the Sick and a torch light procession. The group reported that the whole experience was extremely memorable and rewarding .



CAFOD FUNDRAISING

Back in April, 9HN organised a fundraising activity that involved throwing wet sponges at members of staff. Pictured right are pupil James wood in action and Miss Barlow, Mr Moran, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Coombs and Mr Hetherington who all bravely volunteered to be targets!



GOVERNOR MESSAGE

As staff and pupils prepare for the summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a nice holiday and to thank you for your continued support. The recent Section 48 inspection had pleasing outcomes with an overall "Good" judgement and "Outstanding" awarded to the Catholic Life of the School. Inspectors noted that pupils "show immense consideration and respect for others, demonstrating the ability to love and care for those around them" and that they have "a keen sense of belonging to a caring and supportive family." This I witnessed first hand as I had the privilege to accompany a group of Year 9 & 10 pupils to Paris in the May half term. It really was a pleasure to be around our students; their behaviour was a credit to you as parents and to the school.

At this time of year, we say goodbye to several members of staff who are moving on to new roles . We wish them well in all their future ventures. We also send grateful thanks to those who are retiring for all their hard work and enduring contribution to our school.

P A O'Neill, Chair of Governors

KEY DATES & INFORMATION

Diary Dates

***Please note school closes at 12.30pm on Friday 19 July**



Please do not park in the taxi bays at the front of school. These are reserved for vehicles collecting our SEN or disabled pupils. Thank you.

Friday 19 July*	School closes for summer
Monday 02 September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 03 September	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 04 September	School opens to pupils
Tuesday 24 September	Year 7 Mass of Welcome
Saturday 12 October	Open Morning
Friday 25 October –	Year 7 Residential
Friday 25 October	School closes half term
Monday 04 November	School opens

NEW SCHOOL DAY

08.45 – 09.00	REGISTRATION ASSEMBLIES COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
09.00 – 10.00	LESSON 1
10.00 – 11.00	LESSON 2
11.00 – 11.20	BREAK
11.20 – 12.20	LESSON 3
12.20 – 13.20	LESSON 4
13.20 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 – 15.00	LESSON 5

VACCINATIONS



Year 8

HPV (1st dose) Thursday 5 December 2019

HPV (2nd dose) Monday 22 June 2020

Year 9

MenACWY & DTP Tuesday 5 May 2020

HPV vaccinations for all pupils who will be in year 8 from September 2019 please follow the link www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent

School Code: 121718.

Consent for the first injection needs to be given by 25 August 2019. Thank you.



The staff, governors and pupils, of our school wish you and your family a very happy and restful summer holiday.