



ST.CATHERINE'S
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

WELCOME BACK

The girls have made a good start to the Spring Term and all students have settled back into their learning. Year 11 have been receiving their feedback on their recent Pre-Public Examinations and had a study skills workshop this week to support them on their journey to their GCSEs.

YEAR 8 RETREATS

We began our Year 8 retreats for this term on Wednesday with two classes visiting Aylesford Priory for the day. It was a wonderful day for the students, and staff are looking forward to taking the other Year 8 classes later this term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Well done to all students who have returned to school looking smart in the correct uniform. It is important in this cold and often wet weather that students have a proper school coat that is navy or black. Students may wear scarves, gloves and hats but they must be plain black or navy.

YEAR 9 KS4 CHOICES EVENING

Our KS4 Choices Evening begins at 6.30pm with a talk in the main hall. Please note that space is limited and as it is a long evening, only parents/carers and their daughter in Year 9 should attend. Extended family members, siblings and young children should not be in attendance as we will not be able to seat additional numbers.

VISIT OF THE LA SAINTE UNION HEADTEACHERS AND TRUSTEES.

As you are aware, our school is part of a family of schools established by the La Sainte Union Sisters to provide a rich soil in which Catholic women of the future can grow in their faith. There are many La Sainte Union Schools across the world. In England, we have four La Sainte Union secondary schools and one primary school.

Each term, the Headteachers meet in one of our five schools to work in partnership and host a visit to the school to meet students, to meet staff and to share the work that we do.

Our La Sainte Union visiting Headteachers included:

Ms Lyn Bourne – St Anne's, Southampton.

Mrs Sophie Fegan – La Sainte Union, Highgate.

Mrs Penny Johnson – Grays Convent

Ms Ciara Manning – Holy Cross Primary, South Ockendon

The visit began with a meditation in the Chapel led by our Prayer Leaders. After this, students met with Sr Michele and the LSU Headteachers to find out more about school life. They shared their experiences of going on retreat to Aylesford in Year 8 and Kintbury in Year 9. Our Prayer Leaders explained their ministry within the school and how their retreat to Whitstable in Year 10 supported them in their journey of faith. Our peer mentors and mental health

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champions had the opportunity to speak about the important contribution that they make to wellbeing in the school. Year 9 Ambassadors took our visitors around the school to visit lessons and talked with great enthusiasm and pride about our school.

It was our pleasure to welcome Sr Michele and the LSU Headteachers to our wonderful school. We are proud of our school community and their achievements. All of our visitors enjoyed their day and agree with me that we are blessed at St Catherine's in every respect. Thank you to all students who welcomed our visitors and participated in their visit. I was immensely proud of you all and am privileged to serve such an extraordinary group of young women.

**GOD BLESS
MRS CONNOLLY**

BLESSING

This week fifty of our Year 8 students visited Aylesford for a retreat. The retreat was led by the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. The theme of the retreat celebrated the fact that we are all made in the image of God. They were encouraged to reflect upon their wonderful qualities. Being formed in God's image we are invited to grow every day into his likeness.

PRAYER

It was you who created my inmost self,
and put me together in my mother's womb;
for all these mysteries I thank you:
for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your work.
Psalm 139

Just before we broke up for the Christmas Holidays we squeezed in three more fundraising events where we managed to raise a lot of money for some fantastic charities. Thank you everyone for donating.

MISS FITZGERALD

The logo for Breast Cancer Now, featuring the words "breast cancer" in a smaller font above "now" in a larger font. The letter "o" in "now" is replaced by a pink heart.

Our Christmas Staff
Raffle raised

£233

The logo for Crisis at Christmas, featuring the word "Crisis" in a large, white, stylized font on a red background. A small red tag with the text "Crisis at Christmas" is attached to the bottom left of the letter "i".

This year we
managed to raise

£73



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

This year we
managed to raise

£127

PARENTAL ANXIETY WORKSHOPS

Is anxiety an issue in your home? We shall be running a series of workshops beginning Friday 2nd February to support parents and carers who have daughters suffering from anxiety. Anxiety can be overwhelming and is often triggered by life events. The workshops will be educational and experiential and aim to teach how anxiety can be managed. If you would like some further information about this workshop please telephone the school and leave your details for Ms Mulroy to contact you or e-mail: admin@stccg.co.uk

MS MULROY



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AUDITIONS

STC'S GOT TALENT

GYM

3.20 - 4.45PM

**COME AND SHOWCASE
YOUR TALENT!**

**Please speak to your House Leader
for more information.**

Year 7, 8 & 9

Wednesday 17th January

Year 10 & 11

Thursday 18th January

Bexley's Apprenticeship Event - 12 March 2018

Are you looking for an opportunity to earn while you learn? Whether you're considering your post-16 options or looking at alternatives to University why not come along to our Apprenticeship information event to find out more.

When?

Monday 12 March 2018 - 6:30-8:30pm

Speak to providers and find out how to get an Apprenticeship

Where?

Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7AT

Who is it for?

Young people in years 11-13 (aged 15-18) and their parents/carers

What will I find out?

The event will give you and your parents/carers the opportunity to:

- find out more about the different Apprenticeship opportunities, from Traineeships to Higher Apprenticeships;
- speak with colleges, training providers and employers about the Apprenticeships they offer
- get advice with how to find and apply for Apprenticeships
- see current Apprenticeship vacancies

Parent Workshops

The opportunity for parents and carers to attend a short workshop about how apprenticeships work.



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CALENDAR

SPRING TERM

Monday 15th January

Year 9 KS4 Choices Evening 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th January

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday 23rd January

Year 9 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 6pm

Monday 29th January

Year 11 How to Support your Daughter
Evening - 7pm

Monday 5th February

Year 11 Drama Performance for Parents
- 6pm

Tuesday 6th February

Year 7 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 6pm

Thursday 1st March

KS3 Arts' Evening - 5.30pm

Tuesday 13th March

Year 8 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March

Guys & Dolls Performance - 7pm

TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 21st December 2018
(75 days)

Half-term—1 week from Monday 22nd October

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April 2019 (60 days)

Half-term – 1 week from Monday 18th February

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Tuesday 23rd July 2019
(60 days)

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Half-term – 1 week from Monday 27th May

INSET days (school closed for staff training)

Monday 3rd September, Friday 19th October, Friday 21st
December, Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July.

CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 19th June
Year 11 Leavers' Mass

Friday 22nd June
Year 11 Prom

Friday 6th July
Sports Day

Wednesday 11th July
Celebration of Achievement Evening

Friday 13th July
St Catherine's Day

Don't want? Then Donate!

Please can parents or carers donate any unwanted school blazers or jumpers to the school reception. There may be a time when a student has lost or misplaced a blazer and may not have the financial means to get a blazer in a timely manner. Please help and pass on any blazer or jumper that you feel is in a good enough condition to be used temporarily by a student in need. It would also be helpful if you can donate skirts or blouses that are in good condition also.

We are really short of blazers in a size 36 inch, if you think you could help us out and donate this size blazer please get in touch with us!

