

Dear Parents and Carers

This Thursday is our Year 7 Welcome Mass and we are looking forward to celebrating with as many families as possible on what will be a really lovely occasion.

Last Friday we held our annual rewards trip to Alton Towers, it was a very wet and windy day but all the students who were invited had a very enjoyable day! Thank you to those parents who parked at the Rugby Club rather than parking on local roads. We continue to receive complaints from local residents about parents parking in the local area and also driving at high speed. Could I please ask parents to be careful and considerate to ensure the safety of local residents and our children. Please can I remind you that for any evening events or for pickups after school e.g. Alton Towers, we do have permission from Manchester Rugby Club for overflow parking.

Mrs Birch is leading the Year 9 and 10 History trip to the Western Front which departs on Sunday. We wish all our students well on what will be a very poignant trip as we commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our Class of 2018, at their Presentation Evening on Thursday 8th November at Stockport Town Hall.

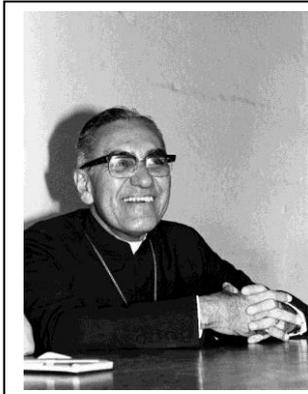
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries about your child.

Mrs C Hogg
Executive Headteacher

PRAYER

Spirit of hope, work within us,
just as you worked
in Saint Oscar Romero,
so that we too may work for justice
and spread the Good News,
by living out the Gospel,
in solidarity with those living in poverty.

Amen.



ST OSCAR ROMERO

In their RE lessons last week, all students had the opportunity to learn more about St Oscar Romero, and to explore how they can be inspired by his actions. He was not a man to keep his beliefs to himself when he believed that the fundamental, God-given rights of his congregations were being trampled on. He was a vocal campaigner for the end of injustices in El Salvador.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

Each one of you has to be God's microphone!



On Sunday, Pope Francis canonised Oscar Romero, a Bishop from El-Salvador. Blessed Oscar Romero was assassinated whilst saying Mass on the 24th March 1980, a martyr of the Church. As an Archbishop he was renowned for using his homilies to speak the truth about what was happening in his country, a 'voice of the voiceless poor', condemning the killings, torture and injustices committed by the army and police. He was not afraid to stand up and preach the truth of the Gospel amidst his turbulent culture. We hear this in Sunday's Second Reading - the Word of God is alive and active, sharper than a sword. And too in the Gospel we are reminded by Jesus that the care for those less fortunate than ourselves is ESSENTIAL!

"Here there is a challenge from Christ to the goodness of humankind. It is not enough to be good. It is not enough to not do evil. My Christianity is something more positive; it is not a negative. There are many who say, "But I don't kill, I don't steal, I don't do anything bad to anyone." That's not enough. You are still lacking a great deal. It is not enough to be good." (Blessed Oscar Romero)

So today let us take up Blessed Oscar Romero's challenge to 'be God's microphone'.

Saint Oscar Romero - pray for us

7J SCIENCE STARS

7J have made a fantastic start to Science at St James and really impressed me with the models they made of plant and animal cells. The models were made from a wide range of craft materials and the research skills and creativity of all pupils in 7J was magnificent.

Miss Woods
Science Teacher



E Thorley



I Hanley



D Gibbons

YEAR 9 GET ACTIVE FOR ST ANN'S HOSPICE

Year 9 are very busy this half term organising fund raising events for our charity St Ann's Hospice. As well as form cake sales, cookie sales, a chocolate tombola and a sponsored silence, pupils have requested a whole Year group, dodge ball competition. This will take place on Wednesday 31st October in PE lessons and all pupils will pay £1 to enter. Next week pupils are also selling the blue forget me not pins in registration which are £2.



Thank you in advance for providing cakes, chocolate and money to support St Ann's Hospice who do an amazing job in our local community.

Ms Woods & Dr Nye
Heads of Year 9

WHY LEARN LANGUAGES?

On European Day of Languages, not only did pupils participate in a Bake Off but they also looked at why we learn languages and discussed the many benefits that come from learning a language, maybe there are some you have never thought of yourselves:

1. When you travel abroad, for example on holiday, you'll be able to talk with people who can't speak English; only about 5% of the world's population actually speak English.
2. You may need a foreign language for your job.
3. You may just enjoy learning a language – using the sounds, working out rules and so on.
4. It will make you seem clever. People seem to be impressed when you can speak more than one language. On the other hand, you can feel hopeless when you can't speak another person's language!
5. You can have secret conversations which other people don't understand!
6. Research shows that learning a language can make you better at learning other subjects.
7. You can watch films and read in another language.
8. It helps you learn about other cultures. It's hard to really get to know another country and people unless you understand their language.
9. It makes you understand your own language better.
10. Finally – and most importantly – when you learn another language not only do you learn about the other country, but it also makes you look at your own country in a different way; it probably makes you a more tolerant person; it teaches you to listen to others, communicate better and it broadens your horizons.

**If you talk
to a man in
a language he
understands,
that goes to his head.
If you talk
to him in his
own language,
that goes to his heart.**

Nelson Mandela

The MFL Faculty

GIRLS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION

Week commencing 15th October

Monday	Year 7 & 8 Hockey (away) Bramhall - return 5pm
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball (home) Harrytown finish 5pm
Wednesday	Year 10 SSSA Netball Tournament (away) Reddish - return 5:45pm
Thursday	Football practice (all Years) - finish 4:45pm Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball practice - finish 4:15pm

BOY'S EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION

Week commencing 15th October

Monday	Year 11 football (away) Wright Robinson - kick off 2:15pm return 4:30pm
Tuesday	Year 7 boys Football (home) Bramhall - finish 5pm
Wednesday	Year 10 Football (away) Bramhall - return 5:30pm
Thursday	Year 9 & 10 Football (away) Bramhall - return 5:30pm

CHEADLE AND MARPLE COLLEGE

Admissions procedures:

Applications welcome from 28th September 2018
Closing date for applications 21st December 2018
All applications to be interviewed in January and February

Year 11 taster evenings:

Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Marple Campus
Thursday 7th March – Cheadle Campus

Year 11 welcome day for students and evening for parents:

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 – Marple Campus
Wednesday 3rd July 2019 – Cheadle Campus

