



May 2017

SFX NEWSLETTER

Love of God. Love of Neighbour

School reopens on Monday 5th June



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we come to the end of the penultimate half term of the year, our year 11 students are part way through their GCSE exams. They have been working hard, especially over the last few weeks in the run up to the start of the exams. Staff have offered many additional classes, both after school and during lunchtimes and our students have appreciated the support provided for them.

Year 11 will be celebrating their five years at St Francis Xavier with a special service on Friday 26 May and their prom will be held at Middleton Lodge, once the exams are finished. They have been a lovely year group and great role models for younger students. They will be missed by the rest of the school community.

You will note when reading the rest of this issue that there have been many opportunities for the

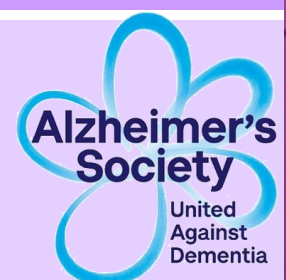
pupils to be involved in. There has been a huge uptake by year 9 for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, with almost two thirds of the year group wishing to participate in the Award. Mrs Crossling has taken last year's students on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh training as they decided to continue working together as a group, rather than continuing with Duke of Edinburgh with their sixth form providers.

Next half term will see the school show, the Moldova Mission and a celebration event for Father Dan and Canon John. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed to their gifts. If you still wish to do so, donations can be made on ParentPay, or brought to the school office.

I hope all our young people enjoy a well-deserved rest and I look forward to seeing them back in school on Monday 5 June.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Thank you goes to Chloe Reid, Charlotte Addison and Gabriella Kidd from year 9 who supported the school with some excellent camera work, filming the students of St Mary's Primary School for their Dementia Awareness video. To view the end result go to <https://youtu.be/V6mWYvhDNYU>



YEAR 10 ENRICHMENT

Split over two weeks in May and June the year 10s are involved in a number of activities to inspire and inform as part of their enrichment week.

In part one of the experience they developed CV writing and interview techniques through a selection process scenario offering jobs and interviews by local companies.

They also took inspiration from a visit to Teeside University, which has seen large investment and expansion in recent years, including a new gym, buildings and courses.

The students toured the university campus, spoke to students and got involved in a team building exercise with marketing skills as its focus.

All students were ambassadors for the school and many of the activity groups came out with ingenious ideas for the marketing challenge.



SICILY

The school Geography trip took 44 students from year 10 and 11 to Sicily and Italy; exploring the terrain, the coastline and the culture. The students experienced the extreme weather differences when visiting different points of interest; from the sunshine in Rome, where they saw the Pope as he drove through the Vatican as part of the Papal audience, to

the arctic conditions on Mount Etna. This was made even more exciting with the knowledge that there had been recent volcanic activity in the region.

All returned safely and, packed along with a rucksack full of washing was a few souvenirs

and many memories and experiences to cherish.

Thank you to the team of staff who supported them on a once in a lifetime trip.



CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

Retreat

A group of 17 students, who are regularly involved in the Chaplaincy Team and Worship Band at St Francis Xavier School, spent the weekend of 5th-7th May at the Youth Hostel in Osmotherley. They had fun building dens in the woods and jumping over small streams and logs on a 'prayerful' walk around Cod Beck Reservoir. They then spent time exploring different ways to worship God, played games, toasted marshmallows and made 's'mores' round the camp fire as well as designing pizzas for dinner on Saturday night. The weekend was rounded off by walking the Stations of the Cross up to the Lady Chapel in Osmotherly and sharing in a short service together there.

Thank you to Mrs Ross Russell and Dr Langford who led the team for the weekend.



Visit by Refugees from Darfur and Iran

On 15th May, 5 of our students hosted 5 asylum seeker refugees when they came to visit us at School. The asylum seeker teenagers are all aged between 16 and 17 years old and are currently living in Harrogate in a centre for young people run by NYCC. They have had a traumatic

journey to get here, 4 of them spent almost a year in the Calais Jungle and one had just arrived from Iran 8 days ago. They are very much in need of a chance to learn English and to spend time with young people their own age. Our students spent some time chatting with them in the Chapel, hosted them for lunch and then taught them some simple games to help them relax and enjoy themselves. We hope they enjoyed their visit to our school and we hope to be able to invite them back again soon.



SPELLING BEE

Francis Macias and Naomi Hannon worked really hard and got the best scores out of the 10 class winners, both spelling more than 10 French words in a minute.

Francis went on to Bradford on the 2nd May to take part in the Yorkshire and the Humber finals, achieving 6th place .



SPORTS UPDATE

Football

28th April saw the year 11 boys become runners up in the area cup. It was excellent for the team to get as far as they did and make the progress they have made over the last 3 years. Unfortunately they came up against a very strong Richmond side who have won the area cup every year as well as winning the county cup the last 3 years.



Equestrian

The school equestrian team performed brilliantly, winning the Interschool Show Cross qualifier at Northallerton Equestrian Centre in April.

Cricket

On 2nd May Tristan Alderson took part in the u13 area cricket trials. He performed very well and has been selected to represent the area in all of their upcoming fixtures. Will Edson was also selected for the u15 team on the back of his impressive performances last year.

Athletics

On 10th May the school sent 16

pupils from years 8-10 for area athletics trials at Middleborough Sports Village.

Top 2 pupils in area are selected to represent the area at the county round at York on 10th June.

The following pupils have qualified for the next round:

Emily Harris- year 8/9 girls
100m winner, 200m runner up

Natasja Clemmet- year 8/9
girls 100m runner up

Killian McLoone- year 8/9 boys
200m runner up

Naomi Cooper, year 10/11 girls
triple jump winner

Rhys Davenport- year 10/11
boys hurdles winner

Tom Moule- year 10/11 boys
shot put runner up

Lizzie Morrison- year 10/11
girls high jump winner and
hurdles runner up.

Squash

Alec Fuller has been invited to an England training camp for squash. The camp has been designed to find the best 16 players in England who are not currently involved in the national set up. Alec attended the initial training on 8th May and the 16 players played in a mini competition, where Alec finished second. Alec will now go back in 2 months for further training and final selection.



Table Tennis

Over the weekend of 13th -14th May Ben and Rebecca Savage played 2 table tennis tournaments.

Ben played in 4 competitions and got to the final in 3 and won 1! That's about his best result ever and the 1st time he's won cadets (under 15). He played 25 matches altogether over the weekend and won 20.

Becca won the U13 on one day and finished 2nd in U13 the other day. Very impressive for an U12 player.

They have both been selected to represent Yorkshire at the inter regional finals in June (they had to go to a competition for that as well at which Ben won the U15). This is pretty impressive as Yorkshire have a very good team! Rebecca is also playing in the nationals at U12 and U13.

Well done to you all for your sporting efforts.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who supported the fund raising over Lent, whether through donations, hard work or raising awareness, you helped the school raise £500 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

With this donation you have all helped the team of Doctors, Medics and Pilots save another life.

