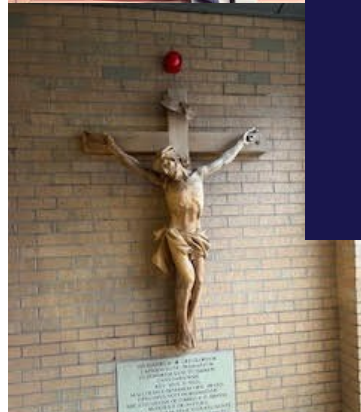
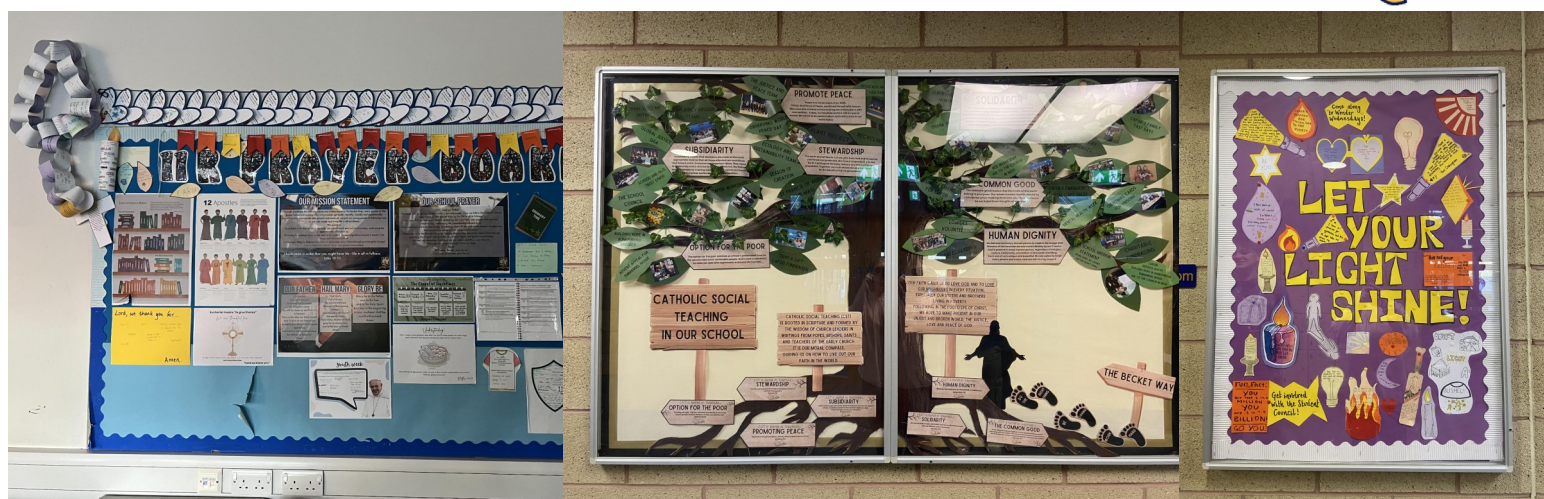


Despatch 83

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An Outstanding Start To The New Year



New Year, New Teachers

Who is your celebrity crush?

"Christine McVie from Fleetwood Mac."

What song best describes you, and why?

"Any Fleetwood Mac song, I love the lyrics."

Why did you choose your subject?

"I travelled all over the world when I was younger because my father was in the army. Some of these places include: Thailand and Germany. This made me very interested in the cultures of the world. and the history of these places."

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

"I would be in politics."

Your school days versus now?

"The pastoral care has improved very much, and the emphasis on diversity and mental health is so much more prevalent and important. The curriculum has also improved incredibly."

Most embarrassing moment?

"Teaching a class on zoom without realising that I hadn't started the meeting! I thought the students just weren't responding."



**Mr. Corden-Mistry
(History)**



**Mrs. Brown
(Psychology)**

Who is your celebrity crush?

"Paul Rudd"

What song best describes you, and why?

"Yellow by Coldplay because it is my favourite colour."

Why did you choose your subject?

"My older sister took psychology A level and I came across one of her knowledge books and found it really interesting."

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

"I would work with forensics / science because I find it interesting."

What has been the worst thing for you as a teacher?

"During training, it was very stressful when I would be asked questions that I wouldn't know the answer to as I was put under pressure."

Who's your celebrity crush?

"Aaron Piper or Leonardo DiCaprio."

What's your favourite song?

"Vampiros- Rosalia or Gasolina, I always need a good hype song."

What made you choose your subject?

"I love Christianity and learning cultures and beliefs, it brings communities together."

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

"I probably would've gone into archaeology of religion or politics."

What do you think about school vs now?

"It's not changed much, very similar but a different community."

What's your most embarrassing moment?

"I taught something by comparing it to Becky Jones' choices of a McFlurry or a fruit bag."



**Ms. Winfield
(R.E)**



**Mrs. Pyne
(P.E)**

Who's your celebrity crush?

"Chris Hemsworth"

What's your favourite song?

"Crazy in Love by Beyonce because it's iconic."

Why did you choose your subject?

"I knew I wanted to be a PE teacher when I was 5 years old doing handstands in the playground. And I did lots of sports growing up like county tennis, county badminton and regional netball."

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

"An Olympian or professional athlete, probably in tennis."

What do you think about schools before vs now?

"I think kids haven't changed much but now teachers are more personable and truly want what's best for you and to enjoy school."

What's your most embarrassing memory?

"I pushed a door really hard then it swung back and hit me in the head and blood started dripping down my face, in front of my students."

Who's your celebrity crush?

"I don't have one, probably my husband."

What's your favourite song ?

"House of the Lord - Phil Hickman"

Why did you choose your subject?

"I had an amazing teacher and I've always loved French from a younger age, I knew this is what I wanted to do."

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

"Pilot or ski instructor."

What do you think about school before and now?

"It's not that different but before we did not have internet like there is now."

What was your most embarrassing moment as a teacher?

"I accidentally called a sixth form boy babe."



**Mrs. Soderberg
(MFL)**

Who is your celebrity crush?

"Colin Firth"

What song best describes you?

"Me - Taylor Swift."

If you weren't a librarian what would you be?

"Probably a writer."

What drew you to your subject?

"I've always loved books and have always been enthusiastic with regards to helping others find new information."

How were your school days different from now?

"I find that teaching styles have developed and changed a lot since I was at school. Lessons are much more interactive nowadays, which I feel has helped children's attitudes towards learning grow and that makes me really happy to see."

What was your worst moment for you as a teacher?

"When I was awaiting a call from a potential employer, I received a phone call from an unknown number and they asked, 'Is that Mrs Hopkins?' and I replied, 'It might be.'"

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**Mrs. Hopkins
(Library)**

Walesby Welcome

Earlier in the term, we interviewed some Year Sevens about the annual trip to Walesby. We asked them about their highlights and their funniest moments. Here are some of their answers...

Multiple students said that the lake activities were the most exciting part of the trip because it was enjoyable, however the lake was very cold.

One student told us that they enjoyed having an opportunity to make new friends, and developed their communication skills. This stemmed from all of the activities that they took part in, especially the ones that required teamwork. During the breaks between the activities they all played tag, which encouraged them to introduce themselves and boost their confidence.

One other aspect of the trip, which was exciting, was playing hide and seek in the dark. Another said that their highlight of the trip was rock climbing because it was fun, and it helped develop their physical skills. One student said that their funniest moment was when Mr Tuff tipped the boat over during the lake activities.

Finally, many students mentioned the disco that took place at the end of their trip which celebrated the fun times they all had together, and to prepare them for the year ahead.

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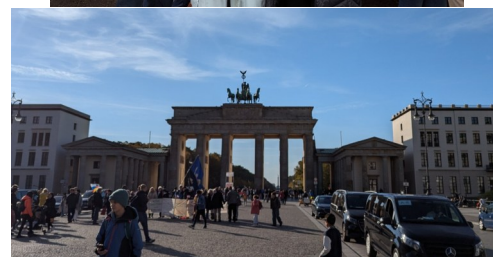
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Bustling Berlin

The recent Year Eleven trip to Berlin was mind-boggling and full of surprises. The Berlin Wall was an amazing piece of artwork, which was fantastic and all the students marvelled at how creative people had gotten. There were a lot of interesting places, but overall the TV Tower was a class favourite. They saw it whilst the sun was setting, and it was very picturesque. For students studying German, it was a very useful trip, as they could practise what they had been learning, and it helped their pronunciation. For History students, they were sure it would be useful in the future, however they have not actually started Weimar Germany yet. They visited a sock shop and found all of the sock designs very funny! They also tried numerous cuisines, their favourite being currywurst. Even though some were vegetarians, there were alternative options, and they were delicious! Along with this, they visited fast food chains quite a bit but the food in general was great!

One of their best fun stories was that they saw the current United States president, Joe Biden, in a moving car. They later saw him take flight in Air force One! Many would encourage future students to go on this trip to experience Berlin for themselves.

Written by: Lily Cheung, Tilly Coppinger, Will Edwards, Ava Smith



Chatsworth Compositions

On the recent Art trip to Chatsworth House, students said, "Whilst exploring Chatsworth House, we came across a fashion room. We all particularly liked how the room was set out and how each piece was different but all had similar effects. There were all kinds of dresses from different time periods and the designers had modernised them, which was really captivating and interesting."

It was a very interesting place for a school trip and they would all recommend it for future year groups.



Written by: Tilly Coppinger

Ice-Skating Superstar

An Interview with Saoirse O'Sullivan

What food do you have to eat for ice skating?

"Usually lots of protein and carbohydrates, no sweets."

What time do you wake up in the morning for training?

"4am to 5am most days."

Where's the best place you've travelled for a comp?

"I have been in the Junior Grand Prix in Gdańsk, Poland, and hope to do more."

How much do you train a week?

"Around 20 hrs."

What's the best thing about ice skating?

"Travelling is fun, and I've made lots of friends along the way."

Why did you chose skating?

"When I was younger, ice skaters always looked very pretty and angelic. I aspired to be like them."

Written by: Rhiannah Janagap



A Debate Victory

We heard about the Debate Team's recent victory in the Regional Final and immediately wanted to know more... One debater said that "apart from winning, a good moment was definitely when the person James Webster had to interview, admitted to the crime that they had allegedly done. This made winning that particular case a lot easier than expected!" They all agreed that the hardest part was learning the questions, and having to coordinate each of their responses to make sure that they were all on the same page when debating.

They agreed that in the future, they would aim to prepare more and learn their arguments off by heart. Despite them feeling that they were looking at their notes too much, they roughly spent eight hours each going over what they were going to say. Their funniest moment was when Harry Heywood was acting as the victim in the case, and the judge decided to point out the physical difference between him and the defendant — a petite Year Eleven girl. Because of this, the jury then decided in the end that Harry was guilty and the team lost that case. Next for them? Nationals. For such, they are required to go on a residential to either Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast or London, which they are all super excited for.



Written by: Ava Smith

Baby Bonding

Baby in the classroom? Whose could it be?

Recently, we spoke to Lola Bishop in Year Eleven about her childcare class, and recent visit from Mr. Kerr's baby! The class were very excited to meet him in person instead of in their textbooks. Lola told us that it was very insightful, and linked in perfectly to the topics they are currently studying. They learnt about a four month old daily routine and the day to day care of a baby in general. The class said that it was particularly useful to have contact with the baby's mother as she spoke about what she expected from her birth and thinking about having a baby versus the reality. This will help them with their essays as now they have a first hand account to reference! The mother said that she was extremely happy her baby was healthy and reaching the suitable milestones for his age. What a lovely experience! I wonder who enjoyed it more - the baby or the students?

Some fun facts:

- He had his first smile in July
- He learnt to roll from his belly onto his back in August
- He had his final round of immunisations in September
- He had surgery in October to remove his frenulum (tongue tie), which helps him feed and prevent speech complications for when he learn to talk
- He tried his first solid food in November, and had some avocado and egg



Written by: Ava Smith

Shakespeare Shenanigans

We interviewed some students about the theatre trip in October with the English department. We asked Anabel Wheeler and Emilia Williams in Year Twelve about the journey; they said they had to endure a long bus ride down to London, which was thankfully broken up with a much needed stop at a service station that had really nice food and an impressive M&S! The trip had many great moments but the one that stuck out the most was seeing the Globe, an impressive and historic building which is where they watched the play "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare. To relive and capture the true experience of watching a play in the Shakespearean era, the students had to stand up for all three and a half hours of the play! The Year Twelves were somewhat confused by the strange adaptation of the play as they have yet to have studied it. They rounded the day off with beautiful food from street stalls at a Christmas market; overall the experience was well worth it, and they would recommend it to everyone else in the future.

Written by: Seb Tonks, Vanessa Wisniewska

Athletic Adventures

Year 11 girls' football team

Upholding their reputation, the year eleven girls' football county champions remain unbeatable. They scored an unbelievable 10-3 in their most recent game against Holbeach girls' team, who had travelled all the way from Kings Lynn in Norfolk. Closer to home, the girls won a phenomenal 16-0 in the county game against Hall park, and will soon be playing against teams from Manchester or Leicester. The girls are ambitious for their bright future, as they are playing in the 5th round of nationals.

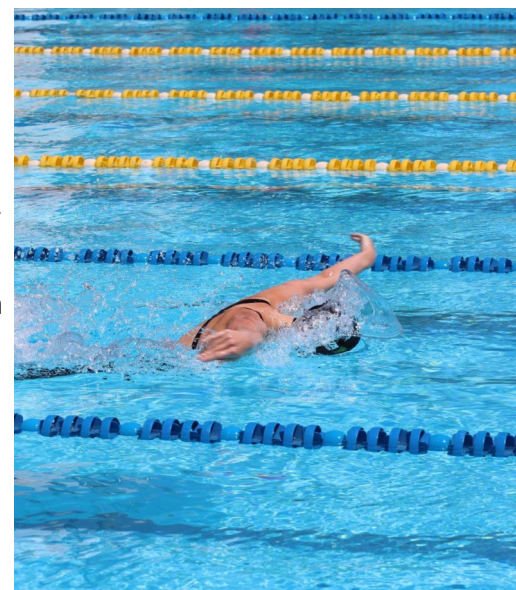


Year 10 boys' basketball team

The year ten boys' basketball team competed in the merit league, and won an incredible 3 out of 4 games. The whole team made some amazing passes and showed real determination all throughout! A special shout-out to Emmanuel Okoli, who was the top point scorer overall. They have a good chance of being in the final four playing in the county finals. Good luck!

Freestyle Freya

Freya Jones, from year twelve, is a new addition to the Welsh national swimming team. In October, Freya won the 800m free style for Wales with the exceptional fastest time of nine minutes and thirteen seconds. She also got a bronze in English Nationals in Summer 2024. She has high hopes to qualify for British Nationals in 2025.



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