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| House | 3.11.2017 | 20.10.2017 |
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| Allen | 94.8% | 95.1% |
| Hinsley | 96.6% | 96.1% |
| Manning | 96.2% | 93.9% |
| Newman | 95.7% | 93.8% |
| Vaughan | 95.6% | 95.9% |
| Wiseman | 95.4% | 95.2% |
| Whole School | 95.9% | 95.0% |



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Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous:
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the
cost;
to fight and not to heed the
wounds;
to toil and not to seek to rest;
to labour and to ask for any
reward
save that of knowing I do your
will.
Amen

Evening Prayer

May the Lord support us
all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in his mercy,
may he give us
a safe lodging,
a holy rest,
and peace at last.
Amen

Weekly Prayer

We Will Remember

They shall grow not old,
as we that
are left grow old,
age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn.
At the going down
of the sun, and in the
morning we will
remember them.
Amen

MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS



Mollie-May McMurray, Georgina Lewis, Eve and Lauren Adams, Sky Dowell and Kayley Hudson are indeed showing that they are 'Women for others' in their quest to raise money for a number of charities.

Kayley and Sky baked cakes to sell for Cafod last week. Mollie-May has been growing her hair for over a year, only to have it cut short on 24th November. Donating her beautiful locks to the little Princess Charity, so that it can be turned into a wig for a child suffering from cancer. Mollie-May, needs to raise £500 or more in order for the wig to be made. Georgina, Eve and Lauren are aiming to spend the whole of Friday 17th November in complete silence to raise money for St Giles Hospice. Their target is £300 for this the first of many planned events.

We are very proud of all the efforts that these young people are making to help others face hardships. Well done to all the girls.

If you would like to support them they have a just giving page. Please see the College Facebook and Twitter page or email j.burrowes@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk for more details.

Thankyou ~~~ Mrs Burrowes

CHURCH CALENDAR

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sunday 12th November 2017 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday 13th November 2017 | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday 14th November 2017 | St Dyfrig, Bishop (W) |
| Wednesday 15th November 2017 | St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday 16th November 2017 | St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop (E) |
| Friday 17th November 2017 | St Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman, Religious (W) |
| Saturday 18th November 2017 | The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles |

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

St Mary's & St Thomas More

Rev Fr Peter Weatherby
<http://www.cannockcatholic.org>
07766 335591

Our Lady of Lourdes

Rev Fr Jeremy Howard
<http://www.ourladyhednesford.com>
01543 422576

St Joseph's, Burntwood

Rev Fr Paul Haines
<http://www.stjosburntwood.co.uk/>
01543 686266

St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley

Rev Fr Peter Stonier
<http://www.rugeleycatholicchurch.co.uk/>
01889 802531

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

The prayer for Amnesty Day is the same prayer as our college prayer. This weekend let us pray to God by saying these words:

St Ignatius' Prayer of Generosity

Lord, teach me generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wound, to toil and not to seek to rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing I do your will. Amen.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

AmDg



As a result of our work with the Society of Jesus, we have been partnered with a companion school. The term companion for the Jesuits goes back to the very foundation of the Society of Jesus in the 1540's when the first Jesuits referred to one another as companions. A companion school is a partner school and they tend to link schools between the developed, high income and under developed, low income worlds.

Our school is located in Zimbabwe in the region of Mbare. Mbare is a high-density, southern suburb of Harare, Zimbabwe. It was the first high-density suburb (township), established in 1907. At that time, it was located near the city cemetery, sewage works, and abattoir.

St Peter's Mbare Secondary School is a co-educational institution that was established in the 1960s in St Peter's Catholic Parish of Mbare. The school began as a study group initiative led by the Jesuits for the marginalised African men who lived at the Mbare flats. When the law that prohibited African women from living in Mbare was repealed in the early 1980s, the study group began to incorporate young women as well. In 2005, the study group was formally registered as a school under the Ministry of Education.

During the early years, the school was shunned by many members of the community because of its initial status of being an unregistered study group. As a result, St Peter's Mbare could only enrol students who would have been rejected by other schools for one reason or another. The situation changed in 2008 (during the hyper-inflation period) when most teachers in government schools stopped teaching, however the teachers at St Peter's continued their vocation. The parents in Mbare realised the determination of St Peter's staff and started bringing their children to the school. Over the years, the school's enrolment and pass rates have been improving and in 2013, St Peter's Mbare was ranked 64 in the top 100 schools nationwide. It is the only school to offer education up to Ordinary Level (GCSE).

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

St Peter's Mbare Secondary School is situated in Harare's oldest high density suburb. The suburb is notorious for overcrowding, youth delinquency, muggings as well as squalid living conditions. Most of the people living in the suburb survive by selling products on the street and other menial jobs for a basic living. The students come from the surrounding areas and they are determined, through hard work, to improve their lives.

LEARNING SESSIONS

The school has inadequate accommodation. All the classes are housed under a 2-storey block. Each class is made up of between 40-45 pupils. There is a total of two male staff and eleven female staff for the 335 pupils in the school.

| COLLEGE CALENDAR | | COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12-17th November 2017 | Anti-bullying week | Netball | |
| 21st November 2017 | Sixth Form Information Evening 18:30 ~ 20:30 | 9th November 2017 | Rudiments/Figures v Codsall (H) |
| 26th November 2017 | Griffin Mass | Football | |
| | | 7th November 2017 | Syntax v Hart (H) |
| | | 8th November 2017 | Rudiments 5-a-side Tournament (H) |
| | | 9th November 2017 | Figures v Kingsmead (H) |

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school offers football, netball, volleyball, handball, chess and basketball as extra-curricular activities. The school also offers co-curricular clubs such as the Christian Life Community, Youth Against Aids, Health Club, Justice for Children Trust (includes Child Protection), Zimbabwe United Nations Association, Public Speaking and Debate, choir and an Environmental Conservation Club.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Fr Isaac El Fernandes SJ, the school chaplain, writes about chaplaincy within the school.

Chaplaincy itself within the school is a tricky business inculcating a Catholic ethos in a school that counts less than 30% Catholic proportion of the student body. Our aim is of course not to convert all our students, but in the humanist tradition of Jesuit education, to help each student to be a better Christian within their own particular denomination and ultimately be a better human person.

In forming the total human person and putting an emphasis on humanistic values we believe that the project of Jesuit education is helping each student to draw closer to God in their own way. This said we cannot renounce overtly preaching our Catholic doctrine. The Christian faith in order for it to be taught must be taught in the tradition of a particular denomination. The choice therefore to have Catholic liturgies and push Catholic agenda is therefore an obvious one. But it must be observed, that is not easy to sustain a Catholic culture in a school where less than a third of the student body are practicing Catholics. One wonders about the sense of a Mass where 20 pupils out of 200 come to communion. It is in short, an uphill battle and one that needs to be fought with diplomacy and discernment in order to ensure that what we do not end up creating is a sense of resentment against Catholic rites, liturgies and prayers because they are imposed in an autocratic manner. If the liturgy is the expression of prayer of the people – in some ways our liturgies need to reflect the spirituality and prayer of all members of staff.

FUTURE

A copy of our Griffin Newsletter was sent to St Peter's to introduce ourselves to the school and welcome them officially as our companion school. We hope to link via video in the near future and, one day go out to Mbare and visit our new companion school.



PUPIL SERVICES CONTACT DETAILS



Have you moved house? ~ Have you got a new number? ~ Have you informed the College?

Many student details are not up to date on the system making it difficult for the college to get in touch with Parents/Guardians, when their child is sick or injured. Please can you ensure that all your details are up to date, your child can obtain a form from Pupil Services.