



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 22 December 2016

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Epiphany**

MESSAGE FROM MR RANSON



The term draws to a close and we look back on a wonderful start to secondary school life for our Year 7 pupils. What a lovely group of children who will strengthen our school community as the years go by. As always I thank you, the parents and carers of our pupils for the outstanding support that you give to our school mission; it is through the strong relationship between school and home that great success and happiness is born.

The season of Advent prepares us for the birth of our Lord and saviour, Jesus. In thinking of Christmas time we think of family and sharing. I am drawn to the writing of Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* where he tells us:

If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realize that every person is worthy of our giving. Not for their physical appearance, their abilities, their language, their way of thinking, or for any satisfaction that we might receive, but rather because they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory'.

Let us pray that we each see the glory of God's creation in all of the people we encounter this Christmas and during the New Year of 2017.

With my prayers for God's blessing on your families this Christmas.

STAFF LIP SYNC

Thank you to all pupils who came to watch our Staff Lip Sync Concert on Friday. We raised £320 to go towards CAFOD. Fantastic work!

YEAR 11 STUDENTS LOOKING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS AFTER SCHOOL

Looking for a job or seeking an Apprenticeship? Register at www.mployouth.co.uk or give them a call on 01606 828382. Students register by logging onto <http://www.mployouth.co.uk/candidate/register.asp> They can also access the mobile version on smart phones and tablets via www.mployouth.co.uk

WESTINGHOUSE SPRINGFIELDS APPRENTICESHIPS – ENGINEERING TRAINING

Advanced Engineering apprenticeships (3 ½ years) that train apprentices in a variety of engineering trades. Preferred 4 GCSEs at C or above including Maths, English and Science. Recruitment is from Monday 19 December 2016 and the Closing Date is Friday 17 February 2017. Further details are available on www.westinghousenuclear.com/springfields/Careers/Apprentice-Training, Telephone: 01772 763300 or Email trainingadmin@westinghouse.com

Dates to remember

Monday, 9 January – School opens for Spring Term
 Thursday, 12 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm
 Friday, 13 January – Year 11 Mock Results Day
 Friday, 10 February – School closes for half-term
 Monday, 20 February – INSET day pupils at home
 Tuesday, 21 February – School opens for Spring Term 2