

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

In August, we were delighted to celebrate the 2019 Year 11 cohort's brilliant GCSE results; the school achieved a Progress 8 figure of +0.07 as a result of students surpassing their target grades and performing better than national expectations.

Record numbers of families visited the school on Open Evening, leaving extremely positive feedback, which is a clear indication of our growing reputation within the community.

We are incredibly proud of the good work we do both within school and our local community, some of which is highlighted in this edition. I wish you all a happy and safe half-term break.



Mrs Gray, Headteacher

Upcoming News & Events: Autumn 2019

Mon 4th November	Students return from half-term holiday
Mon 4th – Fri 15th Nov	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thurs 14th November	Winter Fayre
Tues 26th November	Splendid Theatre Company (Years 10 and 11)
Thurs 28th November	GCSE Certificate Evening and Awards Evening
Mon 2nd – Fri 13th Dec	Year 9 Mock Exams
10th & 11th December	School Production: <i>Oliver!</i>
Thurs 12th December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th Dec	Christmas Service Students break up for Christmas holiday
Friday 20th December	Staff Training Day
Monday 6th January	Students return to school

“What does the Lord ask of you?

**To act justly,
to love mercy
and to walk humbly
with your God.”**

(Micah 6: Verse 8)



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St Michael's staff and students held a successful coffee morning on 26th and 27th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



Members of staff contributed both shop-bought and home-made cakes for purchase by colleagues and students, raising a total of £421.50.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the library from Monday 23rd-Friday 27th September. A raffle for this basket of goodies, worth over £25, also took place, with all monies going towards new books for the library.

Thank you to everyone who took part - a total of £400 was spent at the Book Fair by staff and students, resulting in the school receiving £160 worth of free books.

BRITISH SILVER MEDALIST VISITS ST MICHAEL'S

Great Britain's long jump champion, Feron Sayers from Sports For Champions UK, visited the school on Wednesday 25th September to share some top tips on how to succeed, with students from Years 7, 8 and 9. Ranked top 10 in Europe and 1st in the UK rankings, Feron was the first British boy in history to jump over 7m at the age of 14 and went on to gain his first British silver medal in the men's long jump in 2017.

Feron inspired students by sharing his top tips on the resilience he needed to achieve the top rankings, along with putting students through their paces on a fitness circuit used to train athletes competing at the top level in their sport.



All the students worked hard to gain sponsorship so they could fund, and take part in, the event and were rewarded with signed mementos of the occasion.

Sports for Champions UK aims to put athletes in schools across the UK and Ireland, inspiring students to live healthier, more active lives and motivating them to achieve their dreams.

A polite reminder from the PE Department...

Could we please remind parents that all items of clothing should be named; this will enable us to return any lost items to your child as quickly as possible.



St Michael's Church of England High School is committed to the development of provision for young carers and their families.

Our aim:

- The whole school is committed to meeting the needs of young carers so they can attend, and enjoy, school in the same way as their peers, and achieve their potential.
- We will designate a young carers' lead within the school; pupils and families will be made aware of how to contact them to access support.
- The school will only share information with professionals and agencies on a *need to know* basis.
- We will seek feedback and ideas from young carers and their families to shape and improve support.
- The school will have an effective referral system and a strong partnership in place with relevant external agencies, including the school nurse and Sandwell Young Carers.
- We will strive to achieve best practice for students and families in our school in order to provide them with the best chance of success in their future.

For further information please contact rhonda.hodgetts@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk



BAG PACKING FOR BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

26 students from Years 7 to 10 supported a bag pack at Tesco Dudley on Sunday 13th October, raising an amazing £821.59 for Birmingham Children's Hospital – they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

THURSDAY · 14 NOVEMBER 2019 · 6-9PM

ST MICHAEL'S

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RAISING MONEY FOR
BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS / HANDMADE CARDS / SWEET TREATS /
PERSONALISED GIFTS / FESTIVE FOODS / TOMBOLA /
RAFFLES / MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
& MUCH MUCH MORE!!!



**MORE THAN
50 STALLS**

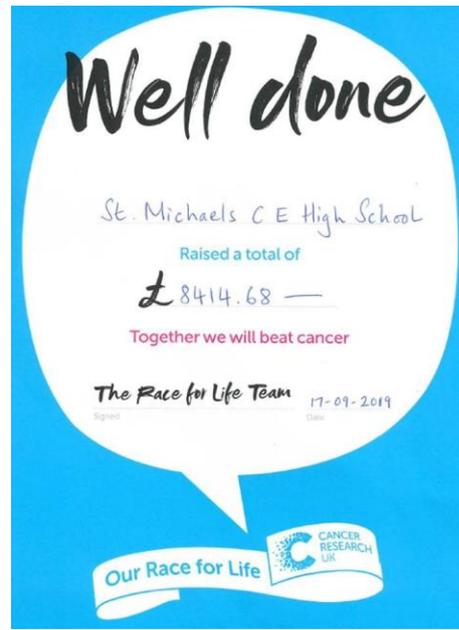
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A STALL CALL KERRY ON 0121 561 6881

ST MICHAEL'S RACE FOR LIFE UPDATE

In our Summer 2 edition, we told you about the first St Michael's Race for Life, which took place on 16th July. This was the first charity event directly linked to the house system within school and involved Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part in either a 3km, 1km or 1km MUGA event.



We are delighted to announce that, as a result, **our students raised a staggering total of £8,414.68 for Cancer Research UK.** Our thanks go out to Ms Wilkinson for organising this wonderful event and to all our students, and their families and friends, for their amazing contributions.



Please Sir, may I have some more?

St Michael's Performing Arts team is busy with preparations for our forthcoming production of *Oliver!*

We warmly welcome family, friends and members of the community to our theatre on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December at 6.30pm.

Tickets are available on ParentPay: £5 for students and concessions, and £7 for adults.

... and why not try some gruel at our gruel station while you are there?!

We look forward to seeing you!

OLIVER



Designed by Izzy Joesbury

PRIMARY YOGA FESTIVAL



On Thursday 10th October, 32 Year 5 students from three local primary schools attended a Primary Yoga Festival at St Michael's Dance Studio. Led by Mrs Faulkner, pupils participated in the sun sequence, breathing techniques, partner and group postures and meditation.

The feedback from staff and pupils was fantastic with one pupil saying, "I loved the relaxing music" and another explaining how they had "loved working with different students from St Michael's and I am not scared of big school any more". Seven school sport leaders assisted at the event and it was fantastic to see them helping out with different postures, and techniques to put the Year 5 and 6 pupils at ease.

A special mention to Kitty Hill, Amy-Leigh Tolley, Jessica Day, Jessica Dipple, Lacey Smith-Coles, Paige McGeoch and Katie Vercesi for fantastic leadership, compassion and motivating qualities, contributing to and role modelling the St Michael's school ethos.

YEAR 11 GCSE SUCCESS FAIR and YEAR 10 GCSE PREPARATION EVENING

Mr Brooks would like to say a massive thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 GCSE Success Fair and Year 10 Preparation Evenings on 24th and 26th September. The positive relationship between students, parents/carers and school continues to go from strength to strength, as 96% of our KS4 parents/carers attended the evenings to support their child with their upcoming GCSEs. During these events we supported our students holistically by helping them with their studies through revision timetables, revision techniques and Hegarty Maths, along with showing the importance of looking after their health and wellbeing through information on nutrition, exercise, sleep, stress and anxiety. Feedback from parents/carers has been overwhelmingly positive:



"I thought it was very informative & helpful to be able to talk to teachers & colleges about future courses."

"Excellent evening and the resource pack is a brilliant idea which will be very useful to support revision"

"I have had no direct experience of independent schools, but would imagine that the tailor-made resources, dedication and general enthusiasm shown last night would be on a par, if not surpass, those provided in such establishments."

UNDER 14s BLACK COUNTRY NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 10th October Mrs Faulkner and Miss Dowler took 22 girls to the Under 14s Black Country Netball Tournament, entering two teams from St Michael's. The girls played against 19 different schools and both teams secured places in the finals. Both teams were fantastic in their battles against Phoenix and Sandwell Academy. Unfortunately, we were knocked out by Phoenix, but the other team beat Sandwell Academy A team 2-0 to secure a St Michael's place in the finals against George Salter. The girls battled so hard and really deserve their place in the West Midlands Final on 23rd November against schools from the whole of the West Midlands. A massive well done to Ashara Porter, Bethany Allen, Charlie Veal and Keira Grigg who stood out as excellent players both on the court and as fantastic coaches and role models to the other players. A special mention goes to Grace Popoola (7C) who came to experience the tournament and played half a game in the team due to her commitment and ability in netball. Mrs Faulkner would like to congratulate the whole squad who were fantastic and a pleasure to take to the event, everyone played some skilful netball and all the girls are now looking forward to the league starting on 17th October, with their first game against Oldbury Academy.



WORK EXPERIENCE AT HALESOWEN TOWN FC

During the last two weeks of the Summer Term, a number of St Michael's students completed their work experience at Halesowen Town FC. The Grove is one of the oldest non-league grounds in the country and, as it is a semi-professional football club run exclusively by volunteers, the upkeep of the stadium is not easy.



The students were truly magnificent and completed numerous tasks during the course of their work experience to help prepare the ground for the start of the new season: painting in and around the stadium, hedge and tree trimming, sorting old match programmes for the programme shop, to name but a few. It was fantastic to see the students learning new skills, having a go at pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone and, most importantly, working together as a team. Their efforts were acknowledged by Halesowen Town co-owner, Karen Brookes, who gave thanks to the students in her match day programme notes for the first game of the season.



Our appreciation is extended to St Michael's staff: Mr Lloyd, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Berry, Mrs Rowley, Mrs Worley and Miss Baynham, without whose support and encouragement the placement would not have been such a great success.



COVENTRY GAMES

On Wednesday 9th October, eight KS3 pupils took part in the Coventry Games.

Competing against seven other schools in the West Midlands, our students, once again, did St Michael's proud in this annual sporting event. We won several of our events including: Draughts, Connect 4 and



Darts. After a fun-filled day, we were awarded the bronze medal overall. A big well done to the following students: Year 7: Jayden Stevens, Muhammad Saeed, Jamal Sogbesan, Rizwan Hussain; Year 8: Tarnvir Singh, Ruby Jones, Mariam Bibi, Belle Hadley.

CONGRATULATIONS!

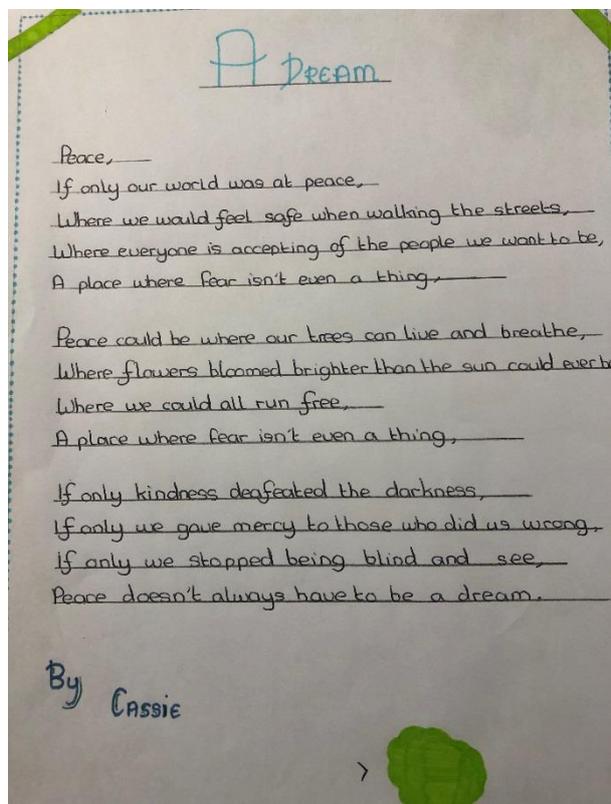
These Year 7 students have been nominated by their teachers for making an excellent start to St Michael's. Well done!



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM & STUDY SUPPORT TIMETABLE

	Monday 4th November	Tuesday 5th November	Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 7th November	Friday 8th November
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision
8:40am Start	BTEC Sport Resit (Actual exam)	Biology Paper 1 Double 1hr 15mins Triple 1hr 45mins	Maths Exam Paper 1 1hr 30mins	English Language Paper 2 2hr 5mins	Maths Exam Paper 2 1hr 30mins
10.45am Start	BTEC Sport Resit (Actual exam)				History Paper 3 1hr 15mins
1.15pm Start	History Paper 1 & 2 2hrs	English Language Paper 1 1hr 45mins	Chemistry Paper 1 Double 1hr 15mins Triple 1hr 45mins	Computer Science Paper 1 1hr 30mins Health & Social RE Paper 1 1hr 45 min	BTEC Sport Resit (Actual exam)
After School Study Support 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Biology English	Maths Chemistry	English Computer Science Health & Social Care RE	Maths History Btec Sport	Physics Geography
	Monday 11th November	Tuesday 12th November	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November	Friday 15th November
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision
8:40am Start	Physics Double 15mins Triple 1hr 45mins	Maths Exam Paper 3 1hr 30mins	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr 30mins	English Lit Paper 2 2hr 30mins	German Listening/Reading
10.45am Start		Geography Paper 2 1hr 30mins	German Writing 1hr 10/1hr 20mins French Writing 1hr 10/1hr 20mins		Geography Paper 3 1hr 15mins
1.15pm Start	Geography Paper 1 1hr 30mins	Child Development 1hr 15mins	RE Paper 2 1hr 45mins	Citizenship 1hr 45 mins	French Listening/Reading
After School Study Support 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Maths Geography Child Development	Computer Science German & French RE	English Citizenship	German & French Geography	ICT

PEACE WEEK (16th-20th September)



- Students taking a peace pledge
- Assemblies relaying why society struggles to be at peace
- Prayers for peace
- A peace mosaic was completed
- Peace poems were created by students
- *How to be a peacemaker* workshop
- Art club focused on drawing 'what peace looks like'.
- Computing taught students how to write 'peace' in binary!
- And many more....

The week culminated in Years 7, 8 and 9 having a session with a 'Message' Trust band called Brightline. The sessions encouraged students how to find peace in difficult and challenging times and were greatly received by your students.

The school's core values are taken from the Bible and particularly centre around our school prayer found in Micah 6 verse 8, which reads:

What does the Lord ask of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

During this academic year, several weeks will be themed, allowing all students to explore key concepts, ideas and values upon which St Michael's is founded.

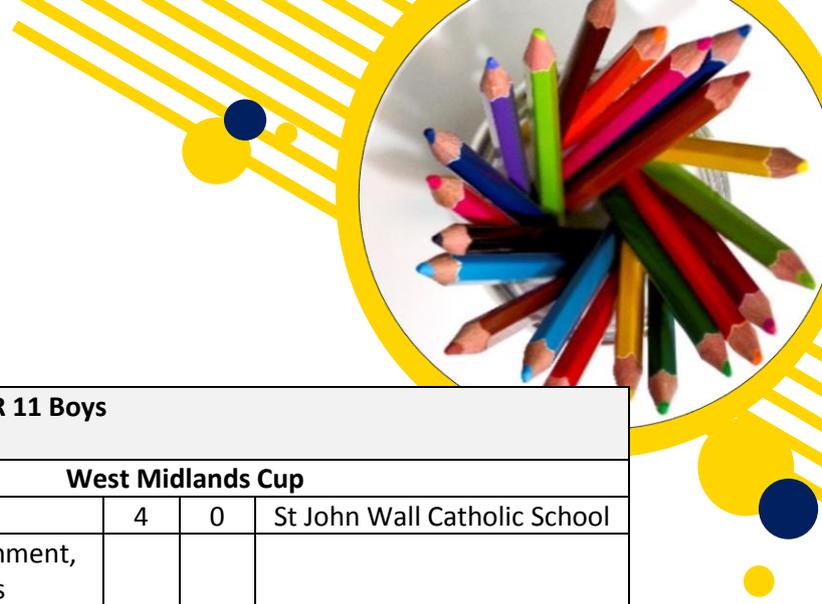
The year started with the school celebrating 'Peace Week'. Many activities were carried out throughout the week including:



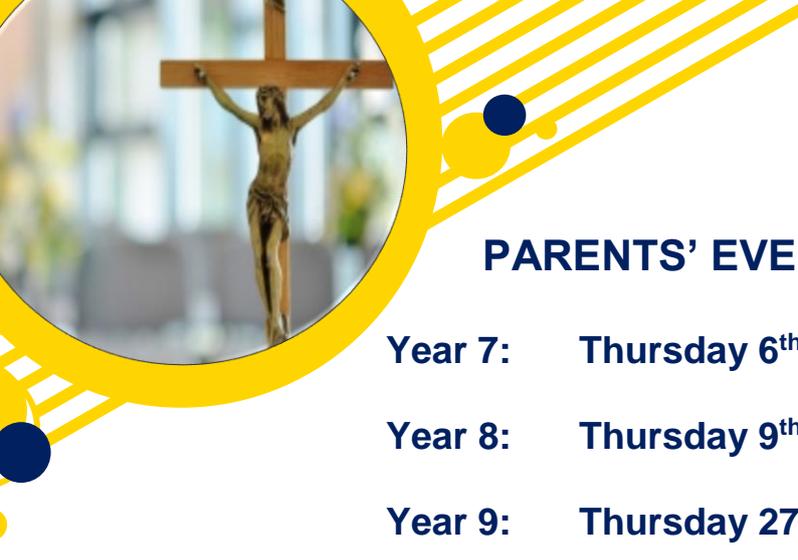
ST MICHAEL'S FOOTBALL



GIRLS				
19 th September 2019	St Michael's	2	1	Shireland Collegiate Academy
24 th September 2019	St Michael's	0	4	Ormiston Forge Academy
8 th October 2019	St Michael's	5	1	Holly Lodge High School
15 th October 2019	St Michael's	7	0	OSCA



YEAR 11 Boys				
West Midlands Cup				
7 th October 2019	St Michael's	4	0	St John Wall Catholic School
	Goals: Pharrell Parchment, Callum Dudley, Louis Hinton and Henry Thompson Man of the Match: Jack Male			
Sandwell Cup				
10 th October 2019	St Michael's	1	1	Ormiston Forge Academy
	Goal: Harvey Portman Man of the Match: Ashton Green			
YEAR 9 Boys				
	St Michael's	2	0	OSCA
	Goals: Archie Thompson (2) Man of the Match: Kyle Colledge			
YEAR 8 Boys				
1 st October 2019	St Michael's	4	1	OSCA
	Goals: Lucas Martin (3) and Dawid Joppek Man of the Match: Lucas Martin			
8 th October 2019	Ormiston Forge Academy	6	2	St Michael's
				Goals: Man of the Match: Lucas Martin
YEAR 7 Boys				
1 st October 2019	St Michael's	1	2	OSCA
	Goal: Brooklyn Hedges			
10 th October 2019	Ormiston Forge Academy	4	3	St Michael's
				Goals: Jack Woodhall, Josh Ongono and Felix Cawsey



PARENTS' EVENINGS – dates for the diary

Year 7: Thursday 6th February 2020

Year 8: Thursday 9th January 2020

Year 9: Thursday 27th February 2020

Year 10: Tuesday 23rd June 2020

Year 11: Thursday 12th December 2019

New Intake Parents Evening: Monday 29th June 2020

New Intake Days: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July 2020