



THE SACRED HEART Language College

Newsletter - July 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent,

This is a bumper edition of our newsletter representing just some of the events that have enriched our community in recent weeks.

This time of year is always a time of farewells as well as preparing for new beginnings. We wish our Year 11 every success in the summer and for their new life beyond The Sacred Heart. It was wonderful to see them grow into the confident and excited young women that you can see in this newsletter.

The end of the academic year also sees us say farewell to some members of staff. On the 6th July we had the opportunity to say a special farewell to Mrs Graham after her forty years of service to Catholic education within our school. It was a very special evening where we were joined by some past staff and pupils, alongside our Chair of Governors, Mr Coyle, as seen in this picture. We also say farewell to Ms Hadfield after 20 years of committed service to our school. We wish her the very best as she makes plans to return home to Australia.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy summer break.

Geraldine A. Higgins

Farewell to Mrs Graham

Thank you to the Governors, Miss Higgins and staff for my wonderful retirement celebration on the 6th July. I can't believe 40 years have gone by so quickly. The Sacred Heart has supported me through very happy and very sad times, as any family would do. I will miss everyone but it is time to move on to another exciting phase of life. I go with many happy memories, God bless and may He keep you all in the palm of his hand.

Mrs C. Graham Head of Year 11



Summer Concert

In the penultimate week of term, the music department held their annual summer concert. The evening's entertainment included wonderfully diverse styles of music in the form of the three choirs, the orchestra, Irish music group, Samba band, R'n'B Band, staff choir and Amy Kennedy (singer/songwriter) making her debut appearance. The concert began with an uplifting performance of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", followed by "The Bare Necessities" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" from the orchestra and concert choir. The chamber choir followed with a subtle performance of "How Far I'll Go" and "Heaven", then the Irish Music Group had the audience tapping their feet again with a rendition of "John Ryan's Polka". The harmonious Gospel choir then performed "Seasons of Love" and "A Thousand Years" before the Samba Group had the school hall bouncing again before the Staff Choir entertained the audience and pupils alike with "Fields of Gold". You could hear a pin drop in the hall when Amy Kennedy beautifully sang two of her own compositions. The musical celebrations were continued by the R'n'B Band performing "Let It Go" and "If I Ain't Got You". To end the evening the school orchestra and choirs performed "Skyfall" to rapturous applause.

Mr D. Starling - Head of Performance





Feast of The Sacred Heart Celebrations

We began our celebration of our feast day of the Sacred Heart on July 1st with a Liturgy in praise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the symbol of God's love for us who is at the centre of our lives. It was followed by the Awards and Rewards ceremony; each subject nominates one pupil for Attainment and one for a Positive Attitude to Learning; some pupils are nominated for several subjects so special awards are presented. Between presentations, each year group shared their highlights for the year. The range and success of individuals and groups was truly impressive and greeted by appreciation and enthusiasm; the Sacred Heart is a truly vibrant community of which we are proud. The Barbier award was presented to Natalie Emmens and the Headteacher Award to Adedoyin Adeyanju for overall excellence.

We then enjoyed our 'fun' session. Traditionally the school treats us to a barbeque which was, as always, well received as one pupil said. Our school band entertained us with exuberance. "The music was phenomenal, it made me proud to be Sacred Heart". The Year 10 Representatives of the Pupil Voice group organised a fund raiser for the school to buy items nominated by the pupils for their use. The theme was based on an 'English Country Fete' so there were a variety of stalls and games: Soak the Teacher, Photoframe, Guess the Teacher, Shove Halfpenny, Catch the Rat, Jewellery stall, Hair Braiding, Limbo Dancing and many more but especially Cakes and Tuckshop.

Finally, as is traditional, each House had to show their prowess as dancers and in line with theme it was an English Country Dance called "The Black Nag"; much fun and hilarity was had by all. "There was a happy atmosphere as everyone joined together and the teachers were chilled out. We were sorry when it finished but delighted to get off early".

Mrs M. Wright - Chaplain



Year 11 Awards Evening

On Thursday 29th June we had our Year 11 leavers evening. It was a lovely celebration with pupils, parents and staff all coming together to celebrate the five years the girls have spent in the school. Sr Rose Mary Harbison was our special guest and she gave out the prizes. The girls and their parents were very complimentary about the way the whole evening ran and were particularly impressed by the food provided for them by our own canteen staff. It really was a very pleasant and enjoyable evening and a fitting tribute to their time at The Sacred Heart Language College.

Mrs C. Graham - Head of Year 11





Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh ran very well this year. Twenty eight pupils embarked upon the year's programme of learning the skills of map reading, compass work, putting up tents, cooking on Trangas, route planning and working in new teams. The pupils have to complete a skill, service and physical recreation for three or six months. They

then went on to camp over two weekends in May and June. The girls walked 24K in two days and camped out at two different campsites. They embarked upon new activities of walking with rucksacks on their backs and planning and walking routes through the countryside.



Ms D. Capp - Head of Year 8

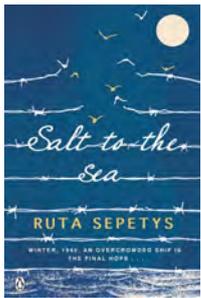


Key Stage 3 Reading Challenge

The annual Sacred Heart KS3 Reading Challenge was celebrated with an award ceremony on the 4th July. Every year students challenge themselves to read numerous books from a variety of genres. This year was a huge success with over 4,554 books being read across Yr 7, 8 and 9. Congratulations to all those students who received a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. This year we also had numerous students achieving a Platinum Award, and a special mention goes to those students who achieved a Special Award, having read over 21 books from a variety of genres throughout the academic year.

Lauwrensia Tuder-Ranjith of Yr 8 was outstanding, having read over 300 books, and completing 210 book reviews! Congratulations to all of our 2017 winners!

Miss Allen – English Department



Celebrating Reading at The Sacred Heart Language College - The Carnegie Medal

The Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book for children and young people. Thirty two Year 8 and 9 students and nine members of staff took part in the Carnegie Shadowing group. They read and reviewed eight books and awarded points for style of writing, characters and overall enjoyment. To

celebrate this event a lunchtime 'Winners' Party was held where the winner of the Carnegie Medal 'Salt to the Sea' by Ruta Sepetys was announced. Our winner for the third time in a row matched the official winner. Both the girls and staff who took part were enthusiastic and committed to reading a book a week. Well to done all who participated.

Mrs S. Pickering ~ Information Resources Officer



The Leavers' Ball

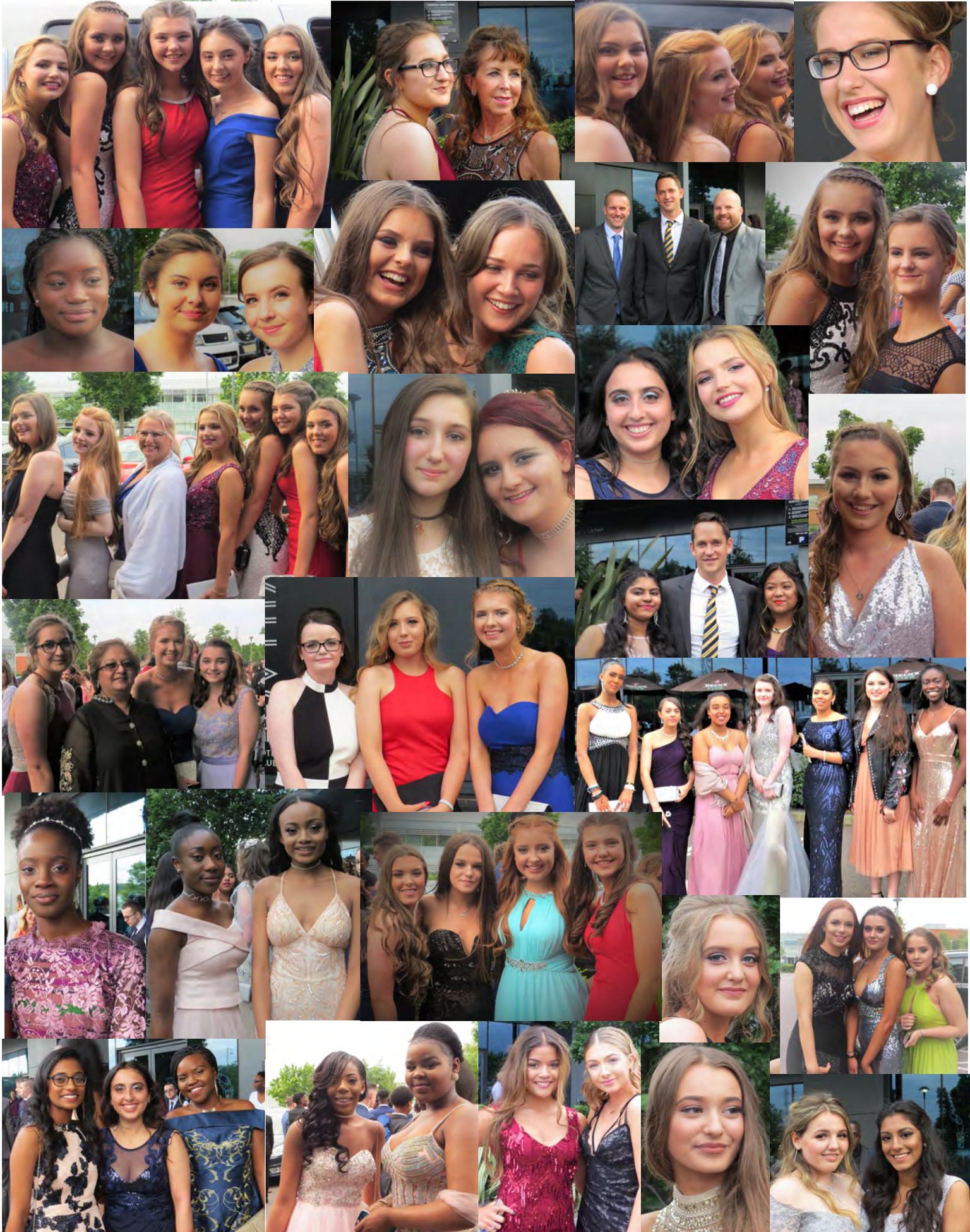
The Sacred Heart 'Leavers' Ball' was held on Friday 30th June. This magnificent event was attended by Year 11 pupils from The Sacred Heart and Salvatorian College. The ball was held at The Village Hotel, Elstree, where all showcased a very impressive array of fashion styles. The pupils arrived on the red carpet at 7.00pm where pictures were taken, they then danced the night away until carriages and limos arrived at 11.00pm. The girls looked dazzling in their ball gowns, with sophisticated hair styles and extremely high heels which some found very hard to walk in. The boys, looked striking in a selection of suits, highly polished shoes and various hair styles. The ball room was beautifully decorated with blue and silver balloons, table confetti and there was a photo booth which went down a treat. Dinner was served in the form of a finger buffet and a DJ provided excellent tunes to make the event complete. Both students and staff enjoyed the evening. Please see some of the photos of the evening to get a sense of the excitement of the event.

Mrs Graham - Head of Year 11

YEAR 11



LEAVERS' BALL



The Sacred Heart Language College Election – June 2017

On Tuesday 6th June all the Year 7 and 8 students at the The Sacred Heart Language College had the opportunity to vote in our school election.

The students had an assembly immediately before half term, in which they were given an outline of the democratic process. They then returned to class where in their PSHE lesson they looked at the manifestos of the parties which are represented in the Harrow East constituency: Green Party, Liberal Democrat Party, Conservative Party and the Labour Party. The turnout was excellent, with over 90% of the electorate choosing to vote. The results were as follows:

	Total	Total%
Spoilt	19	7%
Green Party	18	6.65%
Liberal Democrat Party	21	7.75%
Conservative Party	62	22.88%
Labour Party	151	55.7%
TOTAL	271	100%

I believe this school election has been a valuable experience for all the students.

Ms E. Healy (Assistant Headteacher)



Geography Field Trip



From the 5-7th July, all the Year 10 geographers visited the seaside town of Swanage in Dorset as part of their fieldwork enquiry for their GCSE. During the trip, we investigated the formation of sand dunes at Studland Beach and learnt valuable fieldwork techniques which we will be tested on in our exams. We also studied the many forms of coastal management used along Swanage Beach and got to speak to locals and tourists about their experiences in Swanage. In the evenings, we had our classroom sessions until 7:30pm before walking down to the beach where we played games and had ice-creams before heading back to our accommodation. We returned to our rooms at 10pm with lights out at 11pm. Overall it was a very enjoyable experience, although not so much so for those that got sunburnt



on the second day during the 4-mile coastal walk along the Jurassic Coast. All of us students enjoyed widening our geographical

*knowledge as well as getting to know each other better. Thanks to Mrs O'Boyle, Mrs Gilliam, Miss McCarthy, Miss Kaoline and Mrs Pickering for helping to make our visit to Swanage such a memorable experience. **Christabelle Addo and Amy O'Rourke - Year 10***

Food Preparation Demonstration



As part of the Food Preparation and Nutrition course Year 10 girls need to know how to scale and bone Fish. Fish specialists Lorraine Gepp and Madu Patel from Waitrose in Harrow Weald came in and worked with the girls to show them how to scale and bone a fish. It was a really informative experience for the girls and initially the girls had reservations about touching fish. However they were quickly fascinated by the process and felt that they had learned a lot



and it was not as difficult as they had anticipated. Now that we have built close links with Waitrose in Harrow Weald their meat specialist will be coming into school in the autumn term to work with the girls.

Mrs Pasha - Technology Department

North London Collegiate School

On 13th June a handful of Year 9 students went to North London Collegiate to take part in a challenge day. They spent the whole day there and did various activities. It was a very enjoyable day and all of the students had a fun and interesting time.

Miss S. Moran - Head of Year 9

I loved going to NLCS. I enjoyed the topic that we discussed as it was very interesting. I also liked how we were able to debate about topics and bring forward our own ideas and opinions.

Toyosi Akinmboni 9T

I also liked going to NLCS as it was fun to engage with other people from different schools. It was good that we all had different backgrounds and religions; it was a real eye opener.

Nicola Kaczmarczyk 9A

GCSE Art and Technology Exhibition 2017

On the Year 11 Achievement evening, the Art and Design and Technology departments hosted our annual end of year GCSE exhibition. It's always a special occasion to be able to celebrate the two years of hard work put in by the girls and the beautiful work on display was appreciated by staff, the pupils and their families. We now wish them all the best for their upcoming results this summer.



Screenshot of Patrisha Agas' work

National Saturday Club Exhibition

Following on from the last newsletter, I had the opportunity to visit the exhibition at Somerset House where the work of Patrisha Agas (10E), Chelsea Rodrigues (10R), Stacey Beyene (10T) and Deena Soul (10T) had been exhibited. They had taken part in an animation workshop that was put on by the National Saturday Club and hosted at the state-of-the-art facilities at Westminster University. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn some new skills and huge congratulations to the girls.



National Students' Art Exhibition

A year of wonderful successes for our Year 10 art students has been rounded off by four of the pupils having work exhibited in the 2017 National Students' Art Exhibition. Amelie Lankester (10A), Deborah Bio (10A), Patrisha Agas (10E) and Leigh-Anna Forde (10T) became the first Sacred Heart pupils to achieve this outstanding honour. The exhibition opened on Wednesday July 12th and ran until Saturday the 15th at the the Mall Galleries, an extremely prestigious gallery next to Trafalgar square.

Mrs C. Valli - Art



Bronze Eco Award

We are proud to announce the achievement of the Bronze Eco Award for The Sacred Heart Language College and aim to achieve the Silver Eco Award over the coming year. We have been working hard and aim to make our school one we can be proud of; nice, clean and eco-green. Our main areas of focus are: Electricity/Energy usage, Water usage, Recycling, Waste and general Sustainability. We want to inspire action and passion for these pressing environmental issues. Since starting our action plan, evidence indicates that the percentage of pupils recycling has increased significantly. For example, now well over 50% of our school population reuse water bottles. However, we need help from our school community. It is our job to be stewards of our common home, as seen from the Pope's Encyclical (Laudato Si). So please adhere to our winning slogan by Lyndsey Almeda: Don't be mean, keep it green.

Eliana Padalino and Dione Njoku 9R



Wimbledon 2017

On the 4th of July 8 pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to go to the Championships at Wimbledon. We all had a tour of the grounds and spent the first part of the day on Murray Mount eating our lunch and watching previous matches and interviews from the previous day. We all met up by the Fred Perry statue outside centre court and went to number 1 court to watch the men's singles game between Struff and Raonic. It was a fantastic day out and a wonderful experience.



Elizabeth Peach 9H and Zoe McCormack 9T



Tennis

We have had a busy term for Year 9 and 10 tennis players starting with our French Open doubles competition. Congratulations to Year 10 winners Siobhan Archer and Ella Walsh. Twenty Tennis leaders ran our primary Tennis



festival on Thursday 15th June and we came second in the first Borough Tennis Competition on Tuesday 13th June. The season finished with 8 lucky pupils visiting Wimbledon to watch Tennis on Tuesday 4th July. Congratulations to the 7 and 8 Tennis team who also came second in the Borough competition. Thirty-two pupils are now playing in our Sacred Heart singles competition to find our own Wimbledon Champion.

Mrs S. Calderwood - PE Department



Sports Day

On Tuesday 11th July we had our school Sports Day. Despite the changing weather there was a great atmosphere as our pupils competed to find this years champions. Unfortunately, the staff race was rained off, but we hope to re-schedule it soon.

Congratulations to all athletes and staff for making the day a success. The winning house is to be revealed during the assembly which will take place on the last day of term.



Mrs S. Calderwood - PE

Athletics - win again!

The Sacred Heart entered four teams again this year in the Borough League Athletics. We won in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 and were so far ahead in points we didn't need to attend the 3rd event. Congratulations to all athletes.

Feile Shield

On 22nd June we went to Cavan, Ireland to represent London in a Feile. We were lucky enough to be picked along with seventeen other girls to play Gaelic football. After eight games we won the shield. It was an amazing experience and we were extremely grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity.

Louise Morahan, Elizabeth Peach, Katelyn Roache, Millie Taylor and Sarah Varies Year 9

Summer Term Merit Awards

Year 7 Bronze - Oluwaseyi Adeyanju, Joliz Mae Baculio, Julie-Anne Boachie, Leesha Charles, Jilliane Dela Cruz, Lauren Goonan, Isabella Graffagnino, Carys Hinkson, Julie Kujur, Jada-Leigh Labastide, Anna Moniuszko, Joelle Oyegoke, Viola Pereira, Tanika Reggiemacdonald, Alexandra Rocas, Hannah Ruck, Abell Vimaladasa

Year 8 Silver - Kerry Clifford, Erica Sagoe, Grace Walsh

Year 9 Silver - Rosas Garcia, Kara George, Evie Hall, Leah Hamilton

Year 9 Gold - Lyndsey Almeda, Sinead Padden

Dates for your diary

September

October

Monday 4th	INSET DAY	Wednesday 4th	Sports Reward Evening 6:30pm
Tuesday 5th	New Year 7 Intake	Wednesday 11th	Year 7 Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 6th	Years 8 - 11 return		
Wednesday 13th	Open Evening 6:30-8:30pm		
Thursday 21st	Open Evening 4:00-6:00pm 1st HPV Vaccinations - Year 8	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	HALF TERM
Thursday 27th	Year 11 Curriculum Evening		