



Message from the Headteacher

We must remember in our prayers the children and teachers murdered in Peshawar, Pakistan. This outrageous atrocity is hard to comprehend; how can anyone find justification to attack a school full of children?

We are very fortunate to be part of a bigger family of schools – The Corpus Christi Partnership of Catholic schools in Bexley. It has been a real pleasure to attend Carol Concerts with St. Fidelis and St. Thomas More this week and be part of their celebration of the Christmas period. This week we have had Christmas lunches for all year groups.

The food has been fantastic and the students' behaviour impeccable. A spontaneous standing ovation for the canteen staff from Year 10 was but one highlight.

In school this week we have had liturgies with each year group, reflecting during this time of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

Yesterday we had six of our local Priests with us to provide an opportunity for reconciliation. Today we celebrated Mass together as a whole community. As part of that Mass, the CRiBS team, who are based at the school, participated and sang a carol in German and another song whilst Communion was being taken. Also present were the Knights of St Columba to present an award to Emmanuel Fatoba of form 8B who was runner up in a National Prayer competition.

Whilst all the Christmas celebrations and preparations are continuing, our drive to provide our students with the tools to succeed continues unabated. We have recently invested in GCSEpod which is a service allowing Year 11 students to download revision podcasts on a very wide range of subjects. These podcasts can be listened to on a pc, mobile or tablet and have already been given the Year 11 seal of approval! A letter has been sent home to parents and further information is available on the school website.

I would also like to thank students and families for their generosity in supporting the Manna Centre appeal. This is a collection we undertake each year to support the work of the Manna Centre who work with the homeless in London.

This year, you have been equally generous once again and I know that your gifts will be put to very good use.

Next year starts with an INSET Day for staff on Monday 5 January 2015 and for all students, the term starts at 8:30am on Tuesday 6 January 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Mr N Fisher



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A Year 7 Science class struggling to hold just some of the collection for the Manna Centre with Mr Woodcock and Mrs Shipp

Year 11 – ECDL update

Well done to the 70% whom have already obtained this industry leading qualification. The deadline for the remaining pupils is the end of February 2015. ECDL club is running every Wednesday and Thursday, 14:30-16:00 for additional support.

Merry Christmas! Mr Williams



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Knights Visit

Emmanuel Fatoba, winner of the Knights of St Columba's prize with the Knights who presented him with his award



End of Term Mass



The CRiBS group singing to the congregation



Mudia Omoregie delivering a reading



Head Boy Lewis Field reads



Christmas Dinners!



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