

## WEEKLY RE ETHOS REPORT 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### 1. Catholic Life – The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is on 16<sup>th</sup> July Diocesan Inspection: ‘Outstanding’

<p>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p><b>Opportunity for Francis and Margaret Houses to work on prep for the Sports Day [Banners, flags etc.]</b></p>	<p>MERCY</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> July is a Feast of St. Mary Magdalen. It would be good to learn about how she followed Jesus and turned her life around.</p>	<p>HoH's</p> <p>Tuesday 7&amp;8 TERESA</p> <p>Wednesday 9&amp;10 TERESA</p> <p>Thursday 7&amp;8 VINCENT</p> <p>Friday 9&amp;10 VINCENT</p>	<p><i><b>‘Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.’</b></i></p> <p><b>Matthew 5:3-10</b></p>
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We have continued with our pre-recorded Assemblies and focused on our main values as highlighted in the assembly rota above. Last week we had an excellent assembly sent to us by Mrs. Nobis which focused on Faith, and tutors made this accessible in their tutor time. This week we are looking at Mercy and Heads of Houses are going to send us their assemblies for this week to look at. I would like to thank everyone for making such an excellent effort to put these assemblies altogether. I know how much nicer it would be if we could be back in the Hall again to meet individual Houses and get the sense of our House system back on track, but I appreciate the work everyone is doing to make the most of the situation we are in.

Mr. Blaho had a very productive discussion with Mr. Monk about his more concrete vision of the Environmental Council and its work, which we agreed would feasibly be fully functional from September. Mr. Blaho has already approached a few students and their interest and desire to be a part of this Council is rather promising. Mr. Monk put forward some excellent ideas for particular plants to be established in the quad area outside of the Benedict Building, which he outlined in his vision.

Mr. Blaho discussed ideas about the Environment Council with our new RE teacher Mrs. Reynolds, who is very keen to be a part of this initiative. Mrs. Reynolds has already put forward some proposals for the outside space of St Peter and St Paul's RE block, which were warmly welcomed by Mr. Bazen and Mrs. Ridley. Mrs. Reynolds suggested that an area could be developed properly by a garden designer that she knows well, and she is proposing to develop the area as a garden space for the environmental group to be fully involved in this project. This is going to bring a new perspective to Catholic Social teaching and stewardship, and it will be a fantastic project for our pupils to be a part of in the future.



## 2. Prayer Life – Diocesan Inspection 'Outstanding'

Morning Prayer continues every Friday between 8.45–8.50, led by Mr. Blaho who prayed with staff for our Head students to feel calm and peaceful during their campaign and speeches on Friday afternoon. The whole school watched these speeches during Period 5 and 6, and it was truly inspirational.

We also prayed for the father of one of our cleaning ladies as he is unwell and has been suddenly taken to hospital in a serious condition. Let us keep her, her father, as well as the whole family in our prayers in the days ahead.

I would also like to thank Charlotte Clark who has made a perfect link to the Jesuits app called Pray As You Go ([pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)) and it is now fully functioning from our Catholic Ethos section of the school website. These reports are available on the same webpage.

Finally, I would also like to encourage you all to download the Pray as You Go app directly onto your phones and to use it regularly as a part of your daily prayer routine. Each prayer welcomes you with some music and has excellent links to the scripture readings, followed by a very deep reflection.

Please don't forget that the Holy Mass is still available for you to watch either on: <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds> or alternatively, if you prefer to join our closest Catholic Independent School's Mass at Farleigh School in Red Rice near Andover, their regular Masses are on the following link: <https://www.farleighschool.com/sunday-mass.php>

### **PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK:**

Loving God, you are the endless gift giver! Thank you for this week ahead in which I will try my best to spend it with Jesus Christ at my side and the Holy Spirit leading me. AMEN

## 3. Religious Education

### Diocesan Inspection 'Outstanding'

We have recorded our Mock grades from Y10 pupils and completed reports across the other year groups. We shall be catching up with parents this week for various appointments as indicated by Mr. Rooney in his weekly report.

All of our Y10 RE pupils have been focusing on Creation and Eschatology during their latest Mock examinations, as you are aware from my previous report, and we have begun our Assessment For Learning work around the mock exams.

We identified one third of pupils had very positive results with their FFT20 targets being met; however, two thirds of the pupils found the mock exams a real challenge and their overall grades did not meet their FFT20 targets. During the data analysis of the exams, we identified that the most positive results were from the Eschatology paper, which was one of the latest topics we studied (and continued to study throughout lockdown), and it is pleasing to see some very positive grades in this topic. It is important to note that the very first topic our Year 9 pupils studied at the start of the GCSE course was the one they found the most challenging. This shows us just how important revision and interventions will be next year in order to achieve a greater balance and the grades our pupils are clearly capable of achieving.

We have continued with RSE programme from TenTen and Cinema in Education. This programme is coming to an end this week and we'll have an evaluation of the programme to be given to the pupils at the end.

The RE department will be continuing with the usual Schemes of Learning from September. Mr. Blaho will be introducing to the Department the new Diocesan Initiatives that have been discussed at the latest meeting with Mrs. White, our RE Advisor from Clifton Diocese. Mrs. White shared with Mr. Blaho the New Curriculum Directory proposals as they will be shortly approved by our Bishop Declan.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continuous support of our Catholic education and everything you do to promote our school's Catholic Ethos.

With all of God's blessings,

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Head of RE