

## 1. CATHOLIC LIFE

[Diocesan  
Inspection –  
'OUTSTANDING']

1. OBL has found running a chaplaincy rather challenging, yet we put on the calendar main assembly Rota to introduce the opportunities for our pupils next week. OBL invited Deacon John to introduce himself as well and be clear when we would be meeting in the Chapel for our regular meetings and involving the pupils. We have his visit scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.
2. We began our Assemblies from the start of September, which we decided to do in Year groups in the hall: Y7 on Mondays, Y8 on Tuesdays, Y11 on Wednesdays, Y9 on Thursdays, and Y10 on Fridays. Until 20<sup>th</sup> September we managed to see all the year groups for in-person assemblies. We began by focusing on Faithfulness from our Tree of Values, which we aspire to live by in our school community. It was truly wonderful to have Mrs Ridley to officially welcome every year group to the new school year. Mr Blaho explained how our reward system will continue to develop and be recognised around the school by staff, who are going to be nominating pupils for being recognised on the reward charts.
3. Please, see the assembly outline for the term at the end of this report.
4. Regrettably, Mr Rooney's assembly on Integrity had to be moved to our previously accustomed pre-recorded assemblies. We know that this is not ideal, and we would have loved to see our pupils in the hall so we could carry on with a sense of normality, which we were just beginning to return to at the start of the term. However, as you are aware from the school correspondence, we were unable to carry on that way and we started our online recorded assemblies as indicated in the termly programme. Please, feel free to see Mr Rooney's excellent assembly on Integrity to give you a flavour of what we present to our students during morning tutor group sessions. You can watch the assembly here: <https://youtu.be/ib1rD5rGdOo>
5. OBL worked closely with KMA in Art, RBL in Music, and CBL in Drama to start our preparation of an online version of our Carol Service. This is currently underway, and we intend to complete the main work/recordings by the end of this first term. I will be looking for the Governors to record a message for us, perhaps when at school, so that we can include them in the Service. The theme we thought of as a department would be around Stability/Security and thinking of the refugees as well as people of Afghanistan. We have a provisional structure to share with you and the Governors. Thanks is highlighted, which is something that I would like us to be involved in. Please, feel free to ask and I will explain what might work:
  - Welcome from Head Boy/Girl with short prayer and sign of the cross – **Video and voice – OBL has now addressed the key pupils**
  - Candle lighting 1, merged with Primary Hymn – **Video x2 OBL/Primary**
  - RRI/ABA Welcome – **Video and Voice**
  - Candle lighting 2 – **Video OBL**
  - Reading 1 – **Voice and Video OBL**
  - Music piece 1 merged with KS3 art – **Video and voice / Art slide show KMA/RBL**
  - Candle lighting 3 merged with Primary Hymn – **Video x2 OBL/Primary**
  - Reading 2 – **Voice and Video OBL**
  - Drama piece – **Video and voice CBL**
  - Music piece 2 merged with KS4 art – **Video and voice / Art slide show KMA/RBL**
  - Candle lighting 4 – **Video OBL**
  - Reading 3 – **ABA St John's Gospel**
  - Primary hymn – **Video x1**
  - **Governor thanks – Video and voice OBL – this is where our help from the governors would be appreciated, even if just recorded and sent over, please.**
  - Credits

	<p>6. Chaplaincy Group from past years liked to meet in the Chapel for regular catch up and socializing, and the hope is for them to be able to do so again soon. However, we under current circumstances we must be cautious about meeting groups of pupils in the Chapel, so OBL decided to postpone pupils' meeting at break and lunch in the Chapel until it is safe to do so again.</p> <p>7. OBL has been looking into possibly offering online Masses in the Chapel with tutors on more a regular basis. As we had to stop our assemblies in the hall, we'll remain cautious and avoid pupils mixing too much.</p>
<p><b>2. PRAYER LIFE</b>  [Diocesan Inspection – 'OUTSTANDING']</p>	<p>8. Morning Prayer has been put on hold for a short while as we were re-arranging our Teams Calendar and we are going to be back to our weekly online prayers from this Friday. OBL has put altogether an assembly calendar which gives an opportunity for tutees to follow our Tree of Values themes, which will lead to further rewards set up and re-thought in terms of visibility and focus. We have our giant lily painted on wood and attached to the wall on which pupils' names will be placed on a name tag and slotted into a cut slot once the reward has been forwarded. OBL would like to collect from staff the nominations of Faithfulness or possibly other values which we noticed, and use Teams Forms to collate the names which are going to be printed. We intend to give a mention to those pupils who were nominated during the Friday Awards afternoon. We expect to have many names filling the wall of values. We are also going to have a more permanent award chart on the side corridor for special termly name awards, which will be engraved on the award chart for everyone to see.</p> <p>9. We continue with praying at the start of the lessons and encourage staff to actively get pupils to show good focus and respect during those prayers, as was mentioned at the start of the academic year from the expectations we have of staff in terms of modelling good practice.</p>
<p><b>3. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>  [Diocesan Inspection 'OUTSTANDING']</p>	<p>10. OBL meets with RE Department regularly and shares his vision on how to drive us forward in terms of RE success. OBL welcomed our new two members of the Department who are settling well and helping to achieve outstanding lessons. HoD supports department with parking some challenging pupils who find it difficult to get used to the changes which they had been subjected to. In RE we are following our Scheme of Learning focusing to cover all 6 main Catholic paper topics: Creation, Incarnation, Trinity, Redemption, Kingdom of God, and Eschatology at the GCSE level. Y7 are covering Who is God? Module and Y8 are focusing on the Covenants.</p> <p>11. With Y7 classes we have been finishing our base line assessments and we are in the process of recording Y7's results, which indicate for us the level of religious literacy as well as general literacy amongst Y7 pupils. OBL will be pleased to share the outcomes of the tests in the forthcoming report.</p> <p>12. We all began to teach Y11 Jewish Practices and they appear to be doing well and have settled back into school. SBA put on a great morning breakfast for all Y11 pupils during Period 1 on 24<sup>th</sup> September, which went really well. Canteen staff prepared porridge, smoothies, and bananas so they could have a good start to the day – truly a great idea.</p> <p>13. OBL continues to support the department in every way he can, especially by taking challenging pupils into his class, parking pupils within the department, having individual talks with members of staff and identifying areas of concern by setting up relevant appraisal targets. These focus on dealing with challenging behavior and good practice, and members of the department are encouraged to attend the relevant training. OBL is going to be conducting more learning walks in the forthcoming days. One lesson observation went well and indicated good learning in class. OBL will be reporting on further findings in the next report when more information will be accessible to the governors.</p> <p>14. OBL has completed all evaluations of TenTen resources from last year, and the responses from staff delivering them, as well as the pupils who were the main recipients of the resources, were very positive and complimentary of the programme. We have signed up again for access to the resources next year.</p> <p>15. OBL has been supporting TVA who is finding new changes to structures and rooming more challenging as we are short of one dedicated extra teaching room. OBL is in talks to resolve this issue to the best possible outcome, so that all members of the department are content with the arrangements that we have in place.</p>

## CALENDAR – TERM 1 – SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES FOR 2021

DATE	THEMES	SPECIAL FEASTS	LEADERS/ SCRIPTURE
6–10 September	<b>FAITHFULNESS</b> New Academic Year and Tree of Values at St Joseph's	WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND EXPLANATION OF THE CORRIDOR OF VALUES AWARDS	<b>OBL/RRI</b> 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.' Isaiah 43:1
13–17 September	<b>FAITHFULNES</b> New Beginnings– Welcome from the Deputy Head 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.' Luke 16:10	THE BIRTH OF OUR LADY and 15th September OUR LADY OF SORROWS St Mother Teresa	<b>ABA</b> 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel–and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' Luke 2:34–35
20–24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INTEGRITY</b> Community Cohesion and working together within our Parish/Diocese – Theme of the Stewardship/Environment	18–20th September ROSH HOSHANA – Jewish New Year 21 <sup>st</sup> September St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	<b>RRO</b> 'As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.' Matthew 9:9
27 <sup>th</sup> September– 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>INTEGRITY</b> Universal Church – our opportunities within school– Youth work + Workshops + SVP/ Environmental Group/Chaplaincy Group etc.	27 <sup>th</sup> September St. Vincent de Paul 29th September Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels 1 <sup>st</sup> October – St Therese of the Child Jesus	<b>OBL/Deacon John Detain/LRE</b> 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' Luke 10:36–37