

# Report to the Governing Body from RE HOD – January 2022

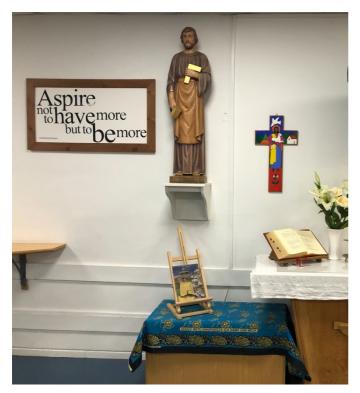
# 1. Catholic Life

- 1. Our Chaplaincy Group is working well with around 10 pupils every two weeks on rotation to prevent Y7 and Y8 mixing groups. Mr Inglis joined the Chaplaincy team and works with OBL and our pupils on a weekly basis. Mr Blaho invited Deacon John after Holy Mass in St Gregory's to join us for Friday's session, so that we can begin our Chaplaincy work together with an input from our Parish. Deacon John expressed his willingness to join us. Governors will be informed on how this is progressing. Mr Blaho's vision is for Deacon John to work directly with staff to help enhance our Catholic Ethos.
- 2. Our Environment group has been working well with Mrs Reynolds and meets every Wednesday. Mr Blaho asked Mrs Reynolds to look into having t-shirts made with a design that pupils have created, so they can feel like they belong to the group. They have also been given ECO Leaders badges to be worn on their blazers and recognised around the school.
- 3. We are now fully running our usual rota for school assemblies. We deliver our themes as per the newly updated rota, which Mr Blaho distributed to those involved. We have our school assemblies in year groups, which is the most practical and COVID-safe way to do so. Please see the assembly rota for the whole academic year at the end of this report.
- 4. OBL has distributed a document on Teams where staff can nominate pupils for the Tree of Values Awards. This document is being filled with pupils' names and we are going to have a lot more named nominations for our corridor of values within next couple of days. The Chaplaincy group helped us with this document. Mr Blaho and Mr Inglis discussed examples of the first 4 values to assist staff when choosing names for their nominations. Our Chaplaincy members enjoyed being involved in the process and came up with some excellent ideas. The pupils also volunteered to help during tutor time to remind staff who may be missing nominations. We are pleased to see the pupils' involvement and enthusiasm with which they approach our meetings, and how much they are willing to be a part of building our Catholic ethos across the school.
- 5. Since the last report, Mr Blaho would like to express a wholehearted thanks to Deacon Steve and John Hawkins for their outstanding input into the online version of St Joseph's Carol Service, which went really well! I heard many staff saying how impressed they have been with the Carol Service and how professional it looked. Furthermore, Mr Blaho prepared a Christmas Liturgy to be delivered during Form time on the last day of the term, which staff and pupils seemed to enjoy. It was commented that they were very focused and showed good reverence while watching the Liturgy in forms.
- 6. Mr Blaho has been in discussion with Fr Jonathan regarding Y7 Holy Mass. The earliest opportunity for this introductory Mass will be either 17th or 18th February, due to Fr Anthony's holiday and Fr Jonathan stepping in to do the main Masses in the parish.



# 2. Prayer Life

- 7. Morning Prayer is a regular feature on Friday mornings please feel free to join us if you are free between 8.45 and 8.55 on Teams.
- 8. We continue to pray at the start of lessons and encourage pupils to show good focus and respect during those prayers. We have high expectations for staff in terms of modelling good practice. Miss Moss and Mr Morris, as Directors of Learning, delivered an excellent assembly on Compassion. We are pleased to see how Mr Blaho and Mr Bazen's examples have helped make sure we have a focal point for each assembly. This good practice for assembly delivery has been now passed on to the Directors of Learning as well.
- 9. We have been truly blessed by having a beautiful statue of Our Lady delivered to us by Xanie Dell, which will be placed in the Chapel. Mrs Ridley, Mr Bazen and My Blaho decided that the statue of St. Joseph currently in the Chapel will instead be placed prominently in the reception/canteen area, where we agreed there is a lack of visible presence of St. Joseph.



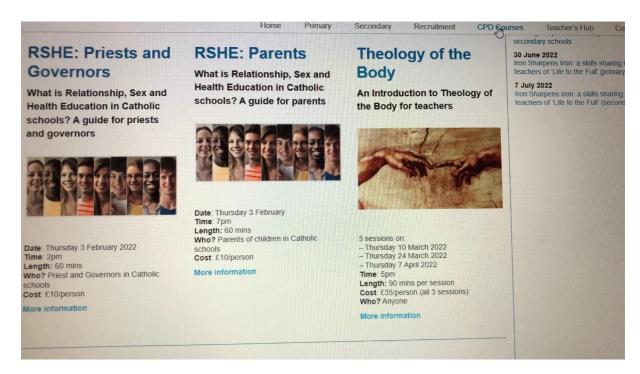




# 3. Religious Education

- 10. Mr Blaho meets with RE Department regularly and shares his vision on how to drive us forward in terms of RE success. We have recently been involved rather heavily on the Curriculum booklet, which we are in the process of working on throughout the whole school. Mr Rooney drives the whole initiative and in RE we are trying to stay ahead of completing questions from the curriculum booklet, as this will be beneficial to other departments. We are making this a regular feature of our departmental time.
- 11. In RE we are following our Scheme of Learning, aiming to cover all 6 main Catholic paper topics: Creation, Incarnation, Trinity, Redemption, Kingdom of God, and Eschatology at GCSE level. Y10 pupils are finishing the Kingdom of God module with the end of module assessment, and they are starting the last module of the Catholic paper on Eschatology. Y7 and Y8 pupils are working on their end of module assessments before starting the main RSE programme taught within RE. Y9 pupils are finishing Incarnation and will soon be ready for an assessment too.
- 12. Y11 will soon be finishing the theme of Relationships in RSE and will start on the final theme before the end of the next term. Y11 pupils are now being offered an intervention, which we mentioned to the parents at the latest parents' evening we were given a lot of support on running these sessions to help pupils achieve their best. Please see the letter sent to parents at the end of this report. Mr Blaho will be informing you about the progress within these sessions and how successful the intervention was.
- 13. Mr Blaho supports the department in every way he can, including taking challenging pupils into his class, parking pupils within the department, talking to them individually, and identifying areas of concern by setting up relevant appraisal targets, which also focus on dealing with challenging behaviour and ensuring staff attend relevant training. OBL is going to be conducting more learning walks this week as part of the Head of Departments' focus across the school, which was initiated at the Academic Board meeting by Mr Rooney.
- 14. My Blaho is going to meet with Mrs Nobis next Friday to discuss mapping out of RSHE, as per the model used in PSHE. Y7 and Y8 parents have been informed that RSHE will be delivered in RE lessons soon please see the letter to parents at the end of this report. There is an excellent opportunity for the Priests and Governors' training from Ten Ten, which I recommended during our last meeting, and I believe that Deacon Steve and I both expressed our desire to be a part of this. Here are the details as a reminder:





I also intend to promote the other two trainings for our parents and teachers on the Theology of the Body.

Mr O Blaho-Schlogl Head of RE



# Report to the Governing Body from RE HOD – December 2021

## 1. Catholic Life

- 1. Chaplaincy group began with good numbers we have more than 10 pupils meeting every two weeks. Mr Inglis expressed interest to be a part of the Chaplaincy team and we are hopeful that our meetings will be possible at a regular time every week, rather than every two weeks which had to be the case since we introduced the sessions last term. Deacon John was not able to meet with us as we paused live assemblies. However, as Covid cases in the school are at a promising level and we began our school assemblies in the hall this week, Mr Blaho would like to invite Deacon John back to school in 2022 once we are clear about our timetables and how we can run the sessions on weekly basis. We will, of course, take a cautious approach with the threat of the new variant.
- 2. Our Environmental group has been busy cleaning an area around the RE block and planting three cherry trees from Sakura Cherry Tree Project (japanuksakura.org), a gift from the Japanese embassy. We currently have them in pots and they are ready to be planted once the new perimeter fence around the school is completed.
- 3. We normally schedule Y10 assemblies for Fridays as it is most suitable for Directors of Learning; however, we found that it clashes with our rewards raffle on Friday since it was moved from Friday afternoon to Friday morning. It might be that we'll have to join two smaller year groups together, so that no one is missing out on the raffle led by Mr Bartel and Mr Ford. Our assemblies are scheduled as follows: Y7 on Monday mornings; Y8 on Tuesdays; Y11 on Wednesdays; Y9 on Thursdays; and Y10 on Fridays. Until 20th September, we managed to see all the year groups in the hall. However, we temporarily returned to online assemblies, which we recognise was far from ideal, but necessary to keep everyone safe. This week, as mentioned above, we are back to 'normality' again.
- 4. Please see the assembly outline for the second term at the end of this report.
- 5. Mr Blaho continued to work closely with Miss Mallows in Art and Mr Blakey in Music to deliver our online version of St Joseph's Carol Service, which is in the process of final editing, ready to be sent next week to tutors. I would like to thank Deacon Steve and Mr John Hawkins on behalf of the governors for finding time to come to our Chapel to record their contributions. As mentioned in my last report, our focus this year was on stability/security and thinking of the refugees as well as the people of Afghanistan. We have the following order of the service:
  - Opening Prayer from Deacon Steve Godwin
  - Lighting of the Advent Wreath by a pupil



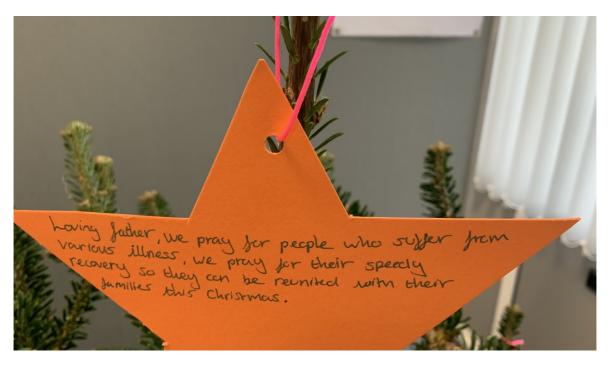
- Opening Prayer: Y8 pupil
- First Reading: Isiah 9 read by Y7 pupil
- Music piece 1 and KS3 art
- Lightning of the Advent Wreath Y8 pupil
- Second Reading mix of three pupils
- Music piece 2 merged with KS4 art
- Lighting of advent wreath Y11 pupil
- Third Reading Y10 pupil
- Final bidding prayers mix of pupils
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath Y11 pupil
- Final Reading St John's Gospel read by Mr Bazen
- Mr Inglis on the guitar and singing a prayer to Mary
- Governors' final thanks Mr Hawkins
- 6. Mr Blaho has been looking into possibly offering online Masses in the Chapel with tutors on a more regular basis, but as we had to pause assemblies in the hall, we'll remain cautious and avoid pupils mixing too much. Fr Jonathan is willing to come to say a Mass for Y7 with main explanations of the key parts of the Holy Mass. This is scheduled for next week, subject to final confirmation this week.

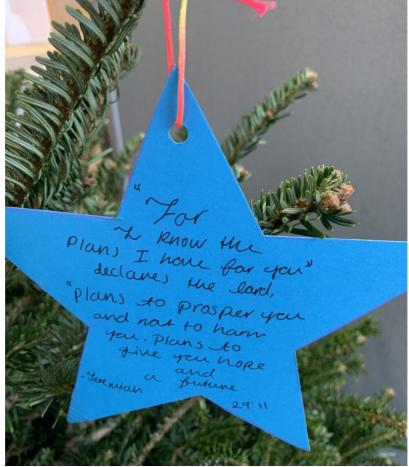
# 2. Prayer Life

- 7. Morning Prayer has returned on Monday mornings, and we began last week with a short Advent Prayer led by Mrs. Reynolds from the RE Department. This short prayer is available to view online under the Spiritual Well-being link on Teams. We are going to have our second one this Friday as planned and broadcasted from the Chapel as usual. Please feel free to join us if you are free between 8.45 and 8.55 on Fridays.
- 8. We continue with praying at the start of lessons and ensure staff encourage all pupils to show good focus and respect during those prayers, as set out in our expectations for staff in terms of modelling good practice. Mr Blaho also met on a few occasions with staff who approached him for guidance and prayer support, which was truly nice to see, and it prompted us to establish a need for a prayer board in the staff room, which Mrs Reynolds put together and will be promoting to staff.
- 9. During Advent, we have decided that our Chaplaincy team will take our school's Bethlehem display to form classes and say a prayer with them. We began with Y7 Francis, and it was nice to see the respect and focus the pupils showed. We intend to cover all groups and make this a regular activity for our Chaplaincy group each term. At Lent we will bring in the Crucifix and prepare for Easter.

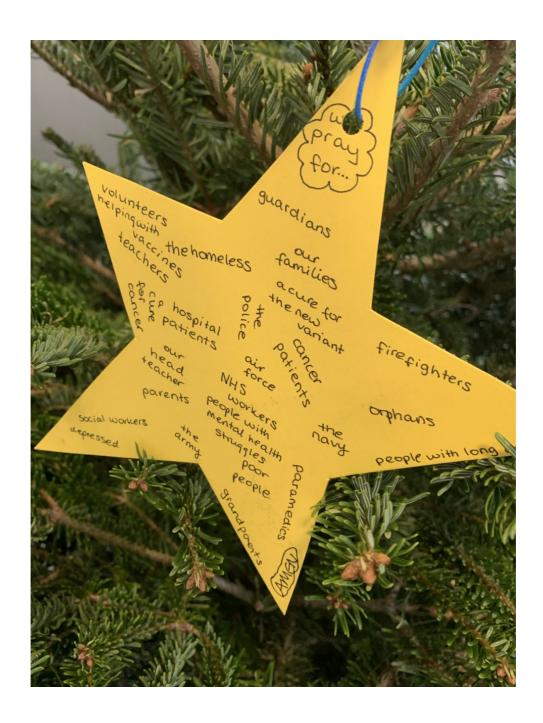


10. We have been given a lovely Christmas tree as a donation from an alumni pupil, which we decided to place in reception with Mr Inglis. We asked tutor groups to write prayers on paper stars, which we then used to decorate our Christmas tree for everyone to see.







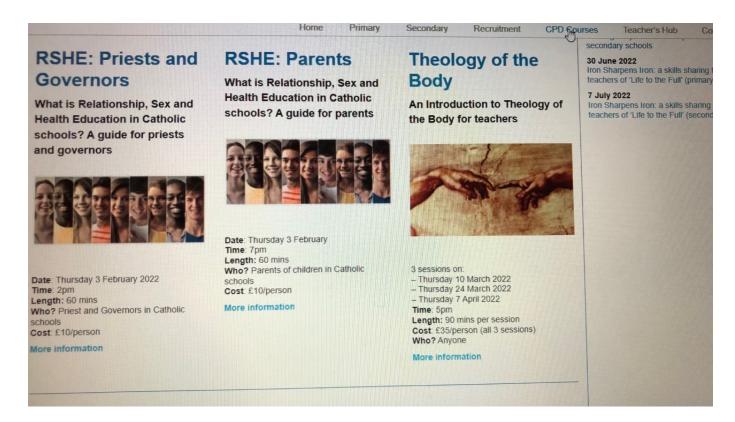




# 3. Religious Education

- 11. Mr Blaho meets with the RE Department regularly and shares his vision on how to drive us forward in terms of RE success. Our two new members of the Department have settled in well, despite various challenges they have faced due to Covid. HOD supports the department by parking some challenging pupils who find it difficult to get used to changes they have been subjected to. This has been especially important during mock exams. Mr Blaho has been supporting Mr Inglis and Mrs Reynolds by minimising their move around the school as their classrooms have been used by examiners.
- 12. In RE we are following our Scheme of Learning, aiming to cover all 6 main Catholic paper topics: Creation, Incarnation, Trinity, Redemption, Kingdom of God, and Eschatology at GCSE level. Y10 pupils are now on Kingdom of God before finishing the Catholic paper with Eschatology. Y7 are covering Who is Jesus?, Y8 are focusing on Forgiveness, and Y9 pupils are exploring Incarnation. Y9 pupils had their first taste of the GCSE assessment on Creation at the start of this second term and their results were promising, showing good knowledge, understanding, and written skills in most of the groups.
- 13. With Y7 and Y8, we have completed the first assessment data and are finishing their reports, as we must do for all year groups. Writing whole school reports, marking all of the assessments, and mock exams have proven to be a challenge for staff, especially as the first two terms are long and exhausting, with a lot happening in the school calendar.
- 14. Y11 completed their module on Judaism, and we recorded the pupils' results in the main assessment data folder. We are going to keep the pupils' work for the evidence folder, as we have learned from before just how vital pupils' exercise books and assessments are in providing evidence in case of challenging grades or GCSE awards, especially during the pandemic.
- 15. Mr Blaho supports the department in every way he can, especially with taking challenging pupils into his class, parking pupils within the department, having individual talks to members of staff, and identifying areas of concern by setting up relevant appraisal targets, which focus on dealing with challenging behaviour. Members of the department attend relevant training and ensure good practice in their work. Mr Blaho is going to be conducting more learning walks in the forthcoming days. A lesson observation within the department indicated good learning going on in class. Mr Blaho will report on further findings in the next report when more information will be accessible to the governors.
- 16. Mr Blaho has met with Mrs Nobis to discuss PSHE and RSE resources and teachings, and we both agreed to change timings when we deliver Ten Ten resources from Term 2 onwards. RSHE will be delivered within RE lessons, which Mr Blaho shared during Departmental time with the rest of the team. A letter has been sent to Y11 parents to inform them of the new RSHE content we will be teaching. There is an excellent opportunity for the Priests and Governors' training from Ten Ten, which is highly recommended. Please see the details below:





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Mr O Blaho-Schlogl Head of RE



# Report to the Governing Body from RE HOD – September 2021

## 1. Catholic Life

- 1. Mr Blaho has found running a chaplaincy rather challenging. We have put on the calendar our main assembly rota to introduce opportunities for our pupils next week. Mr Blaho invited Deacon John to introduce himself and to explain when we would be meeting in the Chapel for our regular meetings with 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. By 20<sup>th</sup> September, we managed to see all year groups and began to focus on Faithfulness from our Tree of Values. It was truly wonderful to have Mrs Ridley to welcome every year group and Mr Blaho explained how our rewards system will continue to develop and be recognised around the school by staff.
- 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 prerecorded assemblies. We know that this is not ideal, and we would love to have seen our pupils in the
  hall and carry on with more of a normality, which we were just beginning to be so well accustomed to
  at the very start of the term. However, as you are aware from school correspondence, we were unable
  to carry on that way and we started our online recorded assemblies. Mr Rooney's excellent assembly
  on Integrity can be viewed on the school website (see the School Assemblies page).
- 5. Mr Blaho worked closely with Miss Mallows in Art, Mr Blakey in Music and Mrs Blake in Drama in order to start preparing for an online version of our Carol Service. This is underway and we intend to complete the main work/recordings by the end of this first term. Mr Blaho is hoping that the Governors will be able to record a message for us so they can be included in our Christmas Carol Service. The theme will be around Stability/Security and thinking of the refugees as well as the people of Afghanistan. We have a provisional structure to share with you.
  - Welcome from Head Boy/Girl with short prayer and sign of the cross Video and voice
  - 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.
- Credits
- 6. Our Chaplaincy Group in previous years liked to meet in the Chapel for regular catch up and socialising, and the hope is for them to be able to do so again soon. However, we must be cautious about meeting groups of pupils in the Chapel now, so Mr Blaho decided to postpone this until it is safe to do so.
- 7. Mr Blaho has been looking into possibly offering online Masses in the Chapel with tutors on a more regular basis. However, as we had to stop our assemblies in the hall, we'll remain cautious and avoid pupils mixing too much.

# 2. Prayer Life

#### Diocesan Inspection 'Outstanding'

- 8. Morning Prayer has been put on hold for a short while as we were re-arranging our Teams calendar, but we are going to be back to our weekly online prayers from this Friday. Mr Blaho has put together an assembly calendar which gives an opportunity for tutees to follow our Tree of Values themes. 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 frames. Mr Blaho would like to collect from staff the nominations of Faithfulness and other values. We will use Teams Forms to collate the names which are going to be printed after. We intend to give a mention of those pupils who were nominated during Friday's Award afternoon. We expect to have many names filling the wall of values. We are also going to have a more permanent award Chart in the corridor for special termly awards, which will be engraved on the Award Chart for everyone to see.
- 9. We continue to pray at the start of lessons and encourage pupils to show good focus and respect during those prayers. We have high expectations for staff in terms of modelling good practice.

# 3. Religious Education

**Diocesan Inspection 'Outstanding'** 

10. Mr Blaho meets with the RE Department regularly and shares his vision for how to drive us forward in terms of RE success. We welcomed our new two members of the Department, who are settling in well



and helping to achieve outstanding lessons. In RE we are following our Scheme of Learning, aiming to cover all 6 main Catholic paper topics: Creation, Incarnation, Trinity, Redemption, Kingdom of God, and Eschatology at GCSE level. Y7 are covering Who is God? and Y8 are focusing on the Covenants.

- 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 their level of religious literacy as well as their general literacy. Mr Blaho will be pleased to share the outcomes of the tests in the forthcoming report.
- 12. We began to teach Y11 Jewish Practices, and pupils appear to be doing well and settling back in school. Mrs Barratt has put a great morning breakfast on for all Y11 pupils during Period 1 on 24<sup>th</sup> September, which went well. Canteen staff prepared porridge, smoothies, and fresh fruit to inspire them to have a great start of the day truly a great idea.
- 13. Mr Blaho supports the department in every way he can, including taking challenging pupils into his class, parking pupils within the department, talking to them individually, and identifying areas of concern by setting up relevant appraisal targets, which also focus on dealing with challenging behaviour and ensuring staff attend relevant training. Mr Blaho is going to be conducting more learning walks this week as part of the Head of Departments' focus across the school, and will be reporting on further findings in the next report when more information will be accessible to the governors.
- 14. OBL has completed all evaluations of Ten Ten resources from last year and the responses from staff delivering them. The pupils who were the main recipients of the resources were very positive and complimentary of the programme. We have signed up for next year's access to the resources.
- 15. Mr Blaho has been supporting Mr Valjak, who is finding new changes to structures and rooming more challenging as we are short of one extra dedicated teaching room. Mr Blaho is in talks to resolve an issue to the best possible outcome, so that all members of the department are content with the arrangements that we have in place.

Mr O Blaho-Schlogl Head of RE



# **Appendix**

## Appendix 1: RSE Delivery Across the RE Department - 2021-2022

- Y7 Term 3 in January 2022
- Y8 Term 3 in January 2022
- Y9 Summer Term 6
- Y10 Easter Term 4 once pupils have completed Catholic Christianity and its main modules, or alternatively in the Summer Term
- Y11 Term 2 From 3rd December, straight after the Mock exams

## **Appendix 2: School Assemblies for 2022–22**

MONDAY Y7 TUESDAY Y8 WEDNESDAY Y11 THURSDAY Y9 FRIDAY Y10

DATE	THEMES	SPECIAL FEASTS	LEADERS/ SCRIPTURE
6-10 September	FAITHFULNESS  New Academic Year and Tree of Values at St Joseph's	WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND REWARDS AT THE CORIDOOR OF VALUES AWARDS EXPLANATION	OBL/RRI 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.' Isaiah 43:1
13-17 September	FAITHFULNES  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	ABA '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>	INTEGRITY	18-20th September	RRO
September	Community Cohesion and working together within our Parish/Diocese - Theme of the Stewardship/Environment	ROSH HOSHANAH - Jewish New Year 21st September St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	'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	INTEGRITY  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	OBL/Deacon John Detain/LRE '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
4–8th October	DIGNITY Charities- Christmas Child appeal - Shoeboxes preparation for whole school involvement	4 <sup>th</sup> October St Francis of Assisi 7 <sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of Rosary 9th October – Saint John Henry Newman 8 <sup>th</sup> October YOM KIPUPUR 13 <sup>th</sup> October – Saint Edward the Confessor, King	'They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.' Galatians 2:10
11–15th October	<b>DIGNITY</b> Rights and responsibilities RESPECT – caring for ourselves/others/environment Generosity	HARVEST FESTIVAL  13 <sup>th</sup> October  SUKKOT- HARVEST  15th October -  St Teresa of Avila  18 <sup>th</sup> October -  Saint Luke, Evangelist	DOLs  'In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.'  Ephesians 1:13



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1–5 November	SERVICE-CHARITY LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION 'In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.' Wisdom of Solomon 3:2-3	31st October ALL SAINTS 2nd November ALL SOULS	OBL  'Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.'  1 John 3:2
8–12 November	SERVICE-CHARITY SACRIFICE OF SERVICE ALL SAINTS –	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Birthday of Guru Nanak- founder of Sikhism	ABA And Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.' Luke 4:24
15–19 November	<b>HUMILITY</b> Our Human Rights and Responsibilities, Leadership	16th November Saint Edmund of Abingdon  21st November – CHRIST THE KING	OFO 'When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.' Proverbs 11:2
22–26 November	<u>HUMILITY</u> Gift of Life – Thanksgiving – Interfaith Beginning of Advent	22nd November Saint Cecilia Saint Catherine of Alexandria	CBA 'Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.' James 4:10
29 November– 3 December	GENTLENESS Prejudice and Discrimination Treatment of others	29 <sup>th</sup> November START of ADVENT 30 <sup>th</sup> November– ST.ANDREW'S DAY	DOLs  'The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control.'  Galatians 5:22
6–10 December	GENTLENESS  Jesus-The Light of the World/The true meaning of Christmas Mary - our true Mother	6 <sup>th</sup> December ST.NICHOLAS 8 <sup>th</sup> December – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	KMC  'With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.'  Ephesians 4:2



13-17	<u>TRUTH</u>	13 <sup>th</sup> December-	RRI
December	Music and us	St.Lucy	'Therefore, the Lord himself
	The Birth of our Saviour	The Holy Family	will give you a sign. Look, the
	Award Ceremonies KS3+KS4	St Stephen, the first	young woman is with child and
		Martyr	shall bear a son and shall name
			him Immanuel.' Isaiah 7:14
		CHRISTMAS	

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5-7 January	TRUTH Giving up and growing in Faith- Week of prayer for Christian Unity	1st January Mary, Mother of God 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord	RRI Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14:6
10-14 January	JUSTICE Forgiveness – a way to salvation – Parable of the Good Samaritan Unity of the Church	10th January The Baptism of the Lord	OBL  'And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?' Luke 18:7
17-21 January	JUSTICE Learning and future achievements St Joseph is our own example	17 <sup>th</sup> January St Antony, Abbot St Sebastian	RRO '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
24-28 January	<u>COMPASSION</u> Family and its importance, which can lead to holiness	25th January Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 28th January Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor	'As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.' Psalm 103:13



31 January- 4 February	COMPASSION Exploring examples of the holy people in various religions	31st January Saint John Bosco 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord	FNO  'Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.' Isaiah 49:13
7-11 February	MERCY Life of mercy seen among the holy women who can inspire us	6th February Saints Paul Miki and his companions  7th March – St. Perpetua and Felicity  9th March – St. Frances of Rome	'Honour physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High' Sirach 38:1-2
14-18 February	MERCY  Jesus' greatest sacrifice – taking away sins of the world – Sacrament of reconciliation	14 <sup>th</sup> February – Saints Cyrill, monk and Methodius, Bishop  22 <sup>nd</sup> February – St. Peter's Chair – Feast	'Blessed are those who are merciful for they shall obtain mercy' Matthew 5-7
28 February - 4 March	HOLINESS Family and its importance, which can lead to holiness Mary's as well as Joseph's example of holiness The Holy Family	1st March – St. David, Bishop  ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd March-start of Lent 'Blessed are those who believe without seeing'	ABA Holy Mary, mother of God 'Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with you'
7-11 March	HOLINESS Exploring examples of the holy people in various religions	Lenten journey – Stations of the Cross Fasting, Prayer, Charity	CBA 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but the sinners.' Matthew 9:13



14-18 March	TOLERANCE  Working together with other religions and deepening Jewish/ Christian values of tolerance	17th March - ST. PATRICK'S DAY  St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity and our main Feast Day	OFO  'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an anointing sacrifice for our sins.'  1 John 2:2
21-25 March	TOLERANCE Working on tolerance LGBTQ+ acceptance, love and showing respect to everyone regardless their orientation	25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord  Remembering that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and loved by him unconditionally Genesis 1&2	'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'  Luke 9:48
28 March- 1 April	PEACE Different cultures  Courage and making right choices in life	28th March- BIRTH OF PROPHET- ZOROASTRIAN EASTER	'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace.' Numbers 6:24-26

DATE	THEMES	SPECIAL FEASTS	LEADERS/ SCRIPTURE
25-29 April	<b>PURITY</b> Pure in Heart Purity of our souls	19 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> April- PESACH-JEWISH  23rd April - Saint George  29th April Saint Catherine of Sienna	RRI Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.' Romans 15:7



3-6 May	PURITY Pure speech and love Purity of thoughts	3rd May Saints Philip and James, Apostles  4th May - The English Martyrs, Feast	ABA  'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'  Colossians 3:13
9-13 May	FORGIVENESS Forgiveness around us – examples of Forgiveness– Mahatma Gandhi, Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King and Jesus himself	13th May St Matthias, Apostle 13th May Our Lady of Fatima  26 <sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of the Lord Solemnity	OBL  'When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.'  Acts of the Apostles 1:9

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4-8 July	FORGIVENESS Forgiving Father - The Parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus' examples of Forgiveness	29th June St Peter and Paul (during exams) 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?'  1 John 3:17
11-15 July	SACRIFICE  'We cannot serve two masters'  Materialism today  'Doing ordinary things  extraordinary well' Not to want  more but be/achieve more	11th July St Benedict, Abbot 13th July St Henry	DOLs 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40
18-22 July	SACRIFICE Giving time and ourselves for the good of others around us END OF THE SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR	Rewards and final thanksgiving for the year 22nd July St Mary Magdalen	RRI I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ' 2 Timothy 4:7



## **Appendix 3: Letter to Parents/Carers RE: Intervention Sessions**

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we are offering an intervention to your child to progress further in RE in the final stages of the GCSE course.

Following the mock exams, discussions with parents at the latest Parents' evening and results of assessments, we have set up a **compulsory weekly intervention session** that will focus attention on your child's progress towards their final exams in **May**. Based on the results we feel they would benefit from extra support in order to achieve the target grade and we are taking these measures to ensure that the best possible grade in the final examinations in May is achieved. This is in no way punitive but seen as beneficial to help your child achieve the best.

The students will have an opportunity to attend a number of intervention sessions for RE:

- A. Every Wednesday Week 1 during 4B lunch in Room 21 led by Mr Rooney
- B. Every Thursday Week 2 during 4B lunch in Room 22 led by Mrs Reynolds
- C. Every Wednesday morning before school at 8.15-8.35 in Room 21 led by Mr Inglis
- D. Every Wednesday after school from 3.40-4pm in Room 25 led by Mr Valjak
- E. Every Tuesday after school from 3.40-4pm in Room 25 led by Mr Blaho-Schlogl

If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school and I will be happy to arrange a meeting.

In the meantime, please could you sign and return the reply slip below.

Yours	sincere	ely			
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