


# Weekly Newsletter



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Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 



Dear parents/carers,

This Lent, we are going back to the basics of prayer in response to a special invitation from Pope Francis. 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, in preparation for next year's Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. In the months leading up to the Jubilee, beginning in Advent 2024, Pope Francis invites us to go back to the basics of prayer, with a particular focus on the Our Father, and to rediscover what exactly we mean by prayer and what it brings to our faith lives. Over the coming weeks, we challenge our BTHCC family to take up Pope Francis' invitation, to go back to the fundamentals of prayer and begin that journey of rediscovery to nurture our faith lives in the lead up to Holy Week.

This week we have been celebrating Numeracy week and we have been exploring the big questions such as do numbers have a gender, how Pythagoras got it wrong, the discovery of zero and all about pi. We also want our students to feel confident to use the kind of maths we need in every-day situations, at home and at work. Shopping, managing your bank account, paying bills...numbers are everywhere. We believe that feeling confident about using them works in your favour, in every aspect of daily life.

Next week we celebrate our SPIRIT week. We want this week to serve as a time to celebrate the incredible diversity that thrives within the BTHCC family. It hopefully will encourage young people to embrace the customs, traditions, languages, and art forms that make each culture unique. By exposing students to different cultures, Spirit week nurtures open-mindedness, empathy, and a broader worldview. It enhances their understanding of the world and prepares them to appreciate and respect the diversity they encounter every day. This is the first time we have had a Spirit week thanks to a group of Yr. 11 students who created the idea and we do hope to build upon the experience each year.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to all our family this week as well as the opportunity to celebrate Mass together. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare ourselves to open our hearts for the start of Holy Week.



**Mrs C S Hogg**

What's going on - Week 18th-22nd March

# This Week Spirit Week

Rewards Trips

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Word**

Room 54

at 8.30am

Talk the Talk  
Workshop Year 8

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

Silent Auction

**FRIDAY**



Whole School Mass  
Big Lenten Walk  
Own Clothes Day





# Spirit Week

## TUESDAY

### *Diversity*

Rewards trips



Diversity Doors



Small Steps Foundation craft  
shop -  
main school hall

## MONDAY

### *Inspiration Day*

Year 11 presentation on Celebrating  
our different stories - 8.50am  
main hall



Who Inspires you lessons - Teachers



Small Steps Foundation craft shop -  
main school hall

## WEDNESDAY

### *Dignity of the human person*

'Why Study Languages'  
Year 8 - 8.50am main hall



Hidden Figures film -  
lunchtimes main hall

## THURSDAY

### *Solidarity Day*

Food - lunchtimes



Morris Dancers



Viv Anderson Talk

## FRIDAY

### *Mission Day*

Own Clothes Day



Whole School Mass

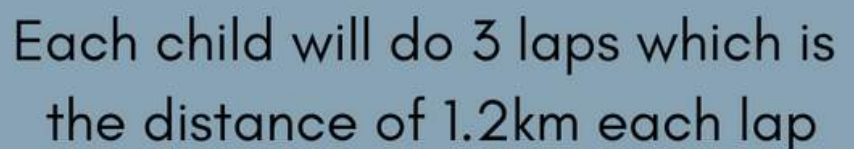


Lenten Walk



Bring in your sponsorship  
forms and donations collected

We suggest that your child brings into school either some OLD shoes, wellies or walking boots in a plastic bag so they can change their shoes before the walk.







We absolutely loved visiting Oldfield Bank residential home this week with the students to deliver some Easter eggs! The children were a real credit to the school and the residents loved seeing them. It was also great to see Terry up dancing again!





# NERF TRIP

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Nerf action experience kindly invited some of our girls to join them last Friday to celebrate International Women's Day to empower young women!! They wanted them to come together to celebrate inclusivity, diversity and the power of women. The girls had a great time!





# ART WORK

Y10 have been working so hard on these Ian Murphy inspired classical Greek portraits. We are so proud of you all! [#gcseart](#)





# LIFE DRAWING

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Just an average day in our Art department. Moira and Pearl came to visit our Year 12 and 13 students who took part in a drawing workshop today with Mrs P-C's pet hens! Moira and Pearl were very well behaved and posed beautifully! They even laid some eggs for the students to take home








Cross Country Relays  

Year 7 Boys - 3rd place 

Year 7 Girls - 2nd place 


Year 8 team - 1st place 

Amazing efforts by all our runners



Our Year 8A netball team at the Trafford Netball Tournament



Fantastic efforts by them all, with winning majority of their games 





# SPORT



The Year 7 boys' B team won away at Wellacre yesterday, the winning goal coming with the last kick of the game!



League winners and runners up in the Trafford tournament for our 7A netball team. Well done girls 🏆🏆





# NETBALL INTER FORM



Year 7 Netball Interform Competition 🏆  
Congratulations to our 2024 winners ... 7TL 🏆 1

Amazing efforts by all our year 7 netballers, representing  
their form groups 💪👏





# MMU HISTORY LECTURE



Visiting Dr Samantha Wolstencroft at Manchester Metropolitan University was a brilliant trip. We made our way to MMU on Oxford road and visited the humanities building showing what facilities could be like in less than a year's time for us year 13's.

Dr Wolstencroft had prepared a lecture on Attlee and his first majority Labour government in 1945. We had already studied the period, however the lecture was a great insight into a deeper, university level of knowledge and understanding. The parallels she drew between both post-war elections in 1918 and 1945 were the exact type of analysis to push our thinking that much further. We also gathered some great quotes from her, which will be very useful in our exams coming up as she is a reputable author and source.

*written by Tim Lyons*





Expert trainers from Talk The Talk are coming back into school next Wednesday 20th March to talk to our Year 8 group.

The Talk About Communication workshop is an exciting and engaging master class developing speaking and listening skills within a creative learning environment. The workshop provides numerous speaking opportunities and students are coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two minute presentation, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion, to their peers.

Talk The Talk's mission is to develop students' oracy skills and their communication confidence to support positive interaction in all life situations and improved social outcomes.

We had guest speaker, Emily Aspen in this week. She is a lecturer in Criminology at Arden University and spent 15 years working in the criminal justice system so she shared her knowledge and expertise of this with the year 13 criminology students.







## Karen's Retiring

After serving 28 years at BTH it is time to say good bye to Karen (she is being released for time served and okish behaviour ! LOL)

Karen has been a highly valued member of the kitchen team and we will all be sad to see her go

In her many years at BTH she has progressed from doing the washing up, to being the person to bake all the cakes and biscuits for the school, through to becoming the assistant manager. In addition she has seen many pupils flourish throughout their school years, she even recalls our very own Mr Fishwick as a young lad!!

To honour Karen's hard work, dedication and commitment to both BTH and Trafford we would like to ask if any parents/carers wish too contribute to a collection for this wonderful woman on the link below;

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Vacancies

Take a look at our vacancies page on the website. We have some great job opportunities. Could you be part of our team?

Teacher of Religious Studies

Teacher of English

School Chaplain

Casual Exam Invigilators

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# **Small Steps Foundation.**

**'Fair for All' Charity Sale**  
**Sale of craft items made in**

**Uganda**  
**Monday 18th March**

**Lunchtimes in the**

**Main Hall**

**Toys**

**Crafts**

**Clay models**

**Baskets**

**Salad servers**

**Shopping bags**

**Friendship bands**

**Scrunchies**

**Clothing**

**Serving platters and more!**

**70% of people living in  
many emerging  
economies live on less than  
£1.00 a day!**

**Supporting, educating and  
promoting the  
inclusion of young children  
with disability in Uganda**

