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It is a huge honour to have become the new Chair of the Trust in April. I bring to the role over 20 years' experience of being a Governor in public sector schools, mostly as Chair of the Local Governing Body; plus approaching three years' experience of being a Director at, now, two Academy Trusts.

My background is working as an accountant and a financial adviser, and whilst the Trust, like most schools, has many financial challenges ahead, I can immediately see that it is financially well run. In my most recent role, I was involved in the integration of health and social care systems. That taught me the importance of having clear locally set objectives, in addition to those set nationally, and the need to work effectively, in partnership, with all those involved in delivering excellent services, be it to those with health/social care needs, or in our case to all the students in our 15 Academies.

On my first visit to St Mary's College, I was enormously impressed that two schoolchildren gave their own time to guide me around the site, as I looked for the people I was visiting. They were so enthusiastic about the college, about their teachers, about their friendships, and how the college helped them grow as individuals. The Trust now is made up of 15 Academies, has over 6,000 students, and covers a wide geographical area. I look forward to visiting our other 14 academies in the coming year...We need each student to have the same enthusiasm and commitment that I experienced on that initial visit.

As Directors, our key objectives for the coming twelve months are to:

- Give every member of the St Cuthbert's family experiences to encounter Christ and know that they are loved by Him
- Enable all to meet their full potential and flourish
- Provide excellent academic opportunities for learning
- Grow in the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love
- Grow in service of others

I need to give a special word of thanks to Mr Ged Fitzpatrick who retires at the end of this term. For 20 years he was Headteacher in St Mary's College and more latterly became Chief Executive Officer of the Trust. He has successfully established St Mary's as the world-class college it is and has led the Trust through its recent expansions. We all wish him well as he moves on to the next challenges in his life.

We want to take time to ensure we replace Mr Fitzpatrick with the best leader we can find for the Trust. We will begin the recruitment process early in the Autumn term having reflected on what skills and strengths we need from his successor. We will appoint an interim CEO from within the Trust to lead us from September until we fill the position on a permanent basis.



David Laws(Chair of the Board of Directors)

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU...

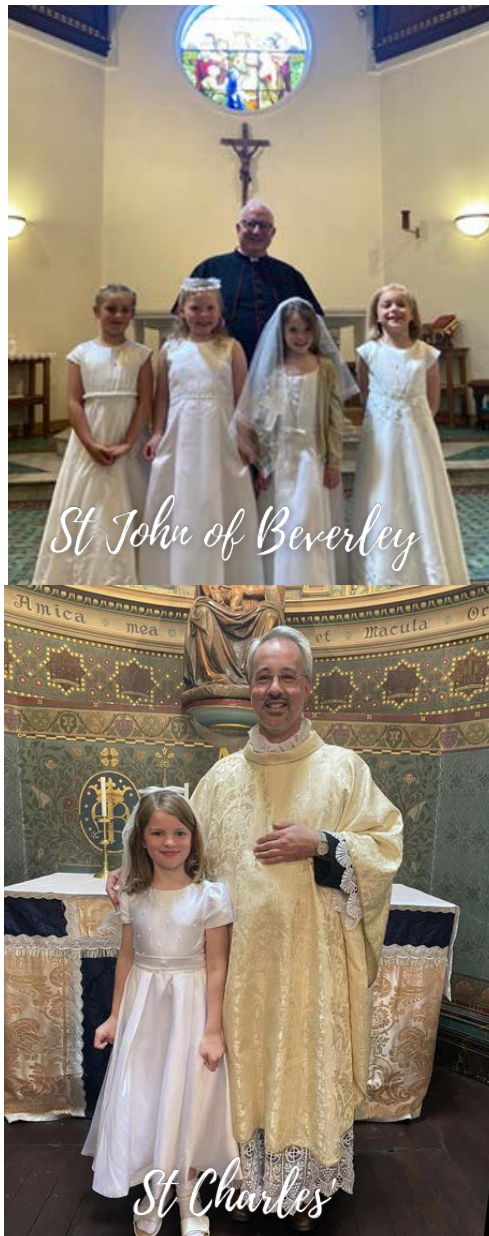
We wish our retiring CEO of the Trust, Ged Fitzpatrick all of God's blessings on his retirement and express our gratitude for his twenty years in service of our children since commencing at St Mary's College in 2003 as Headteacher, then Executive Head and latterly leading the St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust as the Chief Executive Officer.



"May God hold you in the palm of his hand"

CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Numerous children from across the Trust have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion this term. Here are some beautiful images of their celebrations that have been shared with us



From the St Cuthbert's Chaplaincy Team



Micki Coyle
SCRCAT Chaplain



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Hull Primaries

St Cuthbert's Chaplaincy Team and Fr Richard Marsden celebrated Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in all 7 of the Hull Catholic Primary schools, on the same day, starting with St Thomas More academy at 9.00am and finishing with St Richard's at 2.40pm. The service of Adoration included scripture, prayers, silence and Benediction. A child from each class also lit a candle before the Blessed Sacrament to represent their class.

7 schools, 1700 children, 1 Priest, 1 Chaplaincy Team, 1 car (monstrance Mobile) in 1 day.

It was an amazing day, and the reverence shown by every child was inspiring.



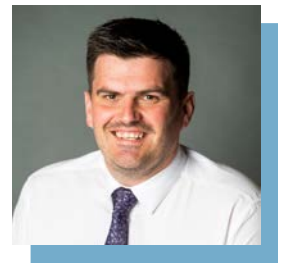
St Cuthbert's Lourdes 2023

Staff and students from both St Mary's College and St Augustine's took part in the 70th Anniversary Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this year. It was great to be back in Lourdes after our three-year break and it reinforced all the reasons why it is important that we go.

Hard work, long days but a wonderful spiritual experience.



MASTERING THE MATHS MINDSET ACROSS ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



By Gary Shaw, Associate Headteacher and Trust Primary Maths Lead

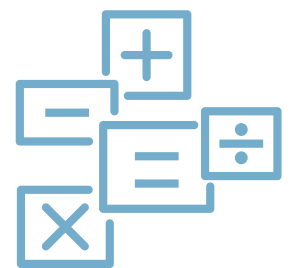
Earlier this year, speaking to students and teachers at an event in London, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak tackled a perceived maths mindset that it is "OK to be bad at Maths" and the need for schools to be promoting the importance of numeracy across the curriculum.

Across St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust, we are proud of the work that is going on throughout all of our schools and the future plans to further develop our pupils' numeracy skills and love of maths. As schools we have been working for a number of years with our regional Maths Hubs, developing the knowledge and skills of staff within schools to deliver a 'Mastery' approach to maths. Maths Mastery is developed around the mindset that all pupils can achieve by being supported through a carefully sequenced curriculum, high-quality staff training and engaging resources that support pupil understanding.

Since the formation of the first Maths Hubs in 2014, we have been closely working alongside both the Yorkshire Humber and Yorkshire Riding Maths Hub to ensure that maths within our schools is taught in line with the most recent and relevant research and have often been a driving force in delivering the best outcomes for our pupils. Our schools have been developing their practice from the Early Years through to A-Level, with a number of staff and schools across our academy Trust supporting the refinement of maths across the region and beyond.

As we talk to pupils across our schools, the consistent feedback from pupils is that there is a genuine love for maths and that they see maths as a crucial part of their skills for the future. From the starting points in our school, we have been developing our students to be problem solvers, critical thinkers and reasoners through tasks that take mathematical play opportunities via carefully chosen tasks and enrichment activities that support engagement we challenge and promote high quality talk in our classrooms.

Recent research has shown that teaching for mastery has a positive impact on maths anxiety in the classrooms. Classes in our schools support all pupils with a purposeful curriculum that helps pupils see the real life opportunities for maths, develop pupils to become independent thinkers, build a belief that everyone can achieve and support relationships within the classroom that working together we can learn with each other. We are seeing changing attitudes, risk taking classrooms, developing understanding and successful learners overcoming any anti-maths mindset across our schools.



Within our schools we are always looking for ways to work together with the Maths Hubs and with our families to support all of our pupils in order for them to succeed.

Here are some of the ways that we are supporting our pupils to become more confident mathematicians both in school and at home. Scan the QR code to go to the websites:



White Rose Education:
One Minute Maths



Numbots



Number Hive App



Maths Watch



Times Table Rockstars

Student Voice

'Maths lessons are challenging and always engaging' - KS3

'I love maths' - KS2

' We learn more, it used to be hard but now I find it easier' - KS2

Engagement

Mastering Number Project – Supporting pupils in EYFS and KS1 to develop a secure number sense, including daily sessions in schools and support for parents to help at home.

Advanced Maths Support Programme – Engaging students in studying maths post-16 and the careers paths that studying maths can lead to.

Developing A Level Pedagogy – Deepening the understanding of mathematical concepts in the classroom.

Maths Leads in our schools

Craig Lenham Head of Maths St Mary's College	Joanne Furnell Head of Maths St Augustine's	Andy Dixon Our Lady & St Peters	Laura Jackson- Brook St Mary & St Joseph	Natalia Allen St Mary Queen of Martyrs
Elizabeth Bradley St Thomas More	Mary Spencer St Richard's	Matthew Seeley St Peter's	Jo Wheatley St Mary's MW	Emma Thrikill St Vincent's
Alison Bentley St Anthony's	Sarah Stapleton Endsleigh Holy Child	Clare Dongray St John of Beverley	Jamie Thomas St George's	Alison Bentley St Charles'

Exploring Other Faiths at St Anthony's

At St Anthony's, we have been exploring Islam as part of our learning in RE. Children across the school have been finding out how Muslims live their lives, following their beliefs and how this is similar to Christians.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Imam Salik, who came into school to tell us all about his faith. The whole school really enjoyed seeing the Qur'an and Prayer Mat and asking him their own questions too.

The importance of learning about other faiths is something we are keenly aware of at St Anthony's and we strive to make these experiences as real and interactive as possible so that our children remember what they have learnt. This knowledge resonates with them as they move through their own spiritual formation.

We are looking forward to even more learning enhancements next year, such as visiting other faiths' places of worship and hearing from some of our school community who practise other religions.



Active Travel Ambassadors

On Thursday 22nd June four members of our Active Travel Ambassador team and two staff travelled, by rail, from Scarborough to London to attend the Modeshift STARS National School Travel Awards. We were one of 12 schools from across the nation to be nominated, having already been named Secondary School of the Region for Yorkshire and the Humber (for the second year running). This was in recognition for everything the school has been doing to promote active and sustainable travel over the last 5 years.

St Augustine's has taken part in the Modeshift STARS Education awards scheme since 2018. This is a national scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people.

Unfortunately, we didn't win the National Award in London this time, but we had a great day and are extremely pleased to have made the final, as we are one of over 14,000 schools taking part in the scheme nationwide.



Follow the Yellow Brick Road to St Charles'

The summer term at St Charles' has seen a wonderful display of music and performing arts.

It was amazing to welcome the parents of our children who learn a musical instrument within the school to showcase their talents and perform to a real-life audience. We were wowed with fabulous rhythms from our percussion pupils whilst our brass and string pupils led us through some tuneful pieces. It was fantastic to see all their practice at home pay off.

Our drama club's performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' took us on a whirlwind journey to Munchkin land as we followed Dorothy's journey to find her way home, meeting new friends along the way. The children were amazing at learning their parts and lines and it was wonderful to see all of their hard work come to fruition.

Year Five have also enjoyed working with Hull Truck Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company this term. This amazing collaboration, involving several schools across the city, will see our children performing the opening scene of 'Twelfth Night' on stage at the theatre.



Year 6 Enterprise!

In the words of a Year 6 pupil...

On Thursday 29th June, Year 6 enthusiastically hosted the Student Enterprise Summer Fair on the Endsleigh playground and school field, in order to raise as much money as possible for different charities and to provide Science resources for the school.

The aim of the Student Enterprise was to encourage Year 6 pupils to think outside of the box and to come up with different ways of making a profit from scratch, thereby benefitting people in need through donations that can be made as a result of all the hard work.

On the day of the fair itself, there were many stands to interact with and make purchases at, including: a tombola raffle, an ice cream stand, a penalty shoot-out, an inflatable obstacle course, a nail bar, a florist's stand, and much more to choose from!

The weather was kind to us all and provided us with a sunny backdrop to a lovely afternoon of activities!

Through our combined efforts, Year 6 were able to make over an astonishing £1000 through sales, beating last year's amount. This money will be shared between McMillan Cancer Support, an Epilepsy Charity, and Asthma + Lung UK (a charity very close to heart of one of our teachers Mr Gray), Science resources and funding an end of term treat for Year 6.



The Great Yorkshire Show

Pupils from St George's Key Stage Two visited the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate in May.

Pupils learned about country living and were very impressed with the care that all of the farmers showed their livestock.

Whilst at the show pupils had the chance to learn about farming machinery such as tractors and combined harvesters, they had the chance to see the machinery up close and learn about the vital role that they play in our food production. The pupils really enjoyed watching the sheepdog and ferret demonstrations and learning about how the animals are trained by the farmers.

Pupils also made good links to their Geography curriculum and developed their knowledge of the food chain and how their foods are grown. Pupils were extremely interested in the production of organic foods and developed their knowledge of how more environmentally friendly farming methods can be reintroduced.

'I really enjoyed the day trip to Harrogate, I really enjoyed talking to all of the farmers, they really care for the animals and look after them. The Show Ground was massive, and there was just so much to do!' (Skyler, Y4 pupil)

A big thank you to Miss Robyn Welburn who organised the trip, the pupils and staff really appreciate your hard work!



St John of Beverley – where children ‘exude joy’!

On 7th and 8th June, St John of Beverley welcomed the Bishop’s representatives for a Section 48 Inspection. We were all excited to show off our fantastic school community and the work we do in Beverley. Inspectors looked at all aspects of the work we do as a Catholic school.

The inspectors visited lessons, attended Acts of Worship, looked at books and talked to lots of different stakeholders including children, staff, parents and Governors. We are delighted to be able to share the findings of the inspectors.

It was found that:

- St John of Beverley is an inclusive, welcoming and joyful environment where all pupils are loved and cared for.
- The pupils are an expression of the love and care that the school provides, the school is a beacon for the community of Beverley.
- Music greatly enhances the life of the school and is a reflection of the joy and ministry the school portrays.
- The school permeates an inspirational and strong sense of family and community which is inclusive of all. All members of the school community embrace the school mission.
- The sense of worth which can be tangibly felt throughout the school enables the pupils to feel valued as unique people, in fact they exude joy.

We are delighted that our visitors saw what we see every day!



Cultural Delights

International Week at St Mary's College proved to be an extraordinary and vibrant celebration that brought together the entire school community in the Catholic spirit of unity, appreciation, and participation. The motivational talks by Chiedu Oraka and the refugee Arafa (both local well-known people) served as powerful reminders of the strength of the human spirit and the importance of empathy and solidarity. The food stalls, French cinema club, and parental involvement all contributed to the rich tapestry of cultural experiences, fostering a deep appreciation for the diversity that exists within the St Mary's College community.

Cultural exploration was a key element of International Week, with a multitude of activities and experiences designed to showcase the individuality of our school and the special role we all have to play. Food stalls featuring cuisine from various countries delighted taste buds and the school canteen offered a daily culinary journey around the world.

A truly heart-warming aspect of International Week was the involvement of parents who contributed to the festivities by bringing food from their respective heritages. This act of sharing not only showcased the diverse backgrounds of St Mary's College families, but also provided an opportunity for students to experience authentic homemade dishes from around the globe. The food exchange created a sense of connection, appreciation and inclusion for the cultural heritage of classmates, fostering a deeper feeling of unity and understanding.

Our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where students can learn, grow, and appreciate the world's vast array of cultures remains unstinting. International Week served as a reminder that our differences are what make us stronger as a community, and by embracing them, we can build a brighter future together, reminding us of how God wants us to live with others.



Tea and Chat in school

We have hosted our first Tea and Chat in school for parishioners from our parish community. Regularly, after Tuesday morning Mass, coffee and cake and chat are shared in the parish hall.

Our Junior Chaplains have been thinking of ways we can meet more regularly with our friends from church, whom we only really see when we attend Mass in church on holy days of obligation and for school mass. This is one thing they have decided is possible as our school is located so close to our church, and it is lovely to welcome and share our school with them.

Therefore, coffee, tea, biscuits and cake were ready after the 10am mass on Tuesday 4th July, attended by a number of our parish friends. The Junior Chaplains served refreshments, chatted to our guests and planned to make this a regular event.

A big thank you to our friends for coming to see us, many of whom have links to St Mary's school as past parents, governors or staff.

The children have further plans for next time, playing some board games, having a tour of school and inviting the parishioners to attend our class liturgies and school events in the future.



Celebrating the introduction of our 100 Books

As part of our reading curriculum, following our aim to enthuse children and embed a love of reading across the whole primary age range, we have introduced our '100 Books'.

Books have been carefully chosen, knowing the stories children love to read and have read to them at storytime or for a bedtime story. The range includes whole picture books and short stories with delightful illustrations, to novels to be read a chapter at a time. We have had great fun compiling lists for the final 25 per class.

A kind donation to the school from grandparents has helped get this project underway, we have been able to purchase new copies of all books and hampers to store them, one for each class. Children will unbuckle the straps, lift the lid and delve into the basket to select a book at a time with the opportunity to keep a record of their reads.

Now, can you read or have read, all 25 in your class across your time there?

The love of reading, enhanced by a little challenge to read 100 books over time. Let's get started.



Grandparents are special!

Recently in Foundation Stage 2, we have held a memorable and joyous event for our grandparents in our community. It was wonderful to bring our families together and allowed our Foundation Stage 2 children to take to the stage to sing a song about how a little seed will grow followed by a heartfelt rendition of 'Grandparents are Special'. The children loved performing on the stage and we could see how proud our families are of our St Mary Queen of Martyrs Learners. In addition to our singing, we presented our grandparents with a very special 'Thank You' gift. In class, we had been busy creating a gift tag to add it to sunflower plant made with love. All our grandparents also had the materials to create their own sunflower craft with their grandchild whilst having a well-deserved refreshment which went down extremely well.

A big thank you also to all the staff at St Mary Queen of Martyrs for helping to organise this celebration.



Sports Day!

On Friday 23rd June we celebrated a fantastic Sports Day! We were overwhelmed with the number of parents and family members who attended and contributed to an incredibly inclusive, supportive, and joyous event.

Earlier in the week we had the privilege of a visit from Sean Gaffney- paralympic and Commonwealth athlete. He delivered an inspirational talk describing the challenges he faced as an amputee and how he overcame them through resilience, determination and never giving up. It was inspirational to see these values embodied within the pupils at OLSP and on full display during our Sports Day Event. The children were extremely supportive and always encouraging of each other. We would like to say thank you to Tigers Trust for their support during Sports Day and for a surprise visit from Roary the Tiger!

We sought feedback from the event through Google Forms and are pleased to share this below:

"The atmosphere of the day was fantastic, really positive and encouraging. Really well organised, great to see Tigers Trust involved along with the mascot! Thank you for all your hard work."

"Watching the children support and encourage one another so nicely was fantastic. It really encouraged those children who otherwise might not have enjoyed it so much."

"I loved seeing the children cheering each other on and high fiving, hugging each other. Excellent teamwork from everyone!"

"Family bonding feeling throughout the event. Feeling welcomed. Love of children for the school was visible. "



St Peter's Day Celebrations

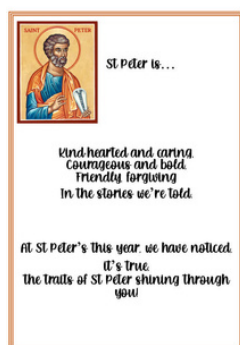


On Thursday 29th June the children of St Peter's School celebrated the feast day of their Patron Saint, St Peter. The children spent the day engaged in spiritual activities, deepening their faith and getting to know St Peter.

They began the day by exploring the gospel of St Peter being called to follow Christ. The children looked at the qualities that St Peter had and how they could follow in his footsteps and show these qualities in their lives.

The whole school attended mass at St Joseph's Church alongside the parish community. The children shared readings, prayers and songs. Once they returned to school they received a special treat of ice cream, which was kindly donated by Mr Alonzi from the Harbour Bar in Scarborough.

In the afternoon each class picked a different scripture about St Peter and discovered what this meant to them. They then prepared something to share with the whole school linked to the scripture they had chosen and what they had learned from this. Some of the classes shared music and spiritual dance, artwork and drama all around the gospels of St Peter. This was all shared in a whole school assembly at the end of the day. Each class teacher chose one child who they felt displayed the traits of St Peter and awarded them a special certificate at the end of the assembly.



Ancient City Life

The children at St Richards have had many fantastic experiences this term, however one in particular caused a stir. Through the power of technology, the children in Key Stage 2 experienced life in an ancient city. As part of our summer history topics, a company called PrimeVR visited the school with virtual reality headsets which allowed each year group to experience aspects of their World History topic in 'real life'.

Year 4 were thrilled to visit Ancient Egypt and explore the legendary pyramids. During a visit inside the Antechamber, the children shared their knowledge of how the dead were prepared for the afterlife and types of items that might be found in the tomb.

Year 5 took a tour of Athens, exploring the Parthenon and discussing the various uses of these famous temples. The children highlighted various statues of Gods and Goddesses that they had learnt about in a previous lesson.

Year 6 were lucky enough to travel back to the time of the Maya civilisation, discovering many of the sites in Chichén-Itzá that they had previously studied, including the infamous Temple of Kukulkan. They even had a sneaky peak into types of entertainment as they encountered, and survived, a Pok-A-Tok ball court!

As a small treat to finish their experience, the children were able to visit another place in the world, many groups chose to swim with turtles in the Great Barrier Reef.



STAY AND LEARN AT STM



Children and staff at St Thomas More Voluntary Catholic Academy have been thrilled to increase parental engagement this term by hosting a range of stay and learn events.

At St Thomas More VCA, our aim is to create a happy and secure environment, where children will develop a love of learning. We recognise that parents are an important educator in their child's life and it is our wish to begin to create positive partnerships with families from the outset.



We have introduced half termly Stay and Learn sessions from Nursery through to Year 6 and we have welcomed a range of family members into school to take part. Sessions have been linked to the current learning taking part in the classrooms.

"It is lovely to be invited in to see how reading is promoted in my child's class."

OUR VISIT TO WITHERNSEA

Our Year 2 class have written sharing news about their trip to Withernsea:

On Wednesday 28th June, Year 2 went to Withernsea on a fantastic school trip! First, we travelled to Withernsea on a big coach with our friends. We really had fun because we could talk to everybody quietly. We saw lots of big green fields and sheep. Then, we saw a lifeboat. It was so interesting listening to the man about the boat, but we had to leave to do our next exciting activity.

Next, whilst we walked along the seafront, there were lots of flies! "Look at all the flies," said William. Before the puppet show, we devoured our delicious picnics. After that, we watched the puppet show near the beach. It was funny and exciting at the same time. After the puppet show, we went to the most exciting part of the trip. We climbed up the gigantic, white lighthouse. It was so good because the views from the top were magnificent.

Finally, we ate a refreshing ice lolly and then we got ready for our journey home. What a good day!





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