

Chaplaincy Update Spring / Summer Term 2018

Year 6 and 11 Leavers' Service

There was a warm welcome from Monsignor Rotherham who greeted staff and pupils in Year 6 and 11 at the Year 6 and 11 Good Leavers' Service on Friday 11th May.

Every pupil received a rosary. Year 11 pupils also received a special card on which was written a prayer encouraging them all to remain positive in their GCSE exams.

Biblical readings and bidding prayers were read by Year 11 pupils, all reflecting on the power and love of God and the impact his love has on all our lives. Head of School Ms Baldwin delivered a moving address to Year 11, noting the hard work and dedication put in by both staff and pupils.

Go Green for Grenfell

Green for Grenfell is an annual event bringing together communities to celebrate diversity and unity. This year the focus was on schools and community groups. Each year the focus will widen in order to build a lasting legacy of the support for the Grenfell community. The government supported the event, organised by Grenfell United, which is designed to celebrate a spirit of unity and collaboration. The event reflected upon how the community around the Tower and all over the UK came together to help after the tragedy last year. In light of this, the Grenfell community requested as many schools and community groups as possible to wear something green. The staff at the Academy really got involved in supporting the event and wore a sea of 'green'.

Picnic and Praise at St Columba's Catholic Boys' School

On Wednesday 28th June, St Matthew Academy attended the annual Southwark Diocese Picnic & Praise event held at St Columba's Catholic Boys School. It was a glorious day full of sunshine, pupils working collaboratively and praise and worship.

CAFOD also worked with the pupils focusing on the theme of 'journey' exploring the importance of supporting refugees. There was also a picnic in the afternoon before Father Michael celebrated Mass with pupils and staff.

Three Parks of Lewisham Challenge

On Sunday 15th July 2018, St Matthew Academy will be hosting our first sponsored walk 'The Three Parks of Lewisham Challenge'. All donations will be allocated to Lewisham Hospital Children's Ward and the Catholic Children's Society which are supporting the 'Go Green for Grenfell' initiative. Pupils and staff are encouraged to participate on the sponsored walk of three of Lewisham boroughs parks; Ladywell Park, Blythe Hill and Hilly Fields. The sponsored walk should approximately take an hour to complete and should be lots of fun!