



## **Messages from the Headteacher**

### **Living the Beatitudes – Inspired by Cardinal Hume**

Sunday's Gospel reminded us of the Beatitudes, where Jesus teaches that true happiness is found in mercy, humility and peace-making. These values are at the heart of our mission as a Catholic school.

This week, we invite students to consider simple ways they can live out the Beatitudes: choosing peace in moments of disagreement, showing kindness and forgiveness, and looking out for those who may feel left out.

We draw inspiration from Cardinal Basil Hume, who lived these Gospel values with quiet strength. He often reminded us that putting God at the centre of our lives naturally leads us to love and care for our neighbour. His example encourages us to help our young people become compassionate, courageous and grounded in faith.

Thank you for supporting these values at home. Together, we continue building a community where every child is known, valued and blessed.

### **A Prayer Inspired by the Beatitudes**

**Loving Father,  
Bless our school community today.  
Form our hearts in the spirit of the Beatitudes,  
that we may serve with humility and love.  
Help us to be gentle and patient,  
to hunger for justice, and to show mercy.  
Guide us to be peacemakers,  
a source of comfort and direction for the troubled,  
and a light of hope for every child in our care.  
May the example of Christ inspire our work,  
and strengthen us each day.  
Amen.**

### **Holocaust Memorial**

Some of our Sixth Form students recently led all students in prayer and reflection for Holocaust Memorial. Each Year, A Level History students make an application and, if successful, are given a unique opportunity to develop their understanding of the Holocaust, as well as how to become ambassadors for Holocaust Education in our school and wider community. They embarked on a life-changing journey to Auschwitz. Those involved are a credit to our community. Sharing their journey, experience and hope for a better future was truly moving.

The Holocaust of course has ripples today which can evoke sadness, anger, fear and disgust. It is inspiring to see our young people reflecting on the past, to act in the present – to secure a brighter future.

Mr Robson

## Bake Sale for Benny

On Friday 13th of February, members of our Faith in Action group will be hosting a bake sale in support of 'Stand by Benny'. This is a charity which is raising funds to help a local young boy, Benjamin, who has relapsed neuroblastoma, receive the treatment he needs in Rome. If students are able to bring in a small amount of money, there will be a range of cakes to buy during their break.

We have included the link to the charity page so that you are able to see exactly what funds raised are going towards.

Benny's Campaign –

[Benny's Campaign - Stand By Benny - JustGiving](#)



## Forthcoming Events: Save the Dates!

**Calendar limitations mean alternative dates or arrangements for parent/subject staff consultation are not possible**

All Years	
Y7	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April, a School Cloud, online based Parents' Evening with a range of subject teachers 3.30-6.30. Booking arrangements will be sent in due course.
Y8	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May a School Cloud, online based Parents' Evening with a range of subject teachers 3.30-6.30. Booking arrangements will be sent in due course.
Y9	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February, Year 9 Options Information Evening
Y12	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, Parents' Evening on School Cloud 3.30pm- 6.30pm