

Autumn/Winter 2022

Welcome to our Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT's newsletter for our 36 primary and secondary academies across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City

# Newsletter

## Celebratory Mass for our academies



In early October 2022, our newly expanded Trust came together in a wonderful celebration Mass with representatives attending from across our 36 Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire academies.



During the mass, Bishop Patrick blessed statues of St Thérèse of Lisieux – the patron of our former Lincolnshire Catholic Multi-Academy Trust and statues of our patron, Our Lady of Lourdes.



All schools received a framed Trust prayer and a statue of St Thérèse, in recognition of our merger and our Lincolnshire schools received statues of Our Lady.

It was a fantastic day for our large community to come together for the first time as a Trust, giving academies the opportunity to share in what makes this union so special.

Thank you to all the young people, staff, and our Bishop for making this day so memorable.



## Reflecting our larger Trust: updated logo



Back in September 2022, the former St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT) became part of Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT.

In recognition, our logo has been adapted to replace our star with a rose. This is a signature sign of St Thérèse of Lisieux – roses are her way of whispering to those who need a sign that she has heard, and God is responding.

# St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette made pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the first time.

This was a very special, once in a lifetime event that provided an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to pay tribute to St Bernadette in their local church or cathedral.

The OLoL Chaplaincy team hosted and live-streamed a celebration Mass on their YouTube channel and many of our academies attended to venerate St Bernadette's relics.



## Protecting lives in all academies



All 36 of our academies now have a defibrillator installed on site.

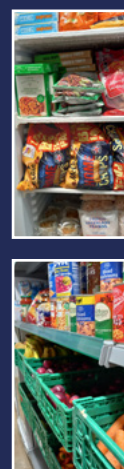
Defibrillators have the potential to save the lives of pupils, staff and visitors in schools, with latest research showing that accessing these devices within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest increases the chance of survival by over 40%.

The government committed to funding all necessary devices so that every academy has at least one on-site, or more for academies with larger sites.

The rollout will build on existing requirements for academies to teach first aid as part of the curriculum, with secondary school pupils being taught life-saving methods such as CPR and the purpose of defibrillators.

The installations will also help protect our local communities against cardiac arrest, delivering wider access to these devices.

## St Augustine's Stamford supports local food hub



A community food hub has been set up in **THE SHED** at St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stamford, by George Hetherington.

George, who decided to set up Second Helpings in Stamford over eight years ago, wanted to establish a large food hub where businesses and families can donate surplus food that would otherwise go to waste.

The Hub is open to the local community in Stamford on a pay as you feel basis, meaning that

there are no restrictions on who can access the hub.

George's Food Hub is manned by volunteers and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2.45pm-4.15pm.

This is a fantastic initiative benefitting not only the local community but the environment too - thank you George!

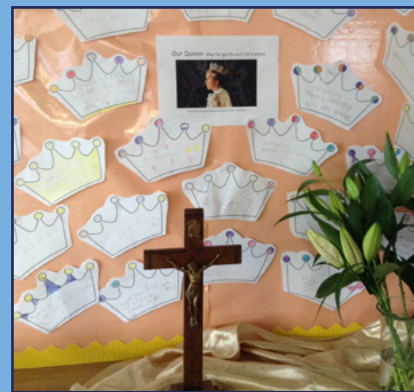
To find out more please visit: [georgesfoodhub.co.uk](http://georgesfoodhub.co.uk)



# Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

All of our academies paid tribute to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – remembering her incredible life, service and dedication in a variety of ways.

Our young people commemorated her life through making memory books, cards and posters as well as attending Mass in school.



## Celebrating 70 years of education at GSA



The Good Shepherd Academy, Woodthorpe, celebrated its own Platinum Jubilee this October and was marked with a wonderful thank you Mass led by Bishop Patrick for the school and its community.

Bishop Patrick also blessed and officially opened the academy's new Y2 building, St Mary's and the newly formed Nursery.

Children in the nursery were very excited by the arrival of the Bishop and even named the resident Giant African Snail baby after him!



## Helping our families with financial support

### LITTLE ACTS OF Kindness Fund



Providing financial support for our pupils and students needs

Have you heard about our new Trust initiative, the Little Acts of Kindness Fund?

The fund offers financial support for all eligible registered pupils attending our academies.

The fund helps families with any costs associated with their respective academy which includes paying for curriculum trips, school uniform, educational equipment and more.

To see if you are eligible and to find out more about the fund and how to apply, please visit our website:

[ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/](http://ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/)



# Amazing achievements at our academies



Congratulations to the athletics team at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School, Bulwell who came first in their heat at the School Games in October.

We can't wait to see how you do in the finals!

Congratulations to Blanka of St Teresa's Primary School, Aspley who came first in the National Jiu-Jitsu Championships.

What an amazing achievement Blanka!



Congratulations to the Year 6 team at Boston St Mary's, who took part in the Primary School Mathematics Quiz at Boston Grammar School and came in second place.

They had lots of fun and answered some very tricky questions!

## Harvest Festival generosity

A huge thank you to all our pupils and families for their generous Harvest donations this year.

All donations went to local food banks to support families in need during these very challenging times.





## Hurdles champion inspires St Mary's pupils

Dai Greene, a former world, euro and commonwealth 400m hurdles champion, recently visited pupils at St Mary's, Grantham to share his incredible journey and sporting experiences during his athletics career.



Dai began as a keen footballer, joining Swansea City youth team and turning down a contract to turn professional at 16. But after contracting Osgood-Schlatter disease, he gave up football for athletics.

At 17, he was diagnosed with epilepsy, but this didn't stop

him from achieving multiple Gold medals for Great Britain. Dai is also an ambassador for the charity Young Epilepsy.

On talking with pupils he said, 'It was my pleasure, the students were great listeners and asked some quality questions too'.

## Charity fundraising at Holy Cross

Holy Cross, Hucknall have raised an amazing £500 fundraising bake sale with all money going to MacMillan Cancer Support Charity.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event an overwhelming success.



## We're hiring!

### Current vacancies :

- Class Teachers
- Teaching Assistants (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Higher Level)
- Midday Supervisor
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator
- Senior ICT Technician
- Senior Departmental Administrator
- Administrative Assistant
- Lay Chaplain
- Design and Technology Technician
- Site Manager
- Learning Resources Manager
- Minibus Driver
- Invigilator
- Learning Support Assistant
- After School Club Leader
- Landscape Gardener
- Compliance & Data Protection Manager
- Senior Procurement Officer

For more information, please visit our website:  
[www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us)



# Things to do over half term



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## Nottinghamshire Days Out

### [Christmas in the Courtyard - Rufford Abbey County Park](#)

#### **Free**

Running every weekend throughout the holiday season with a number of craft and gift stalls located in the twinkling courtyard.

### [Festive Family Reindeer Trail - Creswell Crags](#)

#### **£3 (includes trail sheet, pencil and treat)**

Search the gorge for the six hidden wooden reindeer and write down the letter they're hiding.

### [Christmas Tree Festival - St Mary's Church](#)

#### **Free**

Visit the beautiful St Mary's Church lit up for Christmas for this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

### [Storybook Christmas - Newstead Abbey](#)

#### **Adults £12/Children under 15 free**

Enjoy a self-lead walk through the historic house and enjoy storybook scenes from Alice in Wonderland

### [Bands in the Park - Nottingham Arboretum](#)

#### **Free**

The final event of the 2022 season at the Nottingham Arboretum is a free Christmas concert.

## Lincolnshire Days Out

### [Winter Wonderland Walk - Springfields Outlet Shopping & Leisure](#)

#### **Adults £2/Children £1 (All proceeds go to charity)**

Enjoy an amazing, illuminated walk through 25 acres of award-winning Festival Gardens.

### [Lincoln Christmas Lights Trail - Lincoln City](#)

#### **Free**

Follow the trail map to find all the Christmas lights - and capture the perfect festive snap when you get there.

### [Discover Christmas - St Mark's Shopping Centre](#)

#### **Free**

St Marks have a number of free family events taking place throughout November and December.

### [Lincoln Castle Illuminated - Lincoln Castle](#)

#### **£2.50 per person**

Lincoln Castle Illuminated will offer families and friends some much-needed festive sparkle with the return of this beautiful and special Christmas experience.

### [Bardney Nativity Trail - St Lawrence Church](#)

#### **Free**

Join St Lawrence Church for a guided trail around the village as they tell the story of the very first Christmas.

## Eating Out

### [Asda café](#)

Children under 16 eat for £1 with no adult spend

### [Beefeater](#)

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult

### [Bella Italia](#)

Children eat for £1 with every paying adult Monday-Thursday 4pm-6pm

### [Brewers Fayre](#)

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult

### [Dobbies café](#)

Children eat free with every paying adult

### [Hungry Horse](#)

Children eat for £1 on Mondays with every paying adult

### [IKEA](#)

Children eat for 95p

### [Morrisons Café](#)

1 free child's meal with any paying adult

### [OK Diners](#)

Children under 10 eat free with every paying adult

### [Sizzling Pubs](#)

Children eat for £1 Monday - Friday all day