

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

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Newsletter

Our academies shine in recent inspections

This term, a number of our academies had Ofsted inspections and we are so pleased to announce that they have all retained their 'Good' ratings:

- Boston St Mary's
- St Bede's, Scunthorpe
- St Mary's, Grantham
- Christ the King, Arnold
- St. Philip Neri with St. Bede, Mansfield
- Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic, Lincoln
- Holy Cross, Hucknall

Additionally, three of our academies were inspected by the Catholic School Inspectorate (CSI) – where the quality of Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship were graded.

The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, was 'Outstanding' with St Joseph's, Boughton and Christ the King, Arnold both graded as 'Good', with many areas judged 'Outstanding'.

A huge congratulations to all of our hardworking staff and students for these achievements. Click the logos to read the academy Ofsted and CSI reports:



Teaching excellence at St Augustine's

A huge congratulations to Jenny Darby and the exceptional Early Years Team at St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Stamford who have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Pearson Teaching Awards!

This well-deserved recognition is a testament to the dedication, passion and commitment of Jenny Darby and her team. Your tireless efforts in providing outstanding education and care to our youngest learners have not gone unnoticed and couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments.



Students across our Trust schools give back



Young people across our Trust have really impressed us this term with their commitment to charity work and giving back to their local communities. From litter picking to creating vibrant community gardens and bringing joy to care home residents, these remarkable young individuals have worked hard to make a positive change.



At Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Bulwell), Good Shepherd (Woodthorpe), and St. Hugh's (Lincoln), students took to the streets armed with gloves and bin bags, tackling the litter problem head-on.



Meanwhile, St. Augustine's (Stamford) students embraced the power of nature and transformed their forest area and sensory garden.

Students from Holy Cross (Hucknall) paid a visit to a local care home and spend quality time with residents and brighten their days with flowers and handmade cards.



Finally, students at Our Lady of Lincoln made cards with messages of well wishes to patients at St. Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln.

We are so proud of our young people and applaud their dedication to building a better, more compassionate society.

Building a safer, digital community



We are thrilled to share that St Joseph's, Cleethorpes, has received a National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award-winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

Emily McCullagh, Headteacher at St Joseph's, said: "We are very proud of our achievements in obtaining this accreditation as we know we are living in a digital world and as a school, it is our responsibility to work with families to prepare children for the modern world and to be as safe as they can whilst benefitting for all the online world can offer them".

Well done to all SATs and exam students



A huge congratulations to all our young people who completed their exams this term, be it SATs, GCSEs or A Levels. Your dedication and hard work have been commendable, and we are all so proud of your achievements.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our dedicated staff members who have supported and guided our students throughout this journey. Their commitment and encouragement have played a vital role in the success of this exam season.

As results day approaches, remember that the future is not determined solely by these marks and your worth extends beyond any single exam. Success comes in various forms, and you have grown not only academically but also as individuals. Congratulations once again, and here's to a future filled with endless possibilities!

Honouring Polish war legacy in Newark

Students from All Saints', Mansfield, Christ the King, Arnold and The Trinity School, Aspley, who are members of the Polish Scouting Association, recently attended a special event at Newark Cemetery.

The occasion marked the unveiling of the monument dedicated to General Sikorski, a significant figure in Polish history. During the ceremony, our young people had the privilege of meeting distinguished guests including sculptor Andrew Lilly and the ambassador of Poland, Piotr Wilczek.



It was a remarkable opportunity for our students to engage with these notable personalities and learn from their expertise.

To find out more about the Polish Scouting Association, please visit:

www.zhpwb.org.uk/eng/home

Celebrations fit for a King

On Saturday 6 May 2023, we celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and our academies commemorated the day in a number of creative ways!

From afternoon teas and picnics to making crowns and regal gardens – all our students and staff had so much fun celebrating the start of the New Carolean era.



Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe



Our Lady of Lincoln



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell



Our Lady & St Edwards, Nottingham



St Hugh's, Lincoln



St Joseph's, Cleethorpes



St Mary's, Grantham



St Mary's, Hyson Green



St Teresa's, Aspley

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour's electrifying race team!

For another year running, pupils from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell have spent an incredible five months building an electric racing car to race at the Staffordshire Goblins Event.

Throughout the event, participants were immersed in a range of activities that challenged their engineering skills and pushed their limits. From designing the car's aerodynamic bodywork to selecting the optimal power electronics and motor drive systems, every aspect of the kit car required careful consideration and technical expertise. The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the racing competition, where our students put their creations to the ultimate test against the other teams.

Congratulations to all of our young people and teachers who took part in the event. You all have a very bright future ahead in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)!



Celebrating 60 Years of Our Lady of Lincoln



In May 2023, Our Lady of Lincoln Academy celebrated their Diamond Jubilee. This joyous occasion was marked by a celebratory mass led by Bishop Patrick for the academy and the wider community.

Helping our families with financial support

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, school meals, travel and more.

All requests will be considered against the rules and eligibility criteria detailed on our website.

To to find out more about the fund and how to apply, please visit www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund

Our Y6 children prepare for the next chapter



Year 5 students across the Trust this term have been thinking about which secondary school they will be applying to next year!

To help with this huge decision, transition days have taken place at our secondary academies to give students a taste of life as a Year 7 pupil.

All Saints', Mansfield were visited by students from St Patrick's, Mansfield who had a fantastic time in the Technology department, making gravity racers and competing to see whose was the fastest.

Christ the King, Arnold welcomed students from Holy Cross, Hucknall who created rainbow fish by using universal indicators to change clear liquids into exciting patterns in the Science department.

A huge thank you to all our staff who made these transition days a success.



The sun'll come out...

The Year 5s and 6s of Blessed Robert Widmerpool, Clifton have put on a show-stopping performance of 'Annie' for this year's musical production!

They entertained and inspired all audience members, putting a smile on everyone's face.



NCB Wellbeing award



Congratulations to St. Augustine's, Mapperley, for winning the National Children's Bureau's 23/24 Wellbeing Award!

The award is in recognition for all the hard work and daily commitment put into ensuring the wellbeing of all at the academy.

A big thank you to Miss Thomas and the academy's Wellbeing working party for making this possible.

Bishop Patrick blesses new Holy Cross spaces in Hucknall



Holy Cross, Hucknall, was visited by Bishop McKinney this month for the Mass of Feast of St Thomas. During his time there, he blessed their new classroom, refurbished classrooms and a new art installation that marks the entrance to the classrooms.

The beautiful mosaic was funded by the Sacred Spaces Project, run by our Chaplaincy Team. The initiative aims to empower school communities to create and enhance their 'Sacred Spaces' like never before.

The goal is to ensure that every school visibly represents their faith and fosters an environment where everyone feels inspired, invited to prayer, and at home. The process is youth-led, encouraging creativity, imagination, and ownership.



Looking for your next career adventure?



We have a number of teaching and non-teaching vacancies available in our trust.

If you are seeking a rewarding career with ample opportunities for growth and professional development, we want to hear from you!

Current vacancies:

- Band 2 Teaching Assistant
- Maintenance Officers
- Teacher of Maths
- Trust Grounds Manager
- Site Manager
- Design and Technology Technician

Visit our vacancies page to find out more:
www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies

Have you got a story to share with us?

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter, we love showcasing the amazing accomplishments of our students and staff.

If you have a story you would like to share in the next edition, please email us at marketing@ololcatholicmat.co.uk (ensuring necessary consents are in place for GDPR purposes).

Don't miss out on the opportunity to share your school's stories and accomplishments with the Trust community!

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