

Winter 2025

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

Newsletter

Record Results, Brilliant Futures Ahead!

We were thrilled to celebrate another fantastic year of GCSE and A-level results for our students this summer.

GCSE Highlights

St Bede's: A fantastic year to celebrate, with 71% of students securing Grade 4+ in both English and Maths and half achieving Grade 5+.

All Saints' Mansfield: Excellent outcomes with 76% of students achieving Grade 4+ and nearly half achieving Grade 5+ in both English and Maths.

The Becket School: Fantastic results this year, with 85% of students gaining Grade 4+ and 65% at Grade 5+ in both English and Maths.

St Peter & St Paul: Students have shown real determination, with more achieving strong passes (5+) in both English and Maths and overall results rising across the board.

Christ the King: A year to be proud of, with 74% of students gaining Grade 4+ and 53% achieving Grade 5+ in both English and Maths.

Trinity School: celebrating its best ever outcomes, with 82% of students achieving Grade 4+ and 59% achieving Grade 5+ in both English and Maths.

A-Level and Level 3 Achievements

All Saints' Mansfield: 96% pass rate, with students progressing to medicine, nursing, journalism, engineering, sports psychology, business management, and psychology.

The Becket School: 98% pass rate, with 26% of grades at A-A, 54% at A-B, and 90% at A-C*.

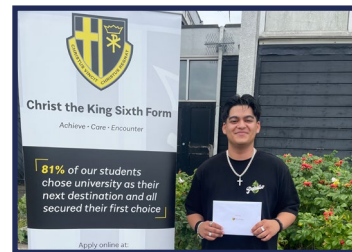
Students are moving on to medicine, law, business, engineering, sciences, and the arts.

St Peter & St Paul: 100% pass rate in vocational qualifications, with many students gaining places at their first-choice universities and notable progress improvement.

Christ the King: 100% pass rate in vocational qualifications, with most students securing their first-choice university places and a significant rise in progress measures.

Trinity School: 95% pass rate, with 24% of grades at A-A, 48% at A-B, and 70% at A-C*. Destinations include chemistry, architecture, medicine, aerospace engineering, law, pharmacy, and philosophy with French.

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students across our Trust, we are proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the years ahead!



The Becket And The Trinity In Top 10

We're delighted to see both The Becket School, West Bridgford and The Trinity School, Aspley named among Nottinghamshire's top 10 best-performing schools by The Telegraph newspaper.

The Becket School achieved a fantastic 35/40 score and the highest GCSE 5+ rate (48.6%) in the top 10.

The Trinity Catholic School earned a strong 34/40, showing real commitment to student progress and a well-rounded education.

This recognition highlights the hard work of staff, students and their families. Congratulations to both school communities!

Read the full results here: [Nottingham Live](#)



CTK Teacher Wins Public Service Award



We are proud to share that Mr Morgan, Maths teacher at Christ the King, Arnold was awarded the Public Service Award at the Black Achievers Awards in Nottingham.

He was presented the award by Police Crime Commissioner Gary Godden, in October, for "being an exceptional Maths teacher whose dedication, representation, and passion for empowering young people has transformed countless lives."

Gary continued "Mr Morgan embodies the very best of public service, breaking barriers, inspiring confidence, and showing students that they can achieve greatness through belief, resilience, and opportunity."

A huge congratulations to Mr Morgan for this well-deserved award!

Ofsted And CSI Update

Well done to all our hardworking and dedicated staff and young people for their work and support during recent Ofsted and Catholic Schools Inspections (CSI).

Click the logos below to read the full reports:

Ofsted

CSI



Sacred Heart



St. Hugh's



Our Lady of Lincoln



St. Norbert's, Spalding



St. Margaret Clitherow



St. Mary's, Brigg



St. Mary's, Grantham



St. Bernadette's



The Good Shepherd



St. Augustine's, Nottingham

Sports Apprenticeship Wins Top Award

Ellianah Bush, a Sport's apprentice from St Augustine's, Stamford, won the Higher Apprentice of the Year award at the Peterborough Apprenticeship Awards 2025.

Ellianah was also shortlisted in the Health and Public Services Apprentice category – an incredible achievement and a testament to her hard work with judges commenting on the outstanding support received from St Augustine's.

Congratulations Ellianah!



Headteachers Hit The Road for CAFOD

Elsbeth Wilkins-Campbell, Headteacher at St Joseph's Boughton, and Nik Shively, Deputy Headteacher at St Philip Neri, Mansfield, are taking on the London Marathon in April 2026 to raise funds for CAFOD.

As part of their training, they completed the Leicester Half Marathon over the half-term holiday, each raising £500 for CAFOD!

Follow their progress and support their efforts through their fundraising link here: www.justgiving.com/page/ololteamcafod



359 Acts Of Kindness With LCH Charity

This year, our Trust have been working with LCH Charity, who support disadvantaged children in the East Midlands.

Through this partnership, LCH have provided 359 acts of kindness for 27 of our Trust schools, including:

- 46 winter coats, many with wool accessories included
- 60 teen toiletry packs for secondary school students
- 17 fully funded Christmas experiences for families
- 170 Christmas gifts for schools
- 65 school trip places funded for students



A huge thank you to LCH Charity for their generosity and support this year. To find out more please visit: www.lchcharity.co.uk

If you are a Trust school who hasn't yet signed up, please get in touch to organise this!

All Saints' Inspires Future Careers

All Saints', Mansfield, held a successful Careers Fair this term, providing a valuable and inspiring experience for students.

Over 20 businesses, universities, colleges, and degree apprenticeship specialists joined them, offering students the chance to engage, interact, and ask the big questions about their futures.

This year also marked the introduction of a quiet half-hour session, giving students from the Francis Centre and JPC their own dedicated time.

Congratulations to everyone involved for making the event such a success.



Schools Rally For Children In Need

Pupils at St Joseph's, Cleethorpes and St Mary's, Boston, had an exciting time supporting BBC Children in Need this November, with special visits from Pudsey Bear and local BBC radio presenters.

Both schools took part in the Thousand Mile Challenge, a nationwide three-legged race completed by BBC teams across the country. Radio presenters tackled the challenge, tethered to guests along the way. The school communities also welcomed Pudsey Bear to school and helped cheer on the brave BBC racers.

On Children in Need Day, Pudsey Bear returned to St Mary's for a whole school assembly. Pupils enjoyed a non-school uniform day and took part in the annual Pudsey Bear colouring competition, all helping to raise vital funds for BBC Children in Need.

Meanwhile, At Christ the King, Arnold, Sixth Formers coordinated the school's Children in Need fundraising. This included a bake sale, crossbar challenge and PJ Day and raised over £700!

Thank to you everyone who took part and donated in Children in Need fundraising.



Holy Trinity, Newark Leads Eco Action

The Eco Team at Holy Trinity presented their Eco Action plan to Newark Town Council and Action for the Environment Group's Youth COP climate change event held at Newark Town Hall, earlier this term.

The children were delighted to share everything they are doing at Holy Trinity to reduce their Carbon Footprint, as well as listening to other speakers and young people from other schools in Newark.



Garden Blessings In Mapperley

In September, the school community at St. Augustine's, Mapperley, came together to celebrate the blessing of their new school Prayer Garden.

Fr Chris, with the Gospel Values Team, led the school in sharing scripture and prayers to mark the special occasion. The Prayer Garden will be a cherished place, for the whole school community, for many years to come.



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 challenging times.



Remembrance Day Across Our Trust

All of our academies paid tribute to those who have fought and those who have died in war and conflict for this Remembrance Day.

Our young people commemorated Remembrance Day in a variety of ways such as by sharing poems, creating poppies and through prayer.



St Mary's Christmas Celebration

In December, St Mary's, Grantham, took part in the town's Christmas Tree Festival at St Wulfram's featuring 200 decorated trees.

The annual Christmas Tree Festivals attract thousands of visitors each year and begins with a torch-lit procession to the church.

The decorated Christmas trees, provided by local schools, businesses, charities and community groups are blessed and displayed in the parish Church. The church even has an ice rink inside for the duration of the festival!

Well done to all involved at St Mary's!



Spreading Christmas Cheer

The Choir and Year 4 and 5 at St Mary's Grantham, have been busy spreading the joy of Christmas, singing at local care homes in Grantham and bringing the Christmas spirit to Asda and Morrisons stores.

The Choir were also invited to perform at a special event – Grantham NHS Carol Service, which celebrates all the wonderful work of the United Lincolnshire Hospital's Charity at St Wulfram's Church.



Young Stars Shine Bright At Concert

In December, young musicians at St. Margaret Clitherow, Bestwood took centre stage for a joyful Christmas music assembly.

Eleven children, learning piano, violin, and vocal, performed for their parents and the whole school community.

For many, it was their very first solo performance! Congratulations to all involved.



Saint Jude Hub News

Representatives from the Chaplaincy Team at St Augustine's in Stamford were invited to their parish church to see the CAFOD Jubilee Icon at the end of September. Along with Mrs Withers and Mrs Wright, the pupils attended a service of Word and Sacrament with parishioners and were then given the opportunity to ask their questions about the Jubilee Icon and to see it up close.



St Mary's in Grantham enjoyed a beautiful retreat day this term where the whole school were given the opportunity to visit prayer stations led by pupils. These stations were based on their CAFOD Live Simply journey and helped them to explore what it means to 'live simply', 'live sustainably', and 'live in solidarity'. St Mary's has also been busy further developing its beautiful sacred space by adding lots of activities and sensory experiences to the room that people can engage with when they visit.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sleaford, have taken their first actions towards achieving the CAFOD Live Simply award. They have taken part in CAFOD's Brighten Up campaign and have held a 'penny wars' challenge in their classrooms which raised £76.24 for the charity. In addition, it was a joy to see the youngest pupils in the school leading this year's Harvest Festival. They performed 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' to the school community, and parents were even invited to stay behind afterwards to make their own scarecrows!

St Norbert's in Spalding joined with Catholic communities across the country to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year for schools. They took part in activities that helped them to reflect on the work we have undertaken over the past

year, both as a school and within our Academy Trust and Diocese. Mrs Wright, created a video which reminded us of all of the ways we have celebrated the Jubilee Year at St Norbert's, and our wonderful Chaplaincy Team helped us to reflect on what hope means to us and how we will continue to be Pilgrims of Hope even after the Jubilee Year comes to an end.

The whole community at St Mary's in Boston came together for a wonderful retreat day during Advent term to explore Bishop Patrick's theme of Discipleship. We spent time responding to our scripture by thinking about how we can put discipleship into action and work together to protect our common home. A team of dedicated staff, led by our own very talented Mrs Sutton, worked hard to create a largescale hall display to showcase this amazing day and important themes.



St Peter and St Paul's, Lincoln, continued to support their parish and strengthen their community links this Advent term. On Friday 12th December, students from the Chaplaincy Team along with Year 10 ASDAN students held a festive community afternoon in the parish centre. Students and parishioners helped each other with an intergenerational Christmas quiz. The afternoon was topped off with festive refreshments and some amazing singing from Sarah's Singing Group; a group of incredibly talented SSPP students. The students were excellent, and the community thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Article by Lucy Wright, Lay Chaplain

Christ the King Chaplaincy News

This term, students who volunteered to serve as part of our Chaplaincy Team and as Form Prayer Representatives took part in a special Training Retreat Day. The purpose of the day was to help them understand their new roles and how they will support the spiritual life of our school community throughout the year.

Students explored the Church's seasons through interactive activities and learned how prayer, reflection, and service shape daily life at Christ the King. They were also introduced to the three strands of Chaplaincy (Encounter, Discipleship, and Missionary Discipleship) and discovered how each one contributes to school worship, communication, and outreach work.

By the end of the day, our Chaplaincy students and Form Prayer Reps felt more confident, better prepared, and excited to begin supporting their forms and the wider school through prayer.

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, our school created a Book of Hope that travelled to every form. The book was passed along with our Jubilee banner and mascot, giving each class a turn to contribute. When it arrived in their room, students added a page they designed themselves, explaining what gives them hope and how they can share that hope with others. Each page reflected the unique thoughts and creativity of the group, building a collection that represents our whole school community.

By the end of its journey, the Book of Hope had become a meaningful record of the ideas, values, and optimism our students wanted to highlight during the Jubilee Year - a simple project that connected every form with a shared purpose.

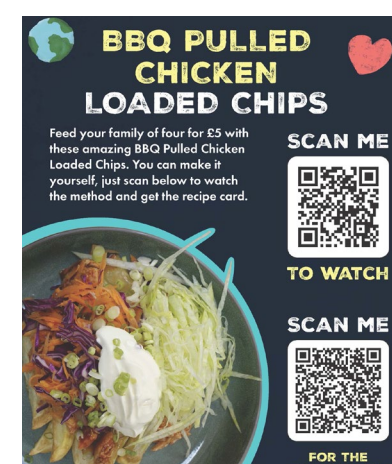
Article by Beth Richards, Lay Chaplain



£5 Family Feeds: Aspen's School Catering

Our main school caterer, Aspens, have been working with our primary schools to help educate children about nutrition, food origins, and to make healthy choices by running free workshops focusing on bread making, pizza making and low cost meal planning.

Scan the QR codes on the right to make some fantastic family meals for just £5 for four people!



OLPS Pupils Star On The Big Screen

On Saturday 8th November, pupils at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell took to the big screen with a special film premiere at Broadway Cinema, Nottingham.

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 featured in the film, created with Mr Pepper from Silver Screen Cinema, celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

The premiere was attended by families, making it a joyful event celebrating Black History Month. The history of inclusion and the richness of the school community.

A huge thank you to Mr Pepper for making this unforgettable experience possible.



Gladiator 'Steel' Visits Spalding

St. Norbert's, Spalding, were joined by Steel from the popular TV show Gladiators, in October.

He spoke to the children about the importance of good nutrition, eating a balanced diet and staying hydrated.

The children really enjoyed asking him questions to find out more about the show and his career.

Thank you to the Friends of St. Norbert's for organising this memorable event.



Breakfast Club Gets MP Visit

St Hugh's Primary welcomed Lincoln MP, Hamish Falconer, for a visit to their school's new breakfast club earlier this term.

Following his visit, Mr Falconer praised the programme:

"It was fantastic to visit St Hugh's Primary and see the difference the new breakfast clubs are already making. Every child deserves to start the day with a good breakfast and a fair chance to learn - and that's exactly what this Labour Government is delivering. It's a brilliant example of how practical support can make life easier for parents and help children thrive."



Boughton Pupils Pay A Visit To No. 10

This term, pupils from St Joseph's, Boughton, took a school trip to London and visited the Houses of Parliament, 10 Downing Street and Westminster Abbey.

The children also visited both the House of Lords and House of Commons to learn about democracy and lit a candle in Westminster Abbey for all the children in our Trust.

This visit offered our pupils a unique opportunity to see democracy in action, strengthening their understanding of British values and the importance of participation in civic life.



OLSE Pupils' Thrilling Peak Adventure

Year 3 and 4 pupils at Our Lady and St Edwards, Thorneywood, enjoyed a two-night residential visit to St Michaels in Hathersage, this September.

They enjoyed Wednesday afternoon by the stream looking for creatures using nets and buckets and orienteering in the meadow.

Thursday morning saw an early start as the children caught the train to Grindleford, visited Padley Chapel. Throughout the day, the children worked together to build dens and walk and walk taking in the magnificent views of the Peak District.

Congratulations to Joyce who followed our new behaviour curriculum be SMART and be OUTSIDE and was awarded the Bracken Award

Thank you to Mr Whittle who led the visit and to Miss Philbin, Mr Jessop and Mrs Rogers who also stayed with the children.



Sporting Wins, Goals And Glory!

The sporting prowess of students across our Trust continues to shine brightly, with remarkable achievements across various disciplines this term.

From ice skating sensations to football feats, here's a roundup of the outstanding performances:

St Hugh's

The girls football team braved freezing conditions on Thursday 20th November and won the Barclay's Girls Football Competition. Undefeated across five matches, with three wins and two draws, the squad showed grit and skill, adding to their earlier friendly victory that same week.

St Bede's

October saw the school community unite for the annual Jimmy Minzen Cup, honouring the values of peace and kindness promoted by the Mizen Foundation.

In a spirited clash, Year 10 triumphed over Year 11 with a decisive 3–0 win, keeping the tradition alive with passion and respect.

Christ the King

U13 Girls Football: A dazzling 11–0 demolition of Nottingham Academy showcased teamwork, flair, and unstoppable determination.

Year 11 Boys Football: Away at Kirk Hallam, CTK dominated with a 5–0 victory in the English Schools Cup. Player of the Match: Adoniyas. Round 3 awaits!

Year 9 Netball: A mixed bag in CVL fixtures – beating Carlton le Willows B 6–1 before narrowly losing 5–3 to their A team. The squad impressed with sharp passing, resilience, and relentless energy.

The Becket

Congratulations to Annalisa and Grace, who struck gold in their first skating competition of the season – a glittering start to their campaign!



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:

- Midday Supervisors
- 1-1 Teaching Assistant
- Exam Invigilator
- Site Manager
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant for Class Cover

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

Helping Our Families With Financial Support

Our Trust initiative, The Little Acts of Kindness Fund supports eligible pupils with school-related costs, from trips and uniforms to meals and travel.

Learn more and check eligibility criteria here:
[Little Acts of Kindness Fund](#)

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 or send us a DM on Instagram (@ourladyoflourdescmat), 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!

Mental Health Space

At Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT, we're building a community where mental health and wellbeing thrive.

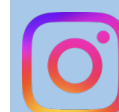
Our resources offer practical support and guidance for staff, students, families, and mental health first aider and promote awareness and positive wellbeing across our schools.

Access here: [Mental Health Space](#)

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