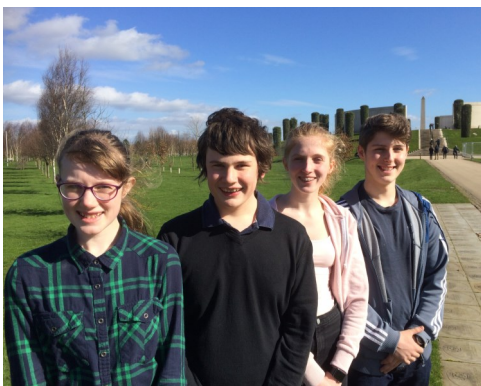


## Garden of Peace

Our Young Enterprise Group is raising funds to develop a 'Garden of Peace', which will be located at our main entrance and will commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. Families are able to purchase an engraved paving stone which will be laid on our 'pathway to peace' in the garden. A standard paving stone with a name engraved will cost £20, whilst a larger stone, engraved with a quote, will cost £100. For details of how to buy a stone and support the school, please visit our school website or the JustGiving site and search for SARCHS. *Pictured: Four Year 10 pupils visiting the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield to research the Garden of Peace.*



## Primary Quiz

Well done to St. Mary's RCPS, Langho, who won this year's Primary Science and Maths Quiz for the second year running. With questions on mental arithmetic and biology, a memory test and a marshmallow and spaghetti construction round, all of the teams did very well with St. Mary's winning by a narrow margin.



## Diary Dates 2017

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| Friday 24th March    | End of Term (non-uniform day—St Joseph's Penny)         |
| 3rd—7th April        | Geography Field Trip (Iceland)                          |
| Monday 10th April    | Return to School  |
| Wednesday 12th April | PTFA Raffle Draw  |
| Thursday 13th April  | Holy Week Masses  |
| Friday 14th April    | Good Friday (holiday)                                   |
| Monday 17th April    | Easter Monday (holiday)                                 |
| Wednesday 19th April | Prefect Training Day (Y10—non uniform)                  |
| Thursday 20 April    | Year 10 Parents' Evening (pupils make own appointments) |



To access up to date information on your child's attendance, behaviour and rewards, log on to Insight via the link on the school's home page [www.sarchs.com](http://www.sarchs.com).

ST AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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# Musical Extravaganza!

Families, pupils and friends of the school were treated to two marvellous musical evenings in March. On Saturday 18th March, St Augustine's hosted the Lancashire Music Concert with the school band, swing band and school choir joining forces with Lancashire Youth Band for a superb display of musical talent. The programme included pieces from Gershwin, Osterling and Friedmann, as well as more contemporary numbers such as *Close to You*, *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Something Inside So Strong* performed by the school choir. The event also included contributions from Clitheroe Music Centre Ensemble and we are grateful to Lancashire Music Service for their contribution to the evening.

This was followed by the school's Band Night on 20th March which showcased the talents of our rock musicians playing lead guitar, bass guitar and drums, with some excellent vocal performances. Photographs and clips of the event can be found on the school's Twitter page @sarchsofficial and in the Gallery section of the school website.



## Mobile Phones

A reminder on the school policy on mobile phones. Phones are allowed in school but must be **switched off** (not on silent / vibrate) and **out of sight** throughout the school day. If pupils do bring a phone in to school they are advised to keep it in their school bag or zipped in a blazer pocket. Pupils are not allowed to listen to music or play games on their phones at break-time and lunch-time and therefore headphones are not to be worn at any time, including when lining up for buses. We would also recommend that pupils do not use their phones while they are crossing roads as we have received reports of incidents where the distraction of a mobile phone has been a contributing factor. Failure to follow the above rules will lead to confiscation and the phone will be returned to a responsible adult. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We wish our Year 10 pupils good luck as they set off on the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. We are grateful for the numerous donations that have been sent to school to support the pupils participating in the trip, including a coffee morning at St Mary's, Langho and a generous donation from the Catenians (pictured). If you would like the group to take a petition or light a candle at the Grotto in Lourdes, please send a donation with your envelope, for the attention of Mr Williams, any time before Maundy Thursday.



## Public Speaking Success



Our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Priest and Mr Bracewell, represented the Ribble Valley in the regional Public Speaking event that took place at Windermere earlier this term. The teams were given a topic to prepare and had to answer questions from the floor. A long day but an enjoyable and valuable experience.

## Dance Show

A delightful evening of dance was enjoyed over two nights at the St Augustine's Dance Show on the theme of A Night at the Movies. Pupils from Years 7 to 11 entertained the audience with dances from *The Lion King*, *The Bodyguard* and *Despicable Me*. A special mention must go to our Year 7 boys' dance group who performed *Men in Black* to rapturous applause. A number of the pupils also performed at the HRV District Dance Festival in March.



## Year 11 Revision Guidance

Year 11 pupils have been given reminders about the online support available for revision and exam preparation via the school's Moodle site. Pupils should also be accessing Maths Watch for revision purposes. Links at [www.sarchs.com](http://www.sarchs.com).

### PTFA Fundraising

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned Easter Raffle tickets (deadline 11th April) and signed up for the school's 50-50 Club.

To support the work of the school's PTFA you can register at [WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](http://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK) or visit the link on the school website.

