

Cardinal Langley's VOICE

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Easter Message

Mr A Bridson, Headteacher

Easter is the most important celebration in the liturgical year and as we approach the end of Lent our school community is reminded that Jesus loved us so much that he was prepared to die on the cross so that we can have everlasting life.

Our preparations began on Ash Wednesday with staff and students involved in services to mark the start of our 40 days of fasting and reflection.

Staff and students have individually made their own Lenten promises and as a community we are committed to raising £1000 for St Joseph's Penny so as to show that 'faith by itself, if it does not have actions, is worthless' (James 2:17).

Our fundraising has involved cake sales, sponsored car washes and Onsie Wednesday and I thank all the staff and students who have given up their time, and money, for such a good cause.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and challenge you to reflect on the words of Pope Francis, 'Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms'.



Who ate all the Pancakes?

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday and is therefore the final day before the commencement of Lent, a Christian festival leading up to Easter Sunday (Easter Day).

Sam Poole, Rhia Jones and Jake Clegg all took part in a cross curricular activity which culminated in providing Mr Bridson and Mr Waller with a pre-Lenten feast of pancakes. The activity whilst being tremendous fun also had a serious side as it incorporated maths where they weighed out the ingredients, science the products changing states of matter whilst also developing life skills. The event supported by Ian the catering manager for P and A Foods was a roaring success but there is one question which wasn't answered "Who eat all the pancakes?"



Cardinal Langley Curriculum Review 2013

We are very proud of the curriculum we offer the students of Cardinal Langley but periodically it is important to review it. In September 2013 we put a plan together with the goal of a more personalised offer for all students to support them in their progression. A significant number of staff generously gave up their free time to ensure the success of the review.

Seeking the opinion of a variety of stakeholders has been at the core of the review's success; teachers, parents, governors and most importantly students were invited to give their opinions on what they thought were the strengths of our curriculum, but also how it could be improved.

The good news is that overwhelming opinion suggests that we are doing things well, but there were some common themes that came through about areas that could be improved:

- The time staff have to deliver courses
- Ensuring that students have appropriate life skills
- The ability of our students to study independently
- The school day
- The number of vocational subjects available at Sixth Form

The next part of the process was to research the different curriculum models that are being used.

We looked at a number of schools in our locality but also investigated further afield including international comparisons.



We brought together the stakeholder voice, research and Government changes on the horizon to form a set of recommendations that required Governor approval in January of this year.

The main changes include:

- An extension of the length of Key Stage 4 (traditionally years 10 and 11 but this will now include year 9) which means students will choose their option subjects at the end of year 8.
- All students to study 3 option subjects at Key Stage 4 as oppose to 4. This will provide students more time to study their chosen subjects at a deeper level.

- A tiered entry system to Sixth Form to ensure students select appropriate courses.
- An increase in the number of vocational courses offered in Sixth Form and an extension of our enrichment programme e.g. free driving theory lessons

We hope the changes contribute to ensuring all our students achieve outstanding results (we will be keeping a close eye on this) but more importantly that they are happy in school and develop into the outstanding people we know they are capable of becoming.

The Ardeche Descent

By Abbey Ramsbottom and Amy Done

The Ardeche Descent trip in France was by far one of the most memorable experiences many have ever been on. It was a trip open to year 11's basically for a break and to try out new experiences. When we arrived we were greeted by the Acorn staff.

From canoeing to rock-climbing, swimming to caving, there was an activity available for everyone. The freedom we were given when doing the activities made it even better too as we were given independence and our own time with friends too.

Half way through our trip, we went on a day called the 'Excursion Day' this was a day where we went out, morning to night and we all had a vote at how the day was spent. We first started off the day by going to a 'historical monument' followed by a visit to the town of Avion and to Pont De Gard where we were given free time to

spend. After that we then finished the day off by going to the cascades at the river for rock jumping. Many of us hadn't done anything like that before so it was a great experience for us all and was a great end to a fabulous day!

Now we get to the Ardeche Descent itself... What a memorable and thrilling experience that was. With its scenic two day canoe descent of the Ardèche River with overnight bivi, plus river trek, this is a haven for those who love an adventure.



Year Nine Visit Stratford-Upon-Avon to experience the work of William Shakespeare

by William Baron 9RM

The Year 9 trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on Friday 7th February was an experience to be enjoyed and never forgotten.

It started at 7:10 am and two hours later we got there. We immediately made our way to The Courtyard Theatre, where we saw a production of 'The Taming of the Shrew', a play written by William Shakespeare.



The play was spectacular; the best play in the world! It started when two of the actors came on stage arguing about their costumes as one of them wasn't happy with what they had to wear. This actor then stormed off stage, and the person left behind decided to get her own back and swapped the male and female clothes!

All the men played the female parts (like they did in Shakespeare's day) and all the females played the male parts. The play itself was very funny; it was about two sisters called Bianca and Katherine. Bianca is very lovely but Katherine is horrible to everyone and they are all scared of her. Hortensio and Gremio want to marry Bianca, but her father, Baptista Minola, decides that she can't marry until Katherine marries, but no one wants to marry Katherine. Another man, Lucentio, visits Baptista Minola and falls in love with Bianca, and he disguises himself as a teacher so he can get to know Bianca.

At the same time, Hortensio pays his friend Petruchio to make Katherine fall in love with him, marry him and then Hortensio can marry Bianca. This eventually works, and Katherine marries

Petruchio and becomes a nicer person. Bianca and Lucentio also get married, and Hortensio leaves broken hearted and marries a widow.

After the play, the actors talked to us and answered some of our questions. They also got us to compose an underscore to the scene where Petruchio and Katherine meet for the first time and have a huge argument. This was fun and very enjoyable!

After lunch, we walked around Stratford and visited Shakespeare's birthplace. We saw the room he was born in and his father's glove making workshop. One of the floors was the exact floor that Shakespeare and his brothers and sisters would have played on as children! Afterwards, we went to the church where Shakespeare was buried and visited his grave.



Photography students attend master class delivered by professional photographer.

Renowned photographer Andrew Brooks delivered a two-day workshop to our AS Photography students

Andrew has worked extensively with the BBC and the Philharmonic Orchestra and was able to provide great insight into how a freelance photographer can make a living in this creative industry.

The students were shown some brilliant photoshop techniques and processes, including how to seamlessly stitch photographs together and how to make their very own invisible man.

Subsequently our students have gone on to produce some imaginative, high quality photography showing a deeper understanding of the subject which in many instances has helped them to go on to produce an outstanding portfolio of evidence. Below is the work of one of our students, Brooke Hamilton.



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Behind the Scenes at Cardinal Langley.

If you were to ask any Headteacher, "Why does your school exist?" you would expect the answer to talk about bettering the prospects of the students, equipping them with the skills required to make a contribution to society and in our case as a Lasallian Catholic School to help them walk in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

They would probably go on to say that central to achieving these goals was a dedicated and talented teaching force. While all of this is true, it is also true that none of it would be achievable without the support and dedication of the "Teams behind the Scenes." At Cardinal Langley there are several teams which support the education of our young people and in this and future editions of Cardinal Langley's Voice, we will be featuring the work of these teams. Every visitor's first contact upon arrival at Cardinal Langley is with the administration team in the front

office. This group of six ladies form the hub of the schools administration. On a daily basis they greet visitors and direct them to their appointments, ensure the hundreds of daily messages are channelled in the right direction and where necessary provide a sympathetic ear for our young people when they are feeling out of sorts. Without these public faces of Cardinal Langley parents would not receive reports on the progress of their children, key information relating to important matters such as entitlement to free school meals would not get processed.



In addition to the six ladies in the main office there are two other groups in the "back rooms" who carry out key roles in the running of the school. The finance team make sure all the bills are paid on time and orders for equipment are processed so our students get the resources they require to progress in their education. The final piece of the jigsaw is the reprographics centre which ensures that all the resources required to stimulate and reinforce learning are produced.



March 14th 2014 CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 14th of March was CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD stands for Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

It works in over 60 countries worldwide and is part of the international Caritas network. CAFOD works with people in the developing world to tackle the problem of poverty, CAFOD campaigns against injustice and seeks to educate people about the problems in the developing world. CAFOD looks forward to a world where everyone has enough to live on and no one is left out.

On Family Fast day CAFOD asks us to remember our sisters and brothers who are poor and do not have enough to eat around the world. The MAD group organised a soup and a bread roll lunch in the chapel, where staff and students were asked to give their lunch money as a donation to CAFOD. This year we have been asked by CAFOD throughout Lent to Dig Deep, this is one of the ways we can help the poor of the world.

CAFOD tries to put the Gospel message into practice "To bring the good news to the poor" Luke 4. Following the teachings of Jesus "for I was hungry and you gave me foodjust as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" Matthew 25. We raised £86.



Celebrating World Book Day at Cardinal Langley

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This is the 17th year there's been a World Book Day, and on 6th March 2014 children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. Very loudly and very happily. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

World Book Day 2014 was a huge success at Cardinal Langley. Students and staff celebrated together by coming to school dressed as their favourite fictional character. The day was beneficial for all and led to some interesting discussions about who people had actually come dressed as! The celebrations have promoted a positive feeling towards reading for pleasure throughout school. A big thank you to all who took part!



Cardinal Langley's Humanities Department

Cardinal Langley consists of many strong and successful Faculties and Departments. One such Faculty is the Humanities Faculty, a popular and well established part of the Cardinal Langley community which plays a full and active role in the development of the school. The Faculty consists of two Departments, Geography and History which, between them deliver four subjects in total.

The Humanities Faculty is blessed to be staffed by a strong and experienced range of specialist teachers. Mr Ahern is very proud to be Faculty Leader of such a fantastic part of the school. The Faculty's successes are a direct result of the dynamic and committed staff who work tirelessly each day to give the best possible education and experiences to every one of the students in its care. With a warm and friendly atmosphere, we find that our subjects are very popular amongst students with whom we develop excellent and positive relationships. It is testimony to the environment we create, just how many students visit the Faculty after they have left Cardinal Langley, full of sentiment and nostalgia upon their return.

With direct responsibility for Geography, Mr Ahern is supported in delivering the subject by Mr Tamburro, Mr Campion and Mrs Thompson. Geography is delivered across the Key Stages from Year 7 – 13, through to both GCSE and A Level.

Miss Green, Head of History, is supported in teaching the subject by Mr Hughes,



Mr Rabbitt and Mr Waller and it too, is delivered across the Key Stages from Year 7 – 13, through to both GCSE and A Level.

Within the Faculty, Level 2 BTEC Travel and Tourism is delivered in Key Stage 4 by Mr Campion and A Level British Government and Politics is delivered in Key Stage 5 by Miss Green and Mr Rabbitt.

Amongst students and parents alike, the Humanities Faculty is renowned for creating a positive and caring learning environment, in which dynamic and engaging lessons are delivered daily. Students enjoy their time in Humanities and consistently speak positively of their experiences with us. Putting the school's Catholic ethos at its core, we endeavour to provide our students with the morals, skills and knowledge necessary to grow in confidence and fulfil their potential.

The four subjects have a fine reputation for bringing the best of out of their students with a long history of great results. Across the subjects there is an upward trend of



GCSE and A Level results which reflects the year on year effort that staff go to, to improve their own practice in order to increase the levels of success of our students.

Humanities subjects are highly regarded by Universities and employers for many reasons. We find that by striving to deliver these subjects to the highest standards possible, our student's leave Cardinal Langley very well equipped for success in an ever-challenging world.

I write on behalf of all staff in the Humanities Faculty when I write that there is no greater sense of satisfaction in seeing our students grow and develop from children to young adults, prepared for their next step, knowing that we contributed to their journey any way possible.

For news from the Faculty, follow us on Twitter [@CLHSHumanities](https://twitter.com/CLHSHumanities)



Year 7 visit Media City

In January two groups of year seven students travelled to Mediacity in Salford to form the audience for the CBBC programme 'The Slammer'. All the students participated in the show and some even had the opportunity to be interviewed by The Governor.

Mrs Thompson, Mr Kearns, Mr Knowles and Miss Green were delighted with the behaviour of the students and the way they conducted themselves in the studio.

We do not know when it will be televised yet, but hopefully we haven't got too long to wait!!





Year 11 Kintbury Retreat

During a wet and windy weekend in January, staff and pupils made a return visit to St Cassian's Lasallian retreat in Kintbury. 'Kintbury' is a pilgrimage that is offered to Year 10 and 11 pupils, and it has been agreed by all whom visit, the memories of the experience will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

It comes as no surprise that the retreat was crammed with teenagers hopeful of a fantastic experience, with some pupils from Cardinal Langley returning for their second visit.

The retreat takes place in a beautiful house, secluded in the countryside of Berkshire. The acres of rambling grounds contributes to the peace and tranquillity experienced as part of this trip.

The house was founded by Brother Damien Lundy and continues to be maintained by the De La Salle brothers. With Cardinal Langley's values rooted firmly within Lasallian ideals, it provides an ideal opportunity to allow our young people the opportunity to grow in faith, whilst learning to better understand themselves, their motivation in life, the importance of faith, education and their relationships with others.



During the four day retreat, our young people had the opportunity to mix with students from other schools, exploring their own faith and life experiences, making a deep connection with themselves and God.

Upon leaving, whilst exhausted from the long days of activities, all staff and pupils left happy and at peace.



It is amazing how some of these very 'ordinary' experiences have a lasting impression of every visitor to Kintbury. The art of spinning plates was perfected by many, outside of time spent with friends, old and new. The central part of the retreat is the valuable time spent within small groups, going through a journey of reconciliation. By the end of the time at Kintbury, it was clear that our young people left with even more secure friendships, a deeper understanding of themselves and new friends that they would always remember.

Prayer and reflection is central to the experience and all pupils treasure and enjoy their time for contemplation in the quiet room. This is a very special part of the house: a small room in the attic, filled with beanbags and candles. The words used by our young people and the Kintbury youth team act as a lasting reminder that the future is in good hands, with young people like ours at the centre.

The Kintbury team are inspirational: the group of volunteers consists of young people with a range of life experiences and ambitions, connected in their passion for the retreat. The impact that they have on our young people is fantastic; helping them to realise just how wonderful they are. Many of our pupils have expressed that they enjoyed the Kintbury experience so much, that they would love to follow in their footsteps and become volunteers themselves.

This summer, young people who have visited Kintbury in their past (now aged between 16 and 21) have been invited back to the centre to attend 'Yes Week'. This is a great opportunity for young people to explore their futures during the week beginning 14th July, 2014.



For more information, please visit: www.thekintburyexperience.com/yes-week to find out how you can become involved.



6th Form

DfE confirms Cardinal Langley has one of the best

It was recently confirmed by the Department for Education that the performance of our A-Level students in 2013 in relation to their average grade per entry was exceptional when compared to alternative A-Level providers in the region.

On average, our students achieved a grade B every time they completed one of our A-Level courses, which, in 2013, put us ahead of places such as Holy Cross, Xaverian, Loreto, Crompton House and Rochdale Sixth Form College and on par with some of the selective, fee-paying private schools.

This is something all staff at the school are very proud of as Headteacher, Andy Bridson, remarked

“What a fantastic year for our school in relation to A-Level results - truly wonderful. I’d like to thank all the hard-working and dedicated staff and the magnificent students on this achievement.

Given that we also have a record number of applications to the 6th form for this September I feel this is only the start of a very bright future for the 6th form at Cardinal Langley.”

Past student profiles

Ellie Prendergast

“Continuing on from year 11 into the sixth form was one of the best decisions of my life. I was able to continue the great friendships I had formed whilst at the same time form new friendships with others. I was able to take advantage of some fantastic opportunities including the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes of which me and my friends continue to attend 3 years after we have left sixth form. I am now in my third year at The University of Liverpool studying for a BA Degree in Business Management. I believe my grounding of the sixth form at cardinal Langley has helped me to make the most of this brilliant University experience.”

In 2011 Ellie achieved an A grade in Business Studies, A grade in English Language and a Distinction in ICT.

Joe Dooley:

“I am currently in my first year at The University of Manchester studying a Degree in Mathematics. I remember my time at Cardinal Langley being really great, particularly the atmosphere, the friendships, the laughs.... And the teaching too. During my time in sixth form I went to work in the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya where I also got to teach maths in their local school. This was an unforgettable experience and one which I am grateful to the school for providing me with this opportunity.

I was also part of the cast in the 2013 school production of Les Miserables which enabled me to pursue my passion for amateur dramatics.”

In 2013 Joe achieved an A* grade in Mathematics, an A* in Further Mathematics and an A grade in Chemistry.



Headlines

Average Point Score per Entry in the region

The Future is Exciting for Cardinal Langley Sixth Formers

Exciting times lie ahead for our 6th form, building on the record number of applications and the fantastic exam success of 2013.

From September 2014 we are broadening our subject offering further to include subjects such as forensics and travel and tourism to add to recent additions like economics and photography.

There will also be increased opportunities to take part in subject related and extra-curricular events and trips such as a cultural trip to Rome and a sports tour to Spain to go alongside regular favourites such as the annual school ski trip, the visit to the Good Life Orphanage in Mombasa, Kenya, the annual Lourdes pilgrimage and the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to Wales.



Cardinal Langley Sixth Formers on the Road

A group of sixth form students have started a driving enrichment course on Wednesday afternoons led by local Advanced Driving Instructor Pete Ainsworth.

This course is designed to help students pass their theory part of their driving exam and also to help with vehicle questions that could be asked on their practical test.

Throughout the course students will get a chance to practice actual questions and Pete will be advising on how best to answer them. Pete's extensive experience of teaching speed awareness will ensure our students learn about the dangers of speeding and the consequences of doing so.



Past students Question & Answer

On Wednesday 5th February we welcomed three past Cardinal Langley 6th form students back to school to take part in a question and answer session with our current year 11 pupils about the reality of life beyond GCSEs.

Students heard from our past students about many things including how to access the amount of support on offer, how to cope with the amount of work involved, the benefits of time management and the range of fantastic opportunities that are on offer at Cardinal Langley outside of the classroom.

Feedback from the session uncovered that pupils found the process to be very helpful because it allowed them to gain a realistic insight into life after their GCSE exams therefore allowing them to really focus on what the most appropriate next step might be. Looking ahead to next year, plans are already in place to enable to event to become a regular feature in the programme of advice and guidance given to students in key stage 4.

Preparing for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

In the midst of our curriculum reviews, preparations for new subject content and the impending exam season, the most important work of our school, the celebration of our faith, progresses steadily. During this term we engage in the season of Lent to commemorate the death on of Our Lord Jesus Christ and celebrate his resurrection. The season of Lent at Cardinal Langley has both spiritual and practical aspects to it. As a community we spiritually prepare for the resurrection of our Lord and practically we engage in activities which ultimately benefit those less fortunate than ourselves.

A significant feature of Lent at Cardinal Langley is the raising of funds for Saint Joseph's Penny and this year is no different with lots of events planned to raise much needed funds. For us as a school the culmination of our Lenten preparation is when we come together in our Houses for the Lenten Services in the last week of term. The services which are organised by the Genesis and MAD groups give us all an opportunity for prayer and to reflect upon the significance of Easter for us as Christians.



Business Studies students off to Jaguar Land Rover Plant

Year 13 Business Studies students visited the JLR car factory in Halewood, Merseyside on January 21st.

It was a fantastic day where they got to see how one of the most efficient car manufacturers manages produce a new car every 82 seconds! They got to see many things in action that they had been taught in class such how the company motivated their staff, how it uses something called just-in-time stock control and how they place such an important emphasis on quality at each stage of the production process.

In addition, students also spent some time finding out about the history of the company and how JLR are now making and selling their vehicles in markets as far away as China. Everyone agreed it was a great day out and it is something that will become a regular feature on the calendar for those A-Level students studying Business Studies in future.



First XI Football Success

It has been a successful season so far for our 6th form football squad under the guidance of managers Mr Greaves and Mr Campbell.

The lads play every Wednesday afternoon in the British Colleges League and are currently in third place, four points off top spot. With half a dozen league games to go along with a County Cup semi final to look forward to, it is looking like it will be a very exciting end to the season.

Football captain, John Carey has been a calming influence in defence throughout the season and is excited about the run-in - "all the lads are really looking forward to the games ahead. We have the best defensive record in the league and if we can score a few more goals we have a great chance of winning at least one trophy." Alongside a real improvement in technical ability and tactical understanding it has been particularly pleasing to see some of the lads developing their leadership qualities and team work - qualities that they can develop further throughout their time in 6th form.



Catholic Schools Cross Country

Cardinal Langley muddied the waters for the competition at the Catholic Schools Cross Country Championships! Weather conditions were wet, windy and cold with a very tough water logged course.

Despite the conditions team CL fought hard against the elements and showed true grit and determination to achieve fantastic individual and team results. CL was represented in all races on the day, with teams in year 7, 8/9 and 10/11. Year 7 Girls claiming bronze medals for Team third place. Year 8/9 girls striving home to achieve second place silver medals. Individual congratulations go to Harry Collier who came second in the Year 7 boys race and Luca Navaro for second place in the year 8/9 Boys.

We had the talented Davey sisters who both came third in their own races. Alyssa Davey in Year 7 girls race and Olivia Davey in Year 8/9 race. Chloe Lockett just missed out on a medal position after a tremendous effort on what was now an even tougher course to claim fourth place in Year 10/11 girls. Well done to all runners.

Year 7 BOYS: Harry Collier, Nathan Oliver, Michael Dodgson, Lewis Baker, Cullen Charnock

Year 8/9 BOYS: Luca Navaro, Sean Broadhurst, Nico Rizelli, Harry McCarrick, George Wong

Year 10/11 Boys: Liam Clere, Keiran Hardwick, Josh Hardy

Year 7 Girls: Alyssa Davey, Maddy Spencer, Nell Mckee, Isabel Arnold, Emily Morris, Eve Walker, Charlotte Wilson

Year 8/9 Girls: Leah Flannigan, Alfie Farrell, Tara Lang, Olivia Davey, Emelye Carrol-Nicholls, Olivia Harrison, Mary Murphy

Year 10/11 Girls: Chloe Lockett, Megan Murphy, Megan Mckee, Hannah Ruddy, Annabel Hulston



Netball Success

Cardinal Langley are the North Region Sports College champions in both the Under 14's and the U16's age groups.

The National Sports College tournament was held at Wright Robinson College on 5th Feb. With very tough competition against all of the sports colleges across the North of England, Cardinal Langley secured first place in both age groups.

As champions of the North Region, both teams will now go on to compete in the National Sports College finals and represent the North of England in April.

This is a huge success for both teams and all players involved. **Under 14's:** Emeryle Carrol, Rebecca Robinson, Anna Harper, Brooke Whittaker, Maria Murray, Beth Duxbury, Orla Mcknight, Leah Flannigan, Vanessa Luamba, Rosetta Luamba, Lily Duoba, Elanor Keefe.

Under 16's: Alexis Crawley, Melissa Collins, Lucy Smethurts, Ijeoma, Megan Mckee, Hannah Ruddy, Jennifer Waters, Amy Cunningham, Hannah Patterson, Hannah Murphy.

Cardinal Langley Pupils Shine in the Rochdale Youth Festival of Performing Arts

The Rochdale Youth Festival of Performing Arts is organised by the Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council to celebrate the performing arts that are nurtured in the schools of Rochdale.

The festival is an annual event and it attracts entries from all the schools in the borough. The festival is comprised of a wide variety of events ranging from Dance to Public Speaking.

Cardinal Langley was particularly well represented in the music section of the festival and we enjoyed a high degree of success. The outcomes of the competitions are categorised as Honours, Highly Commended and Commended.

To be awarded Honours a participant must achieve full marks. Eight students from Cardinal Langley achieved this accolade, in addition four students were highly commended and six were commended. Particular success was enjoyed by the vocal group, John Ronan, Ijeoma Eghiator, Helen O'Loughlin and Clarissa Pidliswyj, and Isabel Coughlan all won their class in various events. Helen and Clarissa's duet performance of "For Good" From the musical Wicked was described as a festival highlight.



This year The Year 9 Product Designers have been working on creating a new four bedroom home for house builder Bloor Homes as part of a national competition.

Each pupil has had to create a presentation showing who the possible house buyer would be and creating a mood board with inspirational items they would like. This information was then used to help them draw their accurate floor plans using 2D

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Grand design comes to Cardinal Langley

designer computer aided design software. Care had to be taken to make sure all the detail was drawn enabling an architect to visualise their design.

Pupils also had to give thought to what the impact on the environment their house would be. New, futuristic technologies were investigated and consideration had to be given to the recycling of water and power supplies.

The winner of the competition will get their house design built plus an iPad. Good luck to you all!

Cardinal Langley Students Get a Glimpse of their possible Futures

On Wednesday 12th March 180 students from Cardinal Langley attended the Rochdale Skills Event which is intended to give them an insight into the careers opportunities available to them in the future as they embark upon their School options programme for key Stage 4.

The students had a two hour window of opportunity to walk around the exhibition, talk to the exhibitors and get a feel for the types of career opportunities available to them and most importantly find out the types of qualifications and skills required for each career. This information was invaluable in helping our students to make informed choices for Key Stage 4.

The exhibition was well supported by both local industries and nationally recognised organisations. Amongst the many exhibitors were the Royal Air Force, The Army, Cooney Civil Engineering, The Alliance Project, Greater Manchester Police and The Fire Service. Such events are often thought of as "leaflet collecting exercises" but nothing could be further from the truth on this occasion. Many of the exhibits were interactive and provided the students with hands on experience of what the individual careers involved.

During the course of their visit the students were able to experience a wide range of opportunities, Callie Ryder had the opportunity to manufacture a bag with a motif on the front, Jake Shepard enjoyed "contracting pipes" on an engineering exhibition and Casey Kenworthy enjoyed trying his hand at plumbing and a run down the zip wire. The whole event was aptly summed up by Aknubbia Holden as "an amazing, inspiring event to experience"



Y12 students attended UCAS convention

At Cardinal Langley Sixth Form, we support our students in helping them decide what their next steps should be. Tuesday 11th March saw 70 of our Year 12 students go to the UCAS Convention, which was held this year at Manchester Central.

The sun was shining and thousands of students from all over the UK attended. It was a brilliant afternoon as our students had the opportunity to go and find out about all of the options after Sixth Form. Every single university was represented, along with professionals from business and industry. There were stalls from Barclays Bank, PWC and even the University of Barcelona. The Year 12 students thoroughly enjoyed it.

Alex Hallsworth said, "It was really useful, we got to go and speak to people about the courses we wanted to do at Uni." There were lots of things to get involved with on the day, Katie Crossan and Molly Davey had an amazing time in a 'Crystal Maze' themed competition to win an iPad.

It was a fantastic day all round, which helped to prepare our students for the next step in their education. The support does not end here for the Year 12 students will embark on a programme after their exams that will help with their future choices.



Cardinal Langley Pupils enjoy the Ski Slopes of Austria

During February half-term 51 students and 8 members of staff, spent an awesome week tackling the pistes of the Austrian Alps.

This was a fantastic ski trip which saw skiers of all ability levels making good progress with their skiing technique. We were very fortunate to have good skiing conditions most of the time, with blue sky and some fresh snow surrounded by breath taking views.

The accommodation was excellent and the evening entertainments of tobogganing, tubing and swimming were great fun. There were even opportunities to catch up on some Champions league football and bust some moves on the dance floor! The ski instructors were incredibly complementary of the students' behaviour, skiing progress and ability; with their smiling faces and tired legs at the end of each day being evidence that they all had an incredible time.



Rochdale Water Polo Champions

Rochdale schools water polo champions 2014! Mixed boys & girl's year 7 and a year 8 teams both competed in the Rochdale Schools Water Polo competition.

After some tough games and a very competitive event, Cardinal Langley claimed overall first place. This is a fantastic result and means that a mixed year 7 & 8 team will now go on to represent Rochdale Borough in the Great Manchester Winter games which will be held on April 1st at the Manchester Aquatics Centre. The team will compete against the finalists from all the other 10 boroughs.

An amazing result for Cardinal Langley, and excellent performances from all involved.

The team members: Sophie Shepard, Lucy Bamforth, Freya Holland, Gemma Gardner, Mary Murphy, Chris Williams, Kyran Sturrock, Paige Farrell, Alice McNally, Grace Hall, Isabel Coughlan, Darcey Beswick, Aiden Simpson, Chris Patterson, Archie Burke.



Year 7 Science Club Launches

The year 7 Science Club has got off to a flying start. Pupils have been watching scientific programmes such as 'Predators' and 'The Deadly Top 10'.

The aim of this club is to enhance student's wider knowledge and understanding of Science. The club has started off with fantastic numbers and future activities will also include fun practical activities and competitions for those attending the club.

Anyone in year 7 who might be interested should see either Mr Wright or Miss Sadler.



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School Notices

End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Easter holiday at 1:30pm after lunch on Friday 11th April 2014. Please be aware that the school buses may not run at this time and there may not be a school crossing patrol. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-4 on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform. We return to school on Monday 28th April 2014.

Easter Holiday Club

Cardinal Langley School is once again running a holiday club over the Easter Holiday, aimed at children aged 4-13. Main activities will run from 9:00am until 3:00pm at a cost of £8 per child per day, with an "early bird" and "staying late" option available. More information can be found on the following page of the school website www.clrchs.co.uk/about-our-school/community/community-sports or call into Reception for a flier.

Yorkshire Rainforest Project

We have started collecting the Rainforest tokens from packets of Yorkshire Tea and Taylors Coffee. If you don't collect these at home, please would you consider sending them into school (for the attention of Christine Munro) and we will send them off collectively on behalf of the school community.

For more information about the Rainforest Project, please go to www.yorkshirerainforestproject.co.uk

Free School Meals

Many children in the UK are entitled to free school meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement

We would like to encourage parents and carers to apply for free school meals for their child for two main reasons:

Your child can select a good-quality, healthy lunch each school day using their personal catering account, the same as other students and staff do.

The school can claim Pupil Premium for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us to provide wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child.

For more information on how we use our Pupil Premium funding go to the About our School section of the school website.

For more information about free school meals, please contact Mr Coleman here at school or visit the RMBC webpage:

www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools_and_children/free_school_meals.aspx

Savio House Retreat

Our annual Year seven retreat to Savio House will be taking place in June. Savio House in Bollington, Cheshire, is owned by the Salesian Community who lead retreats and days of reflection for schools all year round.

For more information please visit:

www.saviohouse.org.uk

Dates of the retreat:

Monday 2nd June to Wednesday 4th June

- Most of 7NN & 7MK

Wednesday 4th June to Friday 6th June

- Most of 7JLG & 7RK

Monday 16th June to Wednesday 18th June

- Most of 7ALA & 7AS

Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th June

- 7LJJ and others

Easter Services

St Peter's RC Church

Palm Sunday (13th April)	Mass at 9:30am & 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday (17th April)	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm
Night Prayer at 9:30pm	Watching of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
Good Friday (18th April)	The Passion at 3pm Stations of the Cross at 10am
Easter Saturday (19th April)	Vigil Mass at 6:30pm
Easter Sunday (20th April)	Mass at 9:30am

School Term Dates 2014-15

TERM	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS	PUPIL DAYS
AUTUMN	Tuesday 2 September 2014* (38 days) *Yr7, 12 & 13 only Term commences for Yr8-Yr11 on Wednesday 3 September 2014	Monday 27 October 2014 - Friday 31 October 2014	Friday 19 December 2014 (34 days) Wellbeing Day Monday 1 December 2014 (School Holiday)	72
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - Monday 22 December 2014 - Friday 2 January 2015 Inclusive				
SPRING	Monday 5 January 2015 (30 days)	Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2015	Thursday 2 April 2015 (29 days)	59
EASTER HOLIDAY - Friday 3 April - Friday 17 April 2015 Inclusive				
SUMMER	Monday 20 April 2015 (24 days) Bank Holiday Monday - 4 May 2015	Monday 25 May 2015 - Friday 29 May 2015	Friday 17 July 2015 (35 days)	59
				TOTAL 190 days**

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 1 September 2014, Friday 26 September 2014, Plus twilight sessions = 195 staff days