

Moving forward together. Achievement for all!

The Good News

Issue 47: Week commencing: 22nd January- 26th January 2017

Welcome

to our 47th edition of our weekly newsletter

This week we hosted a dodgeball competition for the local primary schools. It was an excellent event and the primary school pupils were so enthusiastic, it was lovely to watch.

Next week, we have our Year 11 photos, so please make sure that the students are as smart and in correct uniform.

Also, next week, we have our Year 11 Consultation Day for parents and carers to attend with your sons and daughters. The aim of the day is to give parents/carers a chance to talk to staff about their child's progress and improvement targets.

Our Year 9 students will be visiting the University of Manchester next week to learn more about what university life has to offer.



Mr Alex Hren
Head Teacher

School Prayer

Dear Lord

Thank you for our school community.

Bless us all and keep us safe. Send your Spirit to guide us, as we become the people you want us to be.

Be with us on our journey as we learn to love and love to learn.

Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

UPCOMING DATES/TRIPS/EVENTS

Year 11 Photographs - Monday 22nd January 2018

Year 11 Consultation Day - Wednesday 24th January 2018

Year 9 Visit to the University of Manchester - Wednesday 24th January 2018

Visit to John Rylands Library, Manchester - Friday 26th January 2018

Y8 and Y10 Academic Reviews Issued - Friday 26th January 2018

Year 11 PPEs (Mocks)- 29th January - 9th February 2018

Author Workshop Year 10s - Tuesday 30th January 2018

Year 8 Pathway Evening - Thursday 8th February 2018



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WORLD PEACE

“ Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord”,

Amen



In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

MP MIKE KANE VISIT

Saint Paul's was honoured to have a visit from the right honourable Mike Kane MP. We were delighted to welcome the Member of Parliament for Wythenshawe and Sale East and Shadow Secretary for Schools.

Mr Kane was able to meet staff and students and learn more about what we have been doing at Saint Paul's since he last visited a few months ago.

Mr Kane spoke to staff and students and visited lessons on a tour of the buildings and enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about life in a happy, thriving Wythenshawe school.



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A VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM

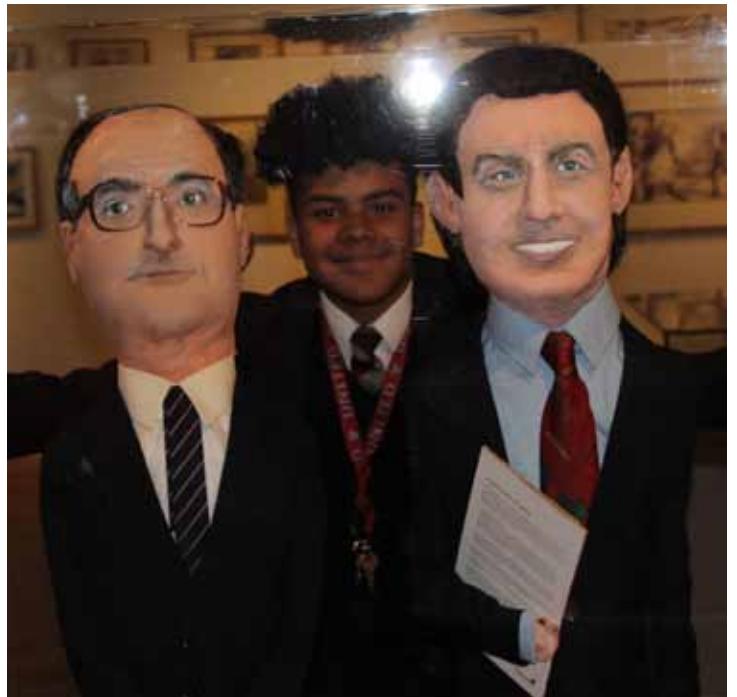
A group of students visited the People's History Museum in Manchester as part of their GCSE History studies.

The People's History Museum in Manchester is the national museum of democracy. The museum aims to engage, inspire and inform diverse audiences by showing 'there have always been ideas worth fighting for'.

As part of the Year 10 History GCSE, the History department organised a visit for 72 students to the museum which covers the vast majority of a module of their GCSE (Power and the People). The students were able to expand their learning by exploring in much greater depth areas of the syllabus such as the Chartists and the Suffragettes.

Mr Buchan explained: "The Year 10 students are studying the abstract concept of power as part of their History GCSE and the People's History Museum helped them to visualise this concept. The students attended live action shows, were able to handle and explore real life artefacts and see the many links with the local community. The students visited the museum as they approached the end of the module so it was an excellent summary for them."

"The students showed a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in the subject and their behaviour during the trip was exemplary and several member of the museum staff complimented us on their good behaviour."



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VISIT TO THE TOWN HALL

Father Nick Kern, Parish Priest of Wythenshawe, was accompanied by our Head Boy, Hans, and Deputy Head Girl, Selam, to the Town Hall in Albert Square, Manchester. They had been invited by the Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester, Edward Newman.

Father Nick was the Lord Mayor's official Chaplain that day and opened the council meeting with prayers.

Then Hans, Selam and I then attended that meeting of 75 local councillors.

We were given lunch in the Town Hall afterwards.

Father Nick said: "I was delighted to have been invited to the Town Hall as a guest of the Lord Mayor. It was very interesting to attend the meeting and to meet the councillors. Both Hans and Selam enjoyed the event and they were fantastic ambassadors for Saint Paul's."



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English



Welcome again to the English news page. We had an exciting and productive Autumn Term with many of our students getting involved in extra-curricular activities and we have plans for other events over the academic year.

- Students at Saint Paul's have recently been involved in a Christmas poetry competition hosted by Celsian Education. They had opportunity to write a poem or a rap about how Christmas makes you feel. Entries are currently being judged by a local poet and the staff at Celsian Education.
- The English department recently hosted their annual trip to London to visit Harry Potter World. Students experienced the magic of Diagon Alley and The Great Hall, as well as the Hogwart's Express. They also visited Harry Potter studios, had a tour of famous London landmarks such as Trafalgar Square and Houses of Parliament, and visited the London Dungeons and the London Eye. It was a jam -packed trip which, as always, was enjoyed by all. Sign up early for next year's trip because it sells out fast!
- A selection of Year 10 students from Saint Paul's were invited to Wythenshawe FM to perform pieces they had written and performed at the Manchester Literature festival that they were part of in October. Students wrote about what is like to be a teenager growing up in Manchester. They performed their pieces live on the radio, complete with sound effects and a rendition of Wonderwall by Oasis. It was a great success. Well done to all involved!

We are always keen to enter national writing competitions and have had many success stories in the past. This term, we offer all our students the opportunity to enter the Portico Sadie Massey Award for young readers and writers which runs yearly in the North West. Students can either write a book review or write a short story based on an historical or contemporary event that has happened in the North West. Students are currently drafting their work and we are hopeful that this year's winner will be a Saint Paul's student!

As a reminder to students, please keep reading books for leisure and pleasure! The Wednesday morning reading in form time, provides all our students with the opportunity to have quiet time to read books from the library. Remember to also read at home for at least 10 minutes a day.

The English department, for your interest, are currently reading the books listed below. You may want to try reading them yourself!

Mrs Evans is reading: Autumn by Ali Smith Mr Harrington is reading: The Pier by Mark Haddon Mr Sharrock is reading: Morrissey's Manchester by Phil Gatenby Ms King is reading; Ghana Must Go by Taiye Selasi Ms Hitchen is reading: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte Mr Oakley is reading: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline Mr Mallon is reading: Electricity by Ray Robinson Mrs Norton is reading House of Names Colm Toibin

Could the department also take this opportunity to remind Year 11 students to attend revision classes on a Thursday after school from 3.05 pm – 4.00 pm. Food is provided.

THE MAGIC OF WHOLE SCHOOL READING

Staff and students at Saint Paul's take part in whole school reading every Wednesday during form time, a great way to get everyone in school reading!

The aim of the sessions is to encourage and develop the students' enjoyment of reading. The students can bring in their own books or borrow a book from the school library where there were many award winning books to choose from ranging from chillers and thrillers to war stories, drama and comedy.

"The celebration of reading was designed to remind students and staff of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives," explained Mr Sharrock. "We want people to make reading a regular part of their routine . . . whether they're reading solo or together with their classmates, parents, or friends. The sessions are designed to help students to develop a life-long love of reading. The students could borrow books from the library where the titles are carefully chosen to reflect all tastes and abilities. It is very important to instil in young people a need and desire to read. Research shows that teenagers who choose to pick up a book for pleasure are more likely to succeed in life."



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THANK YOU GREGGS

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We are hoping that the snacks will encourage student attendance at the sessions and aid their concentration once there.

When they're faced with a pile of revision, feeding their body as well as their brain may be the last thing on the students' mind. But they can gain an advantage simply by eating frequently and keeping up their energy levels and this is something which, with Greggs' help, we can encourage.

Thank you to Greggs for joining with us to help maintain those all-important energy levels and improve concentration and memory.



PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME



	MORNING CLUBS 8:00-8:25am	LUNCH TIME CLUBS Break 2		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 3:05-4:05pm				
	Sports Hall	Astro Turf	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Field	Main Hall	Astro Turf 1	Astro Turf2
MONDAY	Indoor Football	Year 7 ASTRO LW	Cheer & Dance LA	Girls Football training LW		Dance LA	Boys Football training AW	
TUESDAY	Indoor Football	Year 8 ASTRO AW	Basketball CB	Cheerleading LA		GCSE Revision (intervention)	Boys Football fixtures AW	
WEDNESDAY	Indoor Football	Year 9 ASTRO CB	Cheer & Dance LA	Girls Football fixtures LW	STAFF TRAINING			
THURSDAY	Indoor Football	Year 10 ASTRO DM	Basketball CB	Basketball All years CB			Boys Football fixtures AW	
FRIDAY	Indoor Football	Year 11 ASTRO LA	Basketball CB					

PE Extra-curricular Programme'

January – April 2018

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The Portico Sadie Massey Awards for Young Writers

If you have shown some talent for writing fiction and are genuinely interested in developing this skill, then the Young Writers Awards are just for you...

Write a piece of historical or contemporary narrative based on a person, place or event in the North of England.

What Are the Rules?

- You must submit a piece of original narrative based in the North of England and setting should feature strongly in the story.
- The competition is open to students in KS3 and KS4
- Word count should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words.
- Entries may be set in the past, present or future. Creativity is encouraged.

Prizes include book tokens, special 1-2-1 tutorials with authors on how to refine your writing skills and seeing your entry published alongside professional authors in Time Travellers and the Crystal Dome.

The winners will also be invited to a special awards event at the Portico Library.

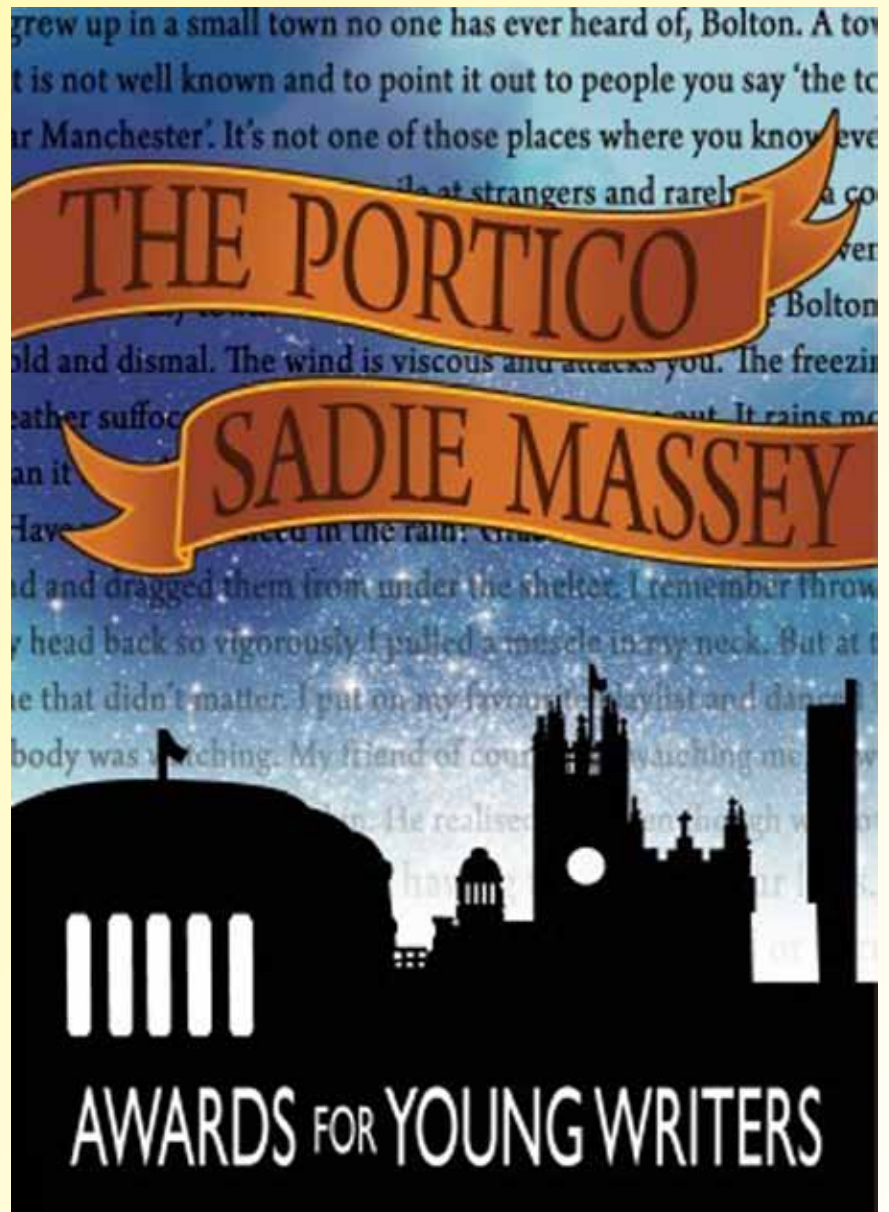
Deadline for submission: Monday, 12th March 2018

Please, give your reviews to Mrs Savova in the library

Registration Rota

**22nd - 26th
January 2018**

**Tuesday - 7A
Thursday - 8SH
Friday - 8AN**



STAY UPDATED



Twitter

Don't forget to follow our school Twitter accounts:

[@StPaulsRCHigh](#)
[@StPaulsRCHighPE](#)

Follow us to stay up to date with the latest news and events.

MFL REVISION

MFL revision classes have begun and students should be attending the sessions.

French revision - Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday after school.

Italian revision - Tuesday after school.



WEEKLY PRAYER

“God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us, your children.

Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for your love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes today to see your eternal light shining brightly, leading us home”.

Amen



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BUS TIMETABLE 2017/2018

Saint Paul's Catholic High School 0840 – 1505

Effective 1 September 2017

The following bus services run close by - more details can be found at www.tfgm.com:

Stagecoach service 11 – Altrincham, Broomwood, Baguley, Newall Green, Woodhouse Park, Gatley, Cheadle, Stockport

Stagecoach service 18 – Stretford, Sale, Sale Moor, Northern Moor, Baguley, Woodhouse Park

Stagecoach service 101 – Newall Green, Baguley, Northenden, Southern Cemetery, Moss Side, Manchester

Additionally specific schoolday only services also serve the school as follows:

Stagecoach service 729 – Northern Moor, Northenden, Sharston, Benchill, Peel Hall, Shadowmoss, Woodhouse Park

Changes to schoolday only services from 1 September 2017

Services Y29 and Y35 will be replaced by new service 729 to a revised route and timetable, Yellow School Bus passes are no longer required.

Changes to schoolday only services from 6 November 2017

Service 729 will now serve St Pauls school only to a revised timetable and will now start/finish at Sale Circle.

Northern Moor / Northenden / Benchill / Wythenshawe		Service 729	
TfGM Contract:	0451	TfGM Contract:	0451
Minimum Capacity:	94	Minimum Capacity:	94
Operator Code:	STG	Operator Code:	STG
		Days of Operation Code:	Wed
			NW
Sale Circle	0734	St Pauls High School	1500
Britannia Hotel	0743	Portway (Mountain Ash)	1511
Royle Green Road/Belcroft Close	0746	Shadowmoss, The Cornishman	1516
Sharston Green	0754	Peel Hall Road/Upavon Road	1522
Peel Hall Road/Upavon Road	0808	Sharston Green	1535
Shadowmoss, The Cornishman	0814	Royle Green Road/Belcroft Close	1538
Portway (Mountain Ash)	0820	Britannia Hotel	1543
St Pauls High School	0825	Sale Circle	1549

Service 729 route: From Northern Moor, Sale Road/Sale Circle via Sale Road, Palatine Road, Church Road, Royle Green Road, Longley Lane, Sharston Road, Altrincham Road, Royalthorn Road, Greenwood Road, Benchill Road, Rothley Avenue, Broadoak Road, Hollyhedge Road, Brownley Road, Crossacres Road, Peel Hall Road, Simonsway, Shadowmoss Road, Cornishway, Portway, Simonsway, Firbank Road **to St Pauls High School,**

Returning from St Pauls High School, Firbank Road, Simonsway, Portway, Cornishway, Shadowmoss Road, Simonsway, Peel Hall Road, Crossacres Road, Brownley Road, Hollyhedge Road, Broadoak Road, Rothley Avenue, Benchill Road, Greenwood Road, Royalthorn Road, Altrincham Road, Sharston Road, Longley Lane, Royle Green Road, Church Road, Palatine Road, Sale Road **to Northern Moor, Sale Road/Sale Circle.**



Wednesday 24th January 2018 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Encountering Christ
*Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families*



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 28th January 2018 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 28th January 2018 (Mark 1:21-28): Jesus Teaches with Authority

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God." But Jesus said sharply, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. "Here is a teaching that is new," they said, "and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The growing authority of Jesus is the theme of the early part of Mark's gospel and today's story is an excellent illustration of this. Jesus has already called the disciples. He calls and they simply follow: it seems that he is a total stranger to them, yet has such authority that they drop everything to follow him. Now in the synagogue he teaches on his own authority. He does not quote the interpretations of others, as rabbinic teachers did, saying, "Rabbi X says this," "Rabbi Y says that". No, Jesus teaches, "I say to you...". He seems to be master even of the Law. But it is God's Law. Only God has authority over it, so who does Jesus think he is? On one level he is a teacher to be compared with Moses, one who is to come into the world, the teacher prophesied in today's first reading. But he is more than this. To confirm the power of his teaching, he shows what authority he has by overcoming an unclean spirit, wringing from it the snivelling protest, "Have you come to destroy us?" and the acknowledgement that he has a special link with God.

What are the qualities of a good teacher? How does Jesus, the good teacher, reveal his authority?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**