



Archdiocese of Liverpool Secondary School Improvement Trust Newsletter

New Trust Edition

Foreword by Tim Warren, Director of Schools and Colleges

This is the first newsletter since the Partnership converted into a formal Trust. The creation of the Archdiocese of Liverpool Secondary School Improvement Trust is yet another step in our collaborative journey forward. The newsletter shows the breadth of activity now undertaken by the Trust, which I believe is the largest collaborative schools Trust in the country. As a trust we will be well placed to make the most of the purchasing power this affords our schools and I look forward to the Trust's further growth and development.



Senior Leadership Conference Thursday 29th June, 2017

The Senior Leadership Conference 'Planting the Seed' took place in June. Presentations were delivered by Mark Dumican, Headteacher of St Edmund Arrowsmith in Wigan, who delivered a session entitled 'Managing change in a Catholic School – Moving from Senior Leadership to leading your school and changing the culture and adapting to the new role – the buck now stops with you!', Father Eamonn Mulcahy 'Planting the seed – how do we nurture our staff, young people and community?', Richard Varey 'Maintaining Growth - Nurturing distinctiveness and maintaining balance in the climate of change' and a session from Chimp Management exploring logical and emotional thinking.

Positive feedback was received, with colleagues comments as below:

'An enjoyable day; thought-provoking and interesting in terms of style of leadership and management. Thank you'

'I just wanted to say again what a great day yesterday was - it was definitely our best yet! There was so much that was inspiring, motivational and actual commonsense that I don't think anyone could have left without having reflected on themselves and having picked up at least one or two things that they will put into practice...given me a much needed injection of motivation and inspiration. So, thank you.'





Student Photography Competition 2017

'We are valued, we are unique, we have faith, we are a family and we are the future'



Schools from across the Liverpool Archdiocese Secondary Schools' Partnership celebrated after snapping up prizes in the student photo competition held at St George's Hall in May. More than 70 entries were submitted from young lensmen and women reflecting on the theme 'We are valued, we are unique, we have faith, we are a family and we are the future'.

The lower school winning entry came from Year 9 students Harvey Ridings and Charley Robinson from St John Fisher Catholic High School. Year 10 pupils, Ellie Kerr and Carley Dutton (Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College) scooped the top prize in the upper school category.

Runners up in the lower school category were Ben Iddon (Holy Cross Catholic High School), Leila Ujlad and Anya Peet Draycott (Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College), Scarlett Heyes (St Mary's Catholic High School) and Billy Martin (Christ the King Catholic High School). Upper school runners up were Roekha Yousaf (St Gregory's Catholic High School), Boj Raphael Gonzaga (Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School), Chloe Blundell (St John Rigby Sixth Form College) and Cameron McCully (Carmel College).

Presenting them with their prizes Partnership Director, Paul Greenall, praised the students for the time and thought that had gone in to their entries, and the staff for their support for this event.

A selection of the comments from the many visitors who visited the exhibition can be found below:

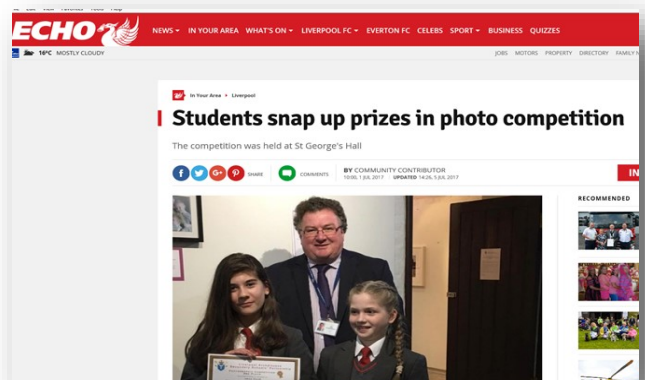
'An excellent exhibition by some very talented young people! Well done to all!'

'An awe-inspiring, beautiful and passionate response. A powerful exhibition. Such talent!'

'The photos were evocative and the statements were very meaningful. A very talented bunch of young people. The theme was excellent, from which we can all learn to make better relationships with one another; be it family, friends, a stranger or someone from a different culture.'



Local press coverage of the event



Student Photography Finalists



1st Place – Ellie Kerr and Carley Dutton
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College



1st Place – Harvey Ridings and Charley Robinson
St John Fisher Catholic High School



2nd Place – Billy Martin
Christ the King Catholic High School



2nd Place – Boj Raphael Gonzaga
St Gregory's Catholic High School





2nd Place – Cameron McCully
Carmel College



2nd Place – Chloe Blundell
St John Rigby Sixth Form College



2nd Place – Roekha Yousaf
St Gregory's Catholic High School



3rd Place – Leila Ujlab and Anya Peet Draycott
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College





3rd Place – Scarlett Heyes Year 7
St Mary's Catholic High School

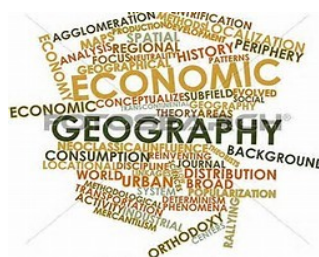


3rd Place – Ben Iddon
Holy Cross Catholic High School

Geography Revision Day

3rd May 2017 at Liverpool John Moores University

This was an excellent day for Geography students! The lecturers at John Moores University prepared excellent presentations and resources for the students. Students were thoroughly engaged and responded positively to questions and to being treated like University students! There were 3 different workshops that students could chose and at lunch time there was an opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of the university. A big plus for the day was that this event also gave some students the aspiration of one day going to university, something they had previously never thought about!



School to School Visits

Last year's Student Voice activity was School to School visits. The idea for this activity came from students at Christ the King Catholic High School who wanted an opportunity to add further value to their school.



Schools were paired, with 2 or 3 upper school students visiting another school for a day to shadow some students and report back to their leadership team. The purpose of this activity is:

- To encourage students to become active participants who contribute to the life of the wider school community.
- To develop student leadership to ensure that students have an impact on school improvement.

A student workshop will take place on 27th September and we will have a further update in our next edition.

Post 16 Conference - Wednesday 5th July 2017

This year's event focused on 'Ensuring your students are prepared for their next steps' with Sean McMahon from Oxford Analytics' presenting 'Maximising your Funding', Adam Robinson delivering a session on 'L3 VA – shadow measures', Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram covering 'Apprenticeships and future employment opportunities across the region', Joan Bonenfant session 'Through the lens of inspection: findings from recent inspections of providers of 16-19 study programmes' and representatives from Manchester University, Hope University and the University of Liverpool covering collaboration, teaching and learning and admissions.

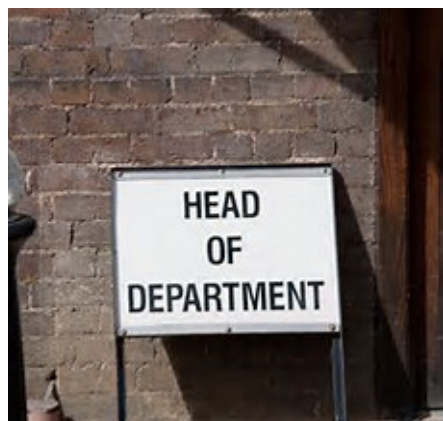


The day was very well received with comments from colleagues including:

'This is an excellent conference which I sincerely hope will continue'

'...another outstanding Post 16 conference. Well done to the organising team'





Head of Department Meetings

Following on from last year’s successful meetings, Head of Department meetings will continue to see colleagues share good practice, collaborate, gain subject support and the opportunity for discussion directly with exam boards.

Meetings planned for the next academic year can be found below .

All sessions* start at 1.15pm, ending by 4.00pm

*Physical Education meetings start at 2pm until 4.30pm

GCSE Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Venue
Psychology	29th September, 2017	23rd January 2018	Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College
Physical Education	3rd October, 2017	25th January 2018	St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School
Geography	4th October, 2017	24th January 2018	Holy Family Catholic High School
History	10th October, 2017	1st February 2018	Hope Academy
Maths	11th October, 2017	6th February 2018	Carmel College
Languages	12th October, 2017	7th February 2018	St Cuthbert’s Catholic High School
Drama	18th October, 2017	8th February 2018	Holy Family Catholic High School
English	17th October, 2017	30th January 2018	Broughton Hall High School
Science	7th November, 2017	31st January 2018	St Peter’s Catholic High School
Music	8th November, 2017	27th February 2018	All Saints Catholic High School
Art and Design	9th November, 2017	28th February 2018	Archbishop Beck Catholic College
Food	14th November, 2017	12th March 2018	Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School
Computer Science	15th November, 2017	1st March 2018	St John Bosco
Dance	16th November, 2017	14th March 2018	St Peter’s Catholic High School
Design and Technology	22nd November 2017	13th March 2018	De La Salle, St Helens
Sociology	23rd November 2017	19th March 2018	Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College
Science (2nd Meeting)	6th December 2017	As above	Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College



Public Speaking Competition 2017



Students from Archbishop Beck Catholic College, Broughton Hall High School, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, De La Salle Academy, Enterprise South Liverpool Academy, Notre Dame Catholic College, St John Bosco Arts College, St Edwards College and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College entered the Public Speaking Competition held at Archbishop Beck on Friday 7th July.

Students delivered a three minute speech on a selection of topics such as 'If I was an animal what would I be?' and 'My biggest concern for the future is'. The four judges; Geraldine Poole (Soroptimist International Liverpool), Paul Holleley (English Speaking Union), Lisa James (Pearson Area Manager) and Deacon Paul Mannings were overwhelmed by the confidence, knowledge and talent of the students delivering their speeches.

Alexandra Littlejohn, aged 13, was crowned the winner, making Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College in Widnes the Liverpool Archdiocese Public Speaking Competition Champions of 2017.

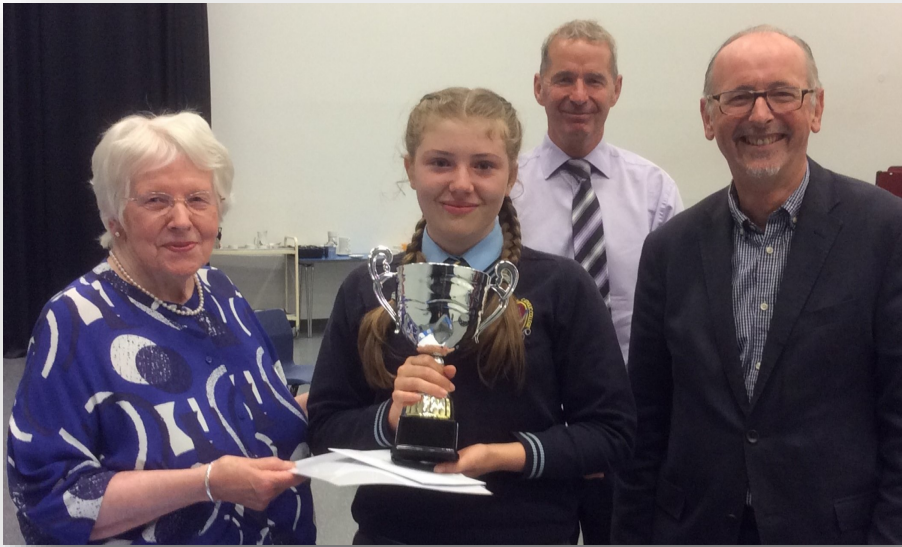
In her speech Alex examined the South Korean system and how it performs so much better than the UK in the international PISA tests. Alex was praised for her well-balanced speech, where she highlighted the positive aspects of the UK system and argued "...that education is more than just about finding a job, and by teaching creative subjects, young people are able to express themselves, possibly even finding a hidden talent. For me personally, having a timetable without drama would be intolerable."

Emma Seddon from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College said "Alex's speech was outstanding and the standard at the competition was incredibly high. It was wonderful for us to be involved in this event which builds confidence in our students, helping them to express themselves and find their voice, for interviews, speeches or presentations in the future."

Well done to all our schools and students, who each received a certificate and voucher.



Public Speaking Competition 2017



Alex Littlejohn receiving the winning trophy (from left to right Geraldine Poole, Partnership Director, Paul Greenall and Paul Holleley).



Click [here](#) to read the Widnes World article.



To read the Liverpool Echo article click [here](#)

If you have any comments or observations about this newsletter then we would welcome them. Please forward those comments to

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AUTUMN TERM - UPCOMING EVENTS

East and Central Cluster Pastoral Leaders Meeting

Wed 13 Sep, 8.15.-10.15 at St Peter's Catholic High School

Partnership Board Meeting

Thu 14 Sep, 8.00-10.00 at St Peter's Catholic High School

West Cluster CPD Meeting

Tue 19 Sep, 8.00-10.00 at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi

Central Cluster Headteacher Meeting

Wed 20 Sep, 8.00-10.00 at Maricourt Catholic High School

Central Cluster NQT Meeting 'Behaviour Management / SEN Working with Pupils'

Thu 21 Sep 14.00-16.20 at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

West Cluster NQT Programme 'Behaviour Management/SEN Working with pupils'

Thu 21 Sep, 14.00-16.20 at Notre Dame Catholic College

Ofsted Briefing Headteacher Meeting

Fri 22 Sep, 8.00-12.00 at The Wriehington Hotel

Central Cluster CPD Meeting

Mon 25 Sep, 8.15-10.15 at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

PTT A Level Maths (Edexcel)

Tue 26 Sep, 12.00-16.00 at Carmel College

Student Workshop (Feedback from student visits)

Wed 27 Sep, 10.00-12.00 at Christ the King Catholic High School

East Cluster CPD Leads Meeting

Thu 28 Sep, 9.15-11.15 at St Peter's Catholic High School

Psychology HoD Meeting (A Level & GCSE)

Thu 28 Sep, 13.15-4.00 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College

East Cluster Headteacher Meeting

Fri 29 Sep, 8.00-10.00 at St Peter's Catholic High School

West Cluster Physics Partners Meeting

Mon 2 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at St Francis Xavier's College

PE HoD Meeting

Tue 3 Oct, 13.45-16.30 at St Edmund Arrowsmith, Wigan



East and Central Cluster Physics Partners Meeting
Tue 3 Oct, 14.00-16.30 at St Edmund Arrowsmith, Wigan

East Cluster Careers Meeting
Wed 4 Oct, 9.30-11.00 at St John Rigby College

Geography HOD Meeting
Wed 4 Oct, 13.30-16.30 at Holy Family Catholic High School

West Cluster Headteacher Meeting (Wrightington)
Thu 5 Oct, 12.00-13.00 at The Wrightington Hotel

Secondary Heads Partnership Residential
Thu 5 Oct - Fri 6 Oct 2017 at Wrightington Hotel

Curriculum Clinic (Edexcel)
Tue 10 Oct, 8.00-10.00 at Maricourt Catholic High School

History HoD Meeting
Tue 10 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at Hope Academy

Maths HoD Meeting
Wed 11 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at Carmel College

Languages HoD Meeting
Thu 12 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Central Cluster NQT
Thu 12 Oct, 14.00-16.20 – Venue to be confirmed

West Cluster NQT Programme 'T&L/Stretch and Challenge'
Thu 12 Oct, 14.00-16.20 at St Edward's College

East and Central Pastoral Leaders Heads of Year / Progress Leaders Workshop
Fri 13 Oct, 9.15-15.30 at St Peter's Catholic High School

English HoD Meeting
Tue 17 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at Broughton Hall

Post 16 Mindset Training (Follow up to meeting on 28.06.17)
Wed 18 Oct, 13.00-16.00 at St Francis Xavier's College

Drama HoD Meeting
Wed 18 Oct, 13.15-16.00 at Holy Family Catholic High School

Post 16 Meeting
Wed 1 Nov, 13.30-16.00 at St John Rigby College



Health and Social Care Btec Meeting

Thu 2 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College

Science HoD Meeting (including Pearson 'Stretch and Challenge' session)

Tue 7 Nov, 1.15-16.00 at St Peter's Catholic High School (TBC)

Music HoD Meeting

Wed 8 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at All Saints Catholic High School (TBC)

Art and Design HoD Meeting

Thu 9 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at Archbishop Beck Catholic Sports College

Food HoD Meeting

Tue 14 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School

West Cluster Physics Partners Meeting

Tue 14 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at St Francis Xavier's College

East and Central Cluster Physics Partners Meeting

Wed 15 Nov, 14.00-16.30 at St Edmund Arrowsmith, Wigan

Computer Science HoD Meeting

Wed 15 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at St John Bosco Arts College

Dance HoD Meeting

Thu 16 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at St Peter's Catholic High School (TBC)

Central Cluster NQT Meeting

Thu 16 Nov, 14.00-16.20 - Venue to be confirmed

West Cluster NQT Programme 'Starters and Plenaries/Engaging Lessons'

Thu 16 Nov, 14.00-16.20 at Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

Senior Pastoral Leaders Workshop (East and Central Clusters)

Fri 17 Nov, 9.15-15.30 – Venue to be confirmed

Design and Technology HoD Meeting

Wed 22 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at De La Salle, St Helens

Sociology HoD Meeting

Thu 23 Nov, 13.15-16.00 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College

Science HoD Meeting (Supporting Low Attainers with the New GCSE - Pearson)

Wed 6 Dec 2017, 1.15-16.00 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic College

