



**ST GABRIEL'S**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**PRONUTIO**

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**Welcome to our latest edition of 'Pronutio' (to pronounce, acclaim, proclaim). Our autumn edition is full of information, news and views from the St Gabriel's school community.**

What are our priorities for this term? There are a number of things that are being further developed, but in very simple terms, our aim is to:

- work towards 'world class teaching'
- develop new technologies and innovation in our school
- further develop partnership work with parents and primary schools
- show that we are distinctively Catholic by our unique school ethos



I am coming to the end of my first term as Head at St Gabriel's. The honeymoon period is very much over and with many of my colleagues, we are involved every day in turning every young person's potential into achievement. One of the first things I have tried to do is to improve how we communicate with our families. Our website is being updated to provide more information, copies of letters and news so that you are better informed. Whilst there is still a long way to go, it is much better than it was and provides a really good platform to showcase the work of St Gabriel's. I have visited each primary school and met many of you there or when I attended mass in our parishes in September and October. I appreciated the opportunity to remind families about why St Gabriel's exists: in essence, to put Christ at the Centre of everything we do and to support families in the faith and personal development of their children as Catholic children in practice, not just in name.

The best resource we have here is our staff. They all work very hard every day to improve the experiences and life chances of our young people. You can see through this publication what that looks like and the impact it has. I thank them all, and many of you involved in school life, for example, through the PTA, for their service to your children.

I very much look forward to leading the school to the next level. St Gabriel's has a superb reputation in Bury and the surrounding area. By bringing our aims to life your sons and daughters will be part of a school community that aims to be on the national map for the quality of what it does and what it means to be an outstanding Catholic school.

I very much hope that you enjoy this edition of 'Gabs News'.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.

**Simon Smith**  
**Head Teacher**

**African inspiration beats all records!**

The 51st St Gabriel's Coffee morning drew on inspiration from Africa in raising over £2,700 for Bury African Outreach; a Coffee Morning record. The backdrop of African Drumming workshops and performance donated by Bury African Outreach to celebrate their 20 year anniversary gave an extra spark to the usual fun of the fair. Great to see, as always, so many of our pupils, staff, parents and community running or visiting the wide variety of stalls, games and delicious delights. As always the Pet Show proved a major attraction with the prize winners delighting the assembled crowd as the finale to our 2 hours fund raising. A giant cheque will be presented to Bury African Outreach at a special assembly and give them the opportunity to update us with news from the children and education projects our money will support in Uganda.



# Alice Banks, "A well-lived life"

Alice Banks was born Alice Lord on November 25, 1916 in Lower Bank Street, Central Bury. Her father, Samuel Lord was killed on the Western front while serving with the Manchester Regiment in 1917.

Alice found great satisfaction at her studies, and excelled at an early age, attending Mt. St. Joseph's in Bolton from 1928 to 1934, and began her teacher's training in 1935 at Endsleigh College in Hull, from where she graduated as a teacher in 1938.

Alice's first teaching post was at her old school, Guardian Angels, where she was in charge of an infants' class. She taught there from 1938 to 1953, and during this time, she developed her interest in singing. Possessed of a superb soprano voice, she was very active in a number of local choirs and singing groups including the Lyric Singers, the Ramsbottom Choral Society, and the Radcliffe New Church Choir.

In late 1953 she was offered a teaching post at the new Catholic school being built in Bury at that time, St Gabriel's Secondary Modern school. In 1954 the school opened, and she became one of its founding teachers, taking classes in French, Religion and Music. Alice remained at St Gabriel's 1954 to 1976, eventually rising to the post of Deputy Headmistress. St Gabriel's is now one of the outstanding schools in town, and there is no question that her commitment to the school through 22 years of dedicated service has been a major contributing factor to making the school what it has become today.

One of Alice's most notable achievements at St Gabriel's was to set up the Annual Coffee Morning to raise money for Africa, a tradition which still continues to this day. Indeed, this year the school raised nearly £3,000.

On the occasion of her marriage to Mr John Gerard Banks, Headteacher of St Gabriel's, in 1976, Alice retired from teaching at St Gabriel's. It was also in 1976 that the Vatican recognised Alice's devotion to her faith, her parish and her teaching vocation by awarding her the Bene Merente Papal Medal.

Sadly, Alice lost her husband in 1983.

Alice died peacefully on November 11 2012 in Nazareth House. The school has lost a very great teacher, a loyal servant to Catholic education and an inspirational leader.

May her sweet and gentle soul rest in peace.



## Switching on to switching off

Reducing energy wastage and encouraging recycling are this year's key priorities for making St Gabriel's a more sustainable school as agreed by the newly elected Eco Council consisting of:

Year 7: Harry Jones, Selina Cockcroft, Artemis Redican

Year 8: Matt Wilkes, Kieran Lancaster, Beatrice Palmer, Colleen Langan, Ella Hunter

Year 9: Gar Po Chan, Erin Vipond, Megan Stebbings

Year 10: Joe Bennett, Toni Fargher

Year 11: Elisa Dunne, Chelsea Restall

The 2011-12 Eco council worked hard surveying the extent of energy waste by hothouse classrooms, lights left on and electrical equipment left on standby. They also met with Bury Local Authority Sustainability Officer and the managers of our Site, the canteen and Business in school to look at more eco friendly practices. After looking at all this research the new Eco Council have made a great start to their initiatives with an Eco assembly to Years 7, 8 and 9 where they spelled out the 2 key messages about using the new recycling bins / bags provided and switching off lights and equipment when not in use. Their aim is to reduce the energy and waste removal bills by 10% to use the money to invest in new technology like a class set of ipads to make learning even more enjoyable.

Our big focus on increasing paper, bottles, cans and food waste recycling has even attracted the attention of the council who have designated St Gabriel's the high school they will use to profile best practice across the borough. So watch this space for more news of our eco journey.

## Calling all Parents and Carers

Could you afford £1 a month to support the school in raising money for our new school minibus? The 250 club needs you to sign up for the £12 per year payment or direct debit to fund the next minibus replacement which is used by large numbers of pupils for sporting, music and a wide range of enrichment opportunities. The PTA 250 club involves monthly draws at the PTA meetings where you can win up to £50 and all the proceeds go to benefit your child! There is a double draw at Christmas so hurry to join up by filling in your application form from the PTA website [www.stgabrielspta.com](http://www.stgabrielspta.com) or using the PTA link from [www.st-gabriels.org.uk](http://www.st-gabriels.org.uk). We need 300 parents to get involved in the 250 club which currently has around 200 members.

Please help us, to help the children, to have safe and reliable travel available to them. The next PTA meeting is on 7th January at 7pm and new members and ideas are particularly welcome; for any information about joining the PTA please contact [karenbenson@email.com](mailto:karenbenson@email.com)

**Karen Benson - PTA Chairperson**

# The YEAR OF FAITH

As a school we have been exploring how the YEAR OF FAITH can help us develop our relationship with God. Mr Clark, the Chaplain from Holy Cross, has delivered some stimulating and thought provoking talks and assemblies for Year 11, 10 and 9 on the YEAR OF FAITH and how we can do small things to strengthen our faith in God. Mr Clark used an analogy of a closed door without a handle on the inside to explain that Christ invites us into communion with him but we have to open the door of faith from our side. The school has also created attractive displays on the main teachings of the YOUCAT (the Youth Catechism launched in this YEAR OF FAITH) and ordered some copies for the Resource Centre for pupils to borrow.

## Reflection on faith (read at a Year 9 Form Mass)

### Why is Faith so important?

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you. This, of course, is not so. The fact that you can swim doesn't give you control over the sea. It doesn't prevent you from getting knocked about. In the same way faith does not shield us from the hard knocks of life or death.

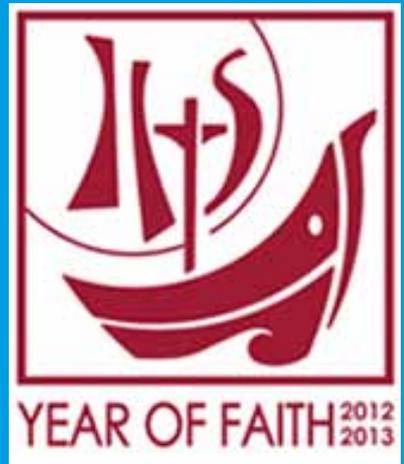
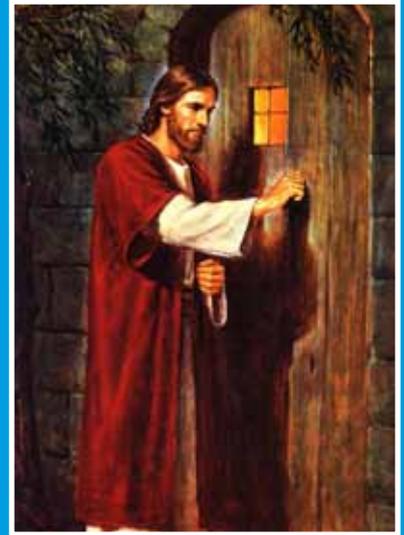
### What does faith do?

It enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving into despair. It gives us bearings.

Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them; so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves, a power greater than us all. This power is the care of our heavenly Father, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

In this YEAR OF FAITH help us Lord to strengthen our relationship with you.

*Mrs Middleton - Head of RE*



## Year 9 Mass

Over the past month, Year 9 have been involved in preparing for and participating in a celebration of Mass. Each form have worked together with another Year 9 form to take responsibility for, and participate in their form Mass. Each class have reflected on the readings of the day and used this to write their own bidding prayers and reflections which they have read during the Mass. Every pupil has contributed something of their self to the celebration through preparing a display to be placed on the front of the altar which has featured prayers of thanks or their own personal qualities that they would like to offer to God during the Mass. Thanks to the hard work and positive attitude of the pupils, each Mass has been a true celebration of faith and a great reflection of the worshipping community at St Gabriel's.



## Remembrance at the heart of school

As the 1st November is All Saints Day and the 2nd of November is All Souls Day, all pupils were invited to remember and pray for the Saints, Martyrs and for their loved ones who are no longer with them. Pupils were encouraged to think of happy times that they spent with lost loved ones and Key Stage three pupils created a memory display for the theme of Remembrance. Pupils wrote down the name of someone that they would like to remember on their heart and these hearts were used to create a poignant display for the whole school to reflect on during the month of November.

## Join the MAD group; Making A Difference!

MAD Group meets each Wednesday lunchtime from 12.25-12.50 in Room 8. We currently have 32 pupils who come along every week and get involved in a variety of activities in order to try and make a difference. So far this year, MAD group have helped at the coffee morning, encouraged people to bring in their sponsored walk money, assisted with the November Remembrance display and much more. Soon the MAD Group will be busy with organising the Christmas hampers which go out to needy families in Bury. You can see how they get on with this after Christmas.

*New members are always welcome. Why not come along and see what goes on and bring a friend.*

# Fun at the fundraiser!

This is the story of how our original idea of baking a few cakes and selling them, turned into an afternoon tea at for over 100 people to raise funds for Bury Hospice (a charity close to our hearts).

After lots of thought and discussion we decided to have name the teddy, beauty tombola, guess the number of sweets, stalls selling cards and cakes and a fantastic raffle generously donated by local residents and businesses.

Our role was to serve refreshments to the guests and ensure that everything was running smoothly with the help of our friends: Ella Hilton ( Woodhey High School ), Jasmine Jones, Lauren Rawlinson and Olivia Kay (St Gabriel's High School) and lots of other helpers.

The guests enjoyed a selection of sandwiches and fancy cakes as well as an endless supply of drinks. The event was a great success, especially with the added bonus of live music provided by Out of the Blue (a local swing duo).

We managed to raise, to our great surprise and astonishment, £740 and this doesn't include all the envelope donations which were collected on the day. It is a wonderful feeling to think that our initial plan was to raise £100 and to our complete amazement we far exceeded this. We feel so proud of ourselves and we have received lots of requests for this to become an annual event so watch this space!

**Abbie Ward and Marianna Kambalis**  
**Year 7**



## Democracy in action: School & Eco Council Election

The St. Gabriel's School & Eco Council elections took place this month and the process was expertly overseen by the Peer Mentors. Jack Kilroy, Chris Monkhouse, Matthew Dodd, James Ogden and Thomas Spencer along with Lucy Gander-Jones, Catherine Robinson, Megan Robinson and Isabelle Kelly. They successfully managed an efficient ballot station so that Years 7, 8 and 9 could vote for their desired representatives. Thank you to all of the mentors for helping on the day and, of course, a huge thank you and well done to all of the pupils who voted.

The School Council candidates produced impressive manifestos concerning how they will best serve the school and represent the 'pupil voice' on behalf of their peers. They have already set out an interesting preliminary agenda to address a number of issues you have raised, including school buses to Ramsbottom, better boy's toilets facilities and newer playground equipment. So, if you have any issues you want help with, make sure you find your Form Representative and let them know.

**The School Council Successful Candidates**  
**Scott Karengensha (7L) & Olivia Kay (7L)**  
**Hugo Knowles (8A) & Olivia Greenwood (8S)**  
**Tadi Mhizha (9S) & Louisa Munch (9W)**  
**Kurtis Harvey (10L) & Malika Street (10A)**  
**Jamie Corrigan (11W) & Lucy Gander Jones (11R)**



## Building for Improvement

St Gabriel's is continually seeking to improve the learning environment for its pupils through a planned programme of refurbishment, and this year is no exception. With the help of the Diocese and Local Authority, funds were allocated to the school to bring about many improvements to the school buildings.

Our biggest project was to replace all the external windows and doors to the ROSLA Block with tinted safety glass. This will ensure that the temperatures inside the classrooms are comfortable for learning to take place.

We also replaced the Sports Hall floor and remarked all the lines for a variety of indoor sports. The lighting to the Sports Hall was also replaced along with the basketball nets. We also redecorated the corridors leading to the Sports Hall and changing rooms. The dazzling facilities should now lead to dazzling sporting achievements!

Various classrooms and corridors were also refurbished, including all the Language rooms in the John Banks Building, the main RE Liturgy room and music practice rooms. All in all nearly £200,000 was spent in improving the décor and facilities of the school to make the best learning environment for our pupils.

# YEAR 6 show their talent at St Gabriel's Maths Day

One Wednesday in October, St Gabriel's School Hall was taken over by Mathematicians, 40 Gifted and Talented mathematicians from our feeder primaries and 14 of our year 9 pupils. Year 9 welcomed Year 6 as they arrived in school and took them to meet their team leaders for the day. After being given their instructions and safety procedures the 10 teams were ready to face their first challenge.



**Challenge 1:** Find the question. Work out the answer from the picture clues. Pass the answer to the other team members to obtain the next question. Work as quickly as possible to keep ahead of the other teams.

**Challenge 2:** Team members to be called upon at any time to retrieve one of the 32 tasks that had to be completed. Excellent team work was needed here as well as good mental arithmetic skills.

**Challenge 3:** Mind Skills. A chance for Logic problems and puzzles. A quiet time after recuperation (lunch) but minds need to be buzzing to survive this challenge.

**Challenge 4:** The final race. A relay of questions that needed all the skills developed from the earlier challenges. Quick thinking, logic, mental arithmetic, Maths knowledge and most importantly team work. This really was a race against time.

All challenges completed and time to see which team could be announced as the greatest Mathematicians of the day. The tension was building and it soon became clear that the two top teams had exactly the same score. There could only be one winning team. A final challenge was needed- quickly! First team to answer another question correctly would take the title. Eventually we could announce the winners. All the Year 6 pupils were presented with their certificates by our head teacher, Mr Smith, who also gave out prizes to the Bronze, Silver and Gold winning teams.

Our Year 9 pupils did a brilliant job. They warmly welcomed our 40 visitors (and their staff). Each team was made up with pupils from four different primary schools and team leaders ensured they were happy to work as a team and looked after throughout the day. The Year 6 pupils all enjoyed the day and thought the Year 9 team were wonderful, friendly and helpful. The staff from the visiting schools also complemented the St Gabriel's team for a very enjoyable day and complemented our pupils on their maturity in working with the year 6 pupils and the enjoyment of Maths they portrayed throughout the day. Thank you to the 14 Year 9 pupils for being excellent ambassadors for both St Gabriel's and Mathematics.

# STEM club goes off with a bang!

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club has got off to a bang this year! Around 25 pupils from year 7 and 8 have enjoyed making rockets, watching chemical reactions, designing packaging to post a pringle and discovering more about DNA.

Harry Jones, 7P "STEM club is great fun and very educational. I learnt a lot of things I didn't know before. My favourite week at STEM club was when we did chemical reactions"

Beatrice Palmer, 8C "I think the best thing about STEM club so far this year is when we made sparklers. I really enjoy coming to STEM club"

STEM runs every Monday after school, if anyone is interested in joining come and see Miss Atherton; there are many more activities still to come!



# Year 11 'Legal Eagles' battle for justice in the courts of law.

On Saturday 17th November, fourteen members of Year 11 took part in the 2012 Bar Mock Trial competition organised by the Citizenship Foundation. The purpose of this event is to give pupils a valuable insight into how the legal system operates and to reiterate the importance of life skills such as organisation, planning, preparation and teamwork.

Over 2000 pupils from Years 10-13 took part in the Bar Mock Trial nationally and we were thrilled with our team's performance on the day. In order to prepare for the trial, our pupils had to commit a huge amount of their spare time to researching and learning their role. It was essential that all members of the team had a clear understanding of the law in relation to the two cases prepared for the competition, as well as practising their own part.

We were encouraged and motivated by the commitment shown by all of our Legal Eagles; even when pupils were required to switch roles and learn whole new aspects of the cases, all participants were willing to give 100%. We could not have competed without the invaluable help, advice and support of our fantastic Barrister Mentor, Nigel Booth and enjoyed witnessing the learning process experienced by the pupils during his visits.

A special mention should go to our four barristers who performed wonderfully on the day: Jamie Corrigan, Weronika Wierbik, Jonathan Peach and Fintan Molloy remained calm and focused in the face of adversity with Fintan even managing to include a rousing speech on the decline of mankind, name-checking Usain Bolt in the process!

A massive thank you to all involved, we are incredibly proud of you.  
Court Clerk: Michael Edwards, Ushers: Adrienne Jones and Alex Richards, Witnesses: Rhys McHugh, Eve Housley and Christina Hodkinson, Jury: Beth Millington, Jessica Mitchell and Daniel Sensale, Defendant: Jack Kilroy



## Festive Family Film Night

Coming soon...

A select group of Year 11 pupils have helped to organise the first ever Festive Family Film Night which will take place on Thursday 6th December. We are beyond excited about this seasonal treat and can't wait to meet all of the families who are planning on sharing our Christmas spirit.

A huge thank you must go to those pupils who have given up their own time to plan and organise all aspects of the evening; we couldn't have done it without you!



# Film fans left hungry for more.

With a bigger than ever sign up from pupils, and a trip to remember, it has been a fantastic start to the year for Film Club!

As part of the National Schools Film Week organised by Film Education, current members of Film Club were given a fantastic opportunity to attend a special viewing of the popular film adaptation of 'The Hunger Games'.

The screening took place at Vue cinema in Bury. It was here that our Year 8 and 9 film fanatics were joined by several Film Club monitors to watch the blockbuster hit.

It was a wonderful morning filled with one great film, plenty of popcorn and lots of happy pupils.

A huge thank you to all members of Film Club for making this event so enjoyable and remember ...May the odds be ever in your favour!



## Friends, Romans, Countrymen and Year 9....

In October, ten of our Gifted Year 9 English students enjoyed a visit to The Lowry Theatre to participate in a workshop based on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The students confidently contributed their ideas during the workshop and were not fazed despite the rest of the participants being A Level students! They later enjoyed an energetic and interesting adaptation of the Shakespeare play directed by Gregory Doran and set in modern day Africa.

## Mother Tongue Other Tongue Competition



At the end of last term the Languages Department was able to celebrate a fantastic achievement from one of our talented linguists. Weronika Sobol, currently in Year 11, came second in a poetry writing competition linked to Manchester Metropolitan University aimed at celebrating the many languages spoken in schools across the North West of England.

Pupils for whom English is not their first language were encouraged to write or share an original or remembered poem or song, while those learning another language were encouraged to be creative in their new language. There were over 600 entries and what makes Weronika's achievement even more special, is that as a Polish speaker, her easier option would have been to present a poem in Polish but instead she won with an entry in Spanish! This is her 4th language. We are very proud of her and wish her well in her GCSEs in Spanish and French next year.

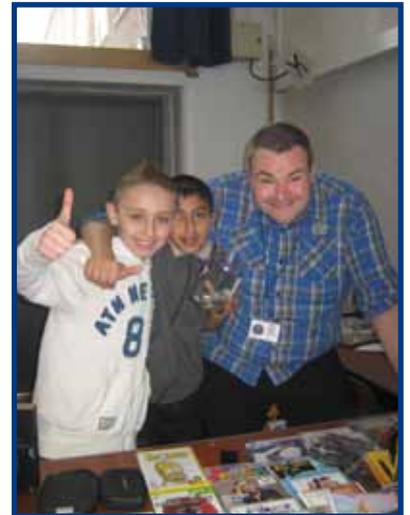
# ICT and Business in Action

On Friday 14th September, Year 10 pupils studying ICT and Business Studies saw their learning in action at Alton Towers. The aim of the visit was to find out how the theme park uses ICT to operate the rides and security and also how they market the business using the 4P's – Price, Product, Promotion and Place. After a one hour presentation, pupils were then given time to enjoy the fun of the theme park!



## Year 10 take up the CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 14th November, four Year 10 pupils attended St. Monica's Sixth Form to take part in the Bury Enterprise Challenge. As a team they had to compete with other local secondary schools to raise the most amount of profit from buying and selling assets. The boys soon realised that it is important not to jump in straight away but to build up their assets before investing. A great learning experience!



## .....a flavour of Coffee Morning 2012



# *Year 11 make the cut in creative art enrichment days*

Year 11 had a fantastic day in Manchester where they spent the morning at Manchester Art Gallery and the afternoon at The Manchester Museum.

At Manchester Art Gallery pupils visited the 'First Cut', a contemporary exhibition of thirty-one international artists who transform, sculpt and manipulate paper into fantastical works of art. Pupils were inspired by the creative processes and fascinated by the level of detail in the work. "The exhibition was inspirational and has given me ideas for my exhibition piece. I would also like to investigate it further at college" Ania Milejski.

At the Manchester Museum pupils explored the wide range of exhibits giving them the opportunity to gain essential primary research/resources through photography and observational studies. Pupils also worked with professional artists during an experimental drawing workshop which focussed on the structure of animals from the exhibits.

Back in school pupils developed a 3D paper construction inspired by animal patterns and the traditional Japanese scroll designs. The pupils produced very individual ideas from fish and birds in a range of colours.

Many thanks to the PTA for their continuing support of this annual event. Well done to our talented Year 11 art pupils who have added valuable work to their art portfolios. Look out for some of this outstanding work in our annual Art Exhibition Evening on Tuesday 25th June 2013.

*Mrs Kay and Miss Burns*



*Jacob White*



*Harry Platt*

# Performing Arts Spotlight

## Music

### *Instrumental/vocal tuition boom!*

This term has seen a significant increase in uptake of pupils starting instrumental and/all vocal tuition. Vocal tuition has proven extremely popular with two new part-time teachers being appointed. Similarly, another part-time keyboard teacher has been appointed and there has been an increase in teaching hours for the guitar teacher. This is fantastic!

### *New extra-curricular groups*

Three new groups have now been set up:

- Boys Vocal Group
- Woodwind Ensemble
- Brass Group

### *Informal Recital- Tuesday 13th November*

This was an opportunity for some of the young musicians of the school to showcase their hard work and talent. A range of vocal and instrumental solo items were performed beautifully by pupils in years 7-11. Congratulations to all who took part!

### *Other musical events at Christmas*

- 11th December- Chamber choir at Walshaw Hall home for the elderly
- 3th December- Chamber choir singing at a Carol Service at Salford Cathedral with Cheetham's School of Music Choir for ADS (Addiction Dependency Solutions)
- 18th December- St Gabriel's annual Carol Concert at St Joseph's RC Church, Ramsbottom at 7.00pm. All are welcome.
- 19th December- Chamber choir singing at Grundy Day Care centre.

A very musical Christmas!



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Welcome to St Gabriel's Roman Catholic High School

Many of you will be visiting our school community for the first time and I hope that our website will provide you with all the information you need. We are situated on the north side of Bury, Lancashire and serve the Roman Catholic parishes based to Tollerington, Ramsbottom and Bury.

YEAR OF FAITH: We were designated as an outstanding school by Ofsted and the Diocese of Salford in Autumn 2011 and our young people, parents and staff are justifiably proud of what we achieve every day. St Gabriel's is a thriving community whose learning is centred on everything we do, with Christ at the centre. We have wonderful teachers and adults to support our young people as they grow in knowledge and in their faith. Faith of our school may not look 21st century, but what happens within the classroom and learning spaces in. We aim to learn, love and believe in ourselves, our faith and in each other.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about St Gabriel's.  
Simon A Smith (Headteacher)

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## Drama

### *GCSE Drama trip to The Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent*

52 GCSE Drama students travelled to Stoke-on-Trent on Friday the 2nd of November to see the production of 'Bouncers' by John Godber. 'Bouncers' is set in a nightclub where the four male actors play the bouncers, the girls and the lads on a night out. They do this without changing their costume or leaving the stage.

The year 11s are currently working towards their own production of Bouncers; seeing professional actors performing the roles that they themselves will be playing was inspirational. The students will also write about this production in their final written exam.



# *St Gabriel's power through the mud to become champions*

## *News from Bury Schools Cross Country Championships.*

The Bury School's Cross Country Championships took place on Tuesday 13th November at Heaton Park. The course was a tough one due to the very muddy conditions. Despite this, all of our teams performed admirably and were a credit to the school.

Special mention should go to the Year 7 boys' team who won to become Bury champions. The team with finishing positions is listed below;

*Kelvin Cockcroft .....1st*  
*Curtis Johnstone .....4th*  
*Joseph Klusiatis .....6th*  
*Adam Mannion .....15th*  
*Joe Whelan .....20th*  
*Kieran Routh .....41st*  
*Cameron Prow .....50th*



*Year 7 Boys Team*



*Selina & Kelvin Cockcroft*

A brilliant run by Kelvin Cockcroft was almost matched by his sister Selina who finished in 2nd place in the Year 7 girls race. Well done Selina.

Well done to the senior boys' team who finished in 3rd place overall. Josh Cosgrove in 3rd and Sam Whitehead 12th place were the star performers. Orla Brady was our best performer for the senior girls finishing 13th, and Sophie Whittaker finished in 11th place in the Year 8/9 girls race.



*Year 10 & 11 Boys Team*



*Year 8 & 9 Boys Team*



*Sam Whitehead & Josh Cosgrove*



*Year 8 & 9 Girls Team*



*Senior Girls Team*



*Year 7 Girls Team*

# Year 8 Football

## Who needs Messi or Ronaldo when you've got Hamer & Cunliffe?!

The Year 8 football team have got off to a great start this season with superb performances in the league and the cup alike. In particular, they are heading through to the 5th round of the National Cup where they will be among the last 64 teams in the country still in the competition.

On Monday 19th November the St. Gabriel's Year 8 team took on Halewood from Knowsley, who boasted a few Liverpool academy players, and even some from Accrington Stanley! Despite the wet and windy weather, and an opening goal against the run of play from the away side, the team remained resolute and helped themselves to an equaliser just before Half Time. The second half, with the wind at their backs, the Year 8 team took control of the game led by spectacular performances by Brandon Cunliffe (8C) & Thomas Hamer (8S) who helped the home side to a thrilling 6-1 win. The defence did their part as well with Zack Chidgey (8C) standing out thanks to his blistering pace and timely defensive challenges.

The opposition manager, very impressed with what he'd seen, spoke to the lads after the game to praise their quality and also their temperament in the face of some shocking behaviour from the away side. In spite of the swearing, heckling, fouls and mocking from the away players, the St. Gabriel's lads remained focused and did their talking with the ball. A great game and a great performance! Well done lads.

*Indeed, who needs Messi or Ronaldo when you've got the Year 8 football team and who needs Mourinho!*



## Netball News

The season is still on going but here are a few achievements so far.....

### Year 11

Bury Rally – Winners

Catholic Schools Netball Tournament – 3rd Place

Manchester and District Netball Tournament – 3rd Place

U16 National Schools Netball Tournament – 4th place in an extremely competitive and high performing group!

St. Gabriel's v Crompton House: 27 – 25 (Leona O'Neill – Player of the match)

### Year 10

Catholic Schools Netball Tournament – 3rd Place

Manchester and District Netball Tournament – 6th Place

### Year 9

Manchester and District Tournament – 6th Place

St. Gabriel's v Phillips – 10-5

St. Gabriel's v Tottington – 12-6

### Year 8

Manchester and District Tournament – 3rd Place

U14 National Schools Tournament – 3rd in group

St. Gabriel's v Cardinal Langley: 29-27

St. Gabriel's v Crompton House: 15-18 (Ruby Thompstone – Player of the match)

### Year 7

The Year 7 team have started the season very well, training hard and winning their first few matches. Keep up the good work girls and we look forward to a successful season!

## Netball and Cakes; the perfect combination to fund new kit!

On Saturday 17th November Loreto Grammar School and Stockport Grammar School came to compete against St. Gabriel's School Netball Teams. The Year 7- 11 Netball squads used this as an opportunity not only to play and enjoy netball but also to fundraise for the update of their netball kit. The Year 11 Netball Team planned to raise money through a bake sale, all players (year 7 to 11) were encouraged to bake and bring along their cakes on Saturday morning to sell to our parents and spectators as well as Stockport and Loreto's Netball Teams. The support by everyone involved was overwhelming! As a result, the netball players raised over £200 and some cakes even went to support a local homeless charity. A massive thank you to everyone that donated cakes, helped on the stall and came to spectate; your support was greatly appreciated.

Well Done Girls – This was a fantastic achievement and a total team effort from all those involved – both on and off the netball court!