

St Gregory's Catholic Science College Newsletter



Summer 2025

From the Headteacher

As we come to the end of another vibrant and successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude and pride on all that our community has achieved.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils approached their public examinations with maturity, professionalism and determination. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves during this crucial period and look forward to celebrating their results with them in August.

This term has been filled with memorable experiences. Pupils enjoyed residential trips to Paris and the Lake District, while every year group also took part in retreats that deepened their faith and sense of community. All Key Stage 3 pupils had the chance to go on a school trip to museums, theme parks or activities such as paintballing or go-karting. Our Year 6 transition day was a joyful occasion, and we are excited to welcome a full Year 7 cohort in September; the school remains oversubscribed with a long waiting list, a testament to the excellent behaviour and attitudes of our pupils and the dedication and commitment of our staff.

There have been many other highlights: the Year 11 prom was a fantastic celebration, Benedict House triumphed on Sports Day and, for the first time, our pupils competed in the ABCs Gaelic Football tournament with our Year 9 and 10 girls proudly winning the Plate! A group of pupils also had the special opportunity to attend the Festival of Hope at Westminster Cathedral, where they met His Eminence the Cardinal, a moment they will never forget.

We've enjoyed an impressive Summer Concert, and our International Evening this week has showcased the extraordinary talent and diversity within our school. Ceili, our beloved therapy dog, has brought smiles and calm to pupils and staff alike. She is a much loved member of our community.



School Orchestra



As the year closes, we say farewell to several valued colleagues: Mr Alexander, Mr Lamey, Mr Bachelani, Miss Nowakowska, Miss McGee, Mrs D'Sa, Mrs Croffey and Ms Kailou. We thank them for their service and wish them every blessing for the future and we also wish Ms Henry the best of luck as she begins her maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome Miss Prindiville, Ms Joseph, Miss Ali, Mr Reeves, Ms Pitkin, Mr Beards, Mr Wanas, Ms Emery, Miss Grindrod and Mr O'Reilly to our staff team in September.

Finally, you may be aware that one of our students has been in hospital for the past three weeks. We continue to hold him, his family and all the medical staff caring for him in our prayers.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Madeleine Moran

Headteacher's Awards

<p>Top Sparx Maths Aabharan Ahilan, 7H Princeo Colimao, 7L Eleanor Dsilva, 9L Matthias Enyew, 10H Riva Fernandes, 9A Velenie Rodrigues, 9B Josh Rubio, 8B Obinaash Sahayathevarajan, 8B</p>	<p>Published Author, Spoken Word Nadia Bebeniec, 9L George Coelho, 8L Senon Crasta, 9H Olesia Fernandes, 8J Pascoal Fernandes, 9J Livia Gazsi, 9M Sami Hacamo, 9L Enzo Hareb, 7J Paddy Healy, 8M Loukas Jarjoura, 7H Luke Kelly, 9A Franciszek Kieltyka, 8M Justina Krehovetskaja, 7M Beverly Luis, 9J Michael Owusu-Ansah, 8J Darius Petrisor, 7A Fabiola Praela, 9B Dania Rodrigues, 9J Peter Tieku-Apawu, 8B Florence Whitcombe, 9J</p>	<p>Citizenship and Academic Achievement Gabriela Bonadeo, 10H Ivy Coombes, 7H</p> <p>Citizenship and Academic Achievement Archie Venting, 7A</p> <p>Contribution to our School Community Joel Agyemang, 10J</p> <p>Contribution to Performing Arts Dept Agustin Sasikumar, 9J</p> <p>Resilience and Effort Tyler Dobson-Brennan, 10L</p> <p>Winner of the Poster Competition Miroslav D'Costa, 7J</p>	<p>Citizenship Nyema Davidson-Marire, 10L Emily Klosiewicz, 10B Justina Krehovetskaja, 7M Noa Molina Lugo, 7M Eli Ryan, 7H</p> <p>Top Satchel Points Cayden Dias, 9H Queenie Healy, 9M Calaeb Ryan, 9H</p> <p>Catholic Life of the School Cedric Edwin, 7L Libin G Mathew, 7A Kenechukwu Okoye, 7H</p> <p>Head of Year Award Marco Garcia, 9A Amelia Kwiatkowska, 9J Tevin Mascarenhas, 9M Roger Whitaker, 10M</p>
<p>Outstanding Effort in Class Blanka Adaszek, 8H George Coelho, 8L Lance De Souza, 8H Seneca Fernandes, 10A Sophie Makeviciute, 8H Sophia Narciso, 8A Patryk Ryszka, 8H</p>			
<p>Raised £1800 by doing a 100km walk for Ovarian Cancer Ellie Murphy, 8H</p>			

Gaelic ABC Competition—A Day of Spirit and Success!

Earlier this month, a group of our boys and girls proudly represented the school at the Gaelic ABC Competition held at the Hazelwood Centre – home of London Irish — for the first time. Our boys' team showed incredible determination and teamwork throughout the day. Despite facing tough competition from older teams, they played four spirited games with heart, energy and an unwavering positive attitude. Their resilience and sportsmanship were admirable and we are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch.

Meanwhile, our girls' team had a fantastic run in their group matches, playing five games in total. Their hard work, skill, and teamwork saw them progress all the way to the Plate Final, which they won! It was a brilliant achievement and a proud moment for everyone involved. A big thank you to all the students who took part; you represented our school with pride, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. We'd also like to thank the coaches, Ms Murphy and Mr O'Reilly as well as Mrs Riordan who supported the teams on the day. We look forward to returning to the competition again next year and building on this fantastic experience!

Mrs Cooney, Head of Sociology



Top School For Travel

St Gregory's Travel Ambassadors have won a TfL Top Schools Award for the "Best Campaign" in London. The TfL Travel for Life judges were impressed by pupils' tireless campaigning to improve road safety near the school. Thanks to the pupils' persistence, new road markings have been installed at a busy road crossing and a new scheme to install pelican crossings has been drawn up by Brent Council. This scheme is currently under consultation. St Gregory's Travel Ambassador representatives were presented with their award at the Travel for Life awards ceremony, held at the Kia Oval cricket stadium in May.



In June, the Year 8 Travel Ambassadors visited the London Transport Museum for a Schools' Eco Seminar, at which they presented their work to other schools as well as to experts from Hitachi Rail and TfL. Pupils were also given the opportunity to attend a mini careers fair before touring the museum. Altogether, this was an exciting, interesting and informative educational visit.

Mrs Hovey, Head of Eco Schools Sustainability

Sports Day - A Day to Remember!

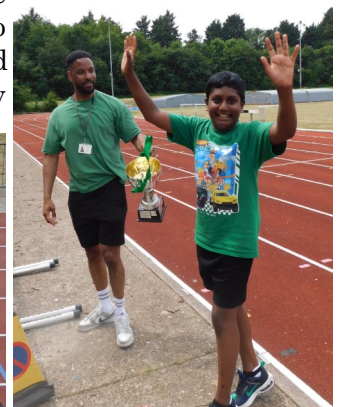
Our annual Sports Day took place on Friday, 20th June at Woodside Stadium. What an incredible event it was! Students from Years 7 to 10 showcased their talent, teamwork, and determination as they competed passionately for their House teams, all striving to be crowned Sports Day Champions.

Despite the heat, our students rose to the occasion with energy, enthusiasm, and true sportsmanship. From sprints to relays, long jump to tug-of-war, every event was met with loud cheers and unwavering House spirit.

The day concluded with a proud moment as Mr Dannie, Head of Benedict House, was joined by Aiden Navaratnam to lift the winning trophy. A massive congratulations to Benedict House on a well-deserved victory.

A huge well done to all students who took part and a heartfelt thank you to the staff and supporters who made the day such a success. Here's to another fantastic year of sport!

Mr Aristides, Associate Assistant Headteacher



All Saints' Trust Indoor Primary Athletics Competition



On Friday 6th June the P.E. department, supported by 16 enthusiastic Sports Leaders from Years 9 and 10, hosted the annual AST Indoor Athletics Event at Harrow Leisure Centre. We were delighted to welcome Year 5 students from St Mary's, St Robert Southwell, St Joseph's Catholic Junior School and St Bernadette's to take part in a fun-filled day of athletic competition.

The event featured a variety of track and field events, all expertly organised and led by our Sports Leaders, who demonstrated outstanding leadership, encouragement, and teamwork throughout the day. The primary pupil competed with great energy and sportsmanship, making the event both competitive and

enjoyable.

A huge congratulations to St Joseph's, (who emerged as the overall winners of the event.

Mr Aristides, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Newlands – Lake District Residential Adventure

Forty-five adventurous Year 7 students recently returned from an unforgettable six-day residential trip to Newlands Activity Centre in the Lake District. We departed bright and early at 6:30am on Saturday 28th June, looking forward to a full schedule of exciting activities including canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, and the ever-popular Ghyll scrambling! Staff joined in the fun (although Miss Curley took on the vital role of chief photographer!). Throughout the week, students built confidence, developed teamwork, and formed lasting friendships—all while soaking in the breathtaking views of countless sheep of the Lake District.

Everyone returned home with big smiles, full hearts, and a well-earned need for rest!



Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher



Bonjour, Paris!

This year we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to take over eighty Year 10 students to Paris on two separate trips.

On the first day of each trip, pupils had the opportunity to visit famous landmarks such as the Louvre, the Jardin des Tuileries and the Champs Elysées, as well as enjoying a river cruise on the Seine to enjoy the best views of the fantastic Parisian landmarks and architecture.

After a delicious meal in the Monte Carlo restaurant, pupils then headed for one of the best views in Paris, taking the lift up to the observation deck of Montparnasse Tower, ascending over 200m in less than one minute! Here, they enjoyed group photos and sunset views over the City of Light.

On the second day, pupils headed to “where dreams come true...” - Disneyland Paris, of course!



They enjoyed several rides, good food and seeing some of their favourite childhood characters.

Finally, before returning, pupils had time to reflect on the Jubilee Year's theme of ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ by visiting the Sacré Coeur Basilica in Montmartre. It was fantastic to see pupils take the time to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Basilica as well as moments of personal reflection.

We are immensely proud of how the pupils represented St Gregory's and we know that the memories they made will last a lifetime.

Miss Janes, Second in Modern Foreign Languages



Girls Sporting Success

Netball Girls' Take 3rd at Regional Tournament!

Our netball team impressed at the Regional Tournament, winning their group and finishing 3rd overall. A special shout out to Magda Maurovich Horvat for her sharp shooting and to defenders Chizara Ezeoke and Maria Schirod for their strong defensive play.

KS3 Girls' Football Team Finish 2nd in the region!

Our KS3 football team continued the success, earning 2nd place at the regional finals. Striker Nela Kubinska stood out with her speed, skill and fantastic scoring achievements.

Ms Muha, Teacher of P.E.

Poetry Slam

Sixty students from Years 7 to 9 took part in the Eastside Spoken Word Power programme. Over five workshops, a professional poet helped students develop their writing and performance skills, focusing on spoken word and slam poetry. Afterwards, they competed in an internal slam poetry contest. Top solo or group



acts from each year were selected to represent St Gregory's at a showcase at the prestigious Criterion Theatre in London's West End, alongside other schools.

The event was a great success, with our students showing confidence, creativity, and passion.

All finalists have now been published in the Spoken Word Power Anthology.

Congratulations to all who took part.

Ms De Ponte, Teacher of English



Farewell and Blessings – Year 11 & 13 Leavers' Mass



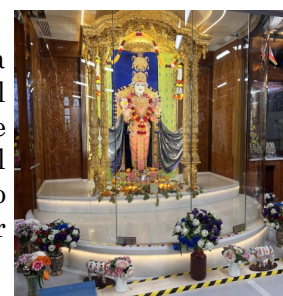
This term marked an emotional milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 students following the completion of their GCSEs and A Levels. Both year groups have worked with dedication and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. To celebrate Fr Brendan led beautiful Leavers' Masses, offering time for reflection, gratitude, and prayer. We wish our Year 13s every success in the next stage of their lives and look forward to welcoming our Year 11s back to Sixth Form in September.

Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher

Hindu Temple Visit

On the 3rd and 4th of June, Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit a local Hindu temple. During their trip, they were able to explore the beautiful temple hall and learn from members of the community about the significance of the space and their faith. This experience gave students a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hinduism and to ask questions. The trip will support their learning as they continue their studies of Hinduism this half term.

Miss Prindiville, Second in R.E.



History Trip to Whitechapel & Museum of London

On the 4th of July we went to Whitechapel to learn about Jack the Ripper and the local area for our GCSE history course. It was really interesting as we discussed details about housing, work and what life was like back in the 1800s. We learnt about workhouses, common lodge houses, casual work, the docks and we also learnt specific details about the victims of Jack the Ripper. We went to a garden to have lunch before heading to the docks to learn about the trades in Canary Wharf and how workers exchanged goods.



Giovanna Alves 10A

UCAS Day

On Friday 27th June, Year 12 students took part in a UCAS Day. In preparation, they had already attended two presentations on the UCAS process. The day included a personal statement workshop with guidance on what to include and how to use Unifrog and the UCAS Hub. Students also spoke with Year 13s and current undergraduates about their experiences. Oxbridge and medicine applicants received tailored advice from Oxbridge alumni, while others explored options in apprenticeships, teaching and law through alumni talks.

We wish all our students the best with their applications.

Ms Woodhouse, Gifted & Talented Coordinator

Pilgrims of Hope Liturgy



On Monday 24th June, Miss Curley and eight students represented our school at the Pilgrims of Hope event at Westminster Cathedral, joining Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Westminster. The day was led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and celebrated the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. A highlight of the day was the chance to meet the Cardinal in person—and even get a photo with him! The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 Prom

We were delighted to welcome our Year 11 cohort to a night of celebration at their Year 11 Prom on Monday 30th June, held at the Kadwa Patidar Centre. It was a fantastic evening and our students truly deserved this special occasion after a year of hard work and dedication.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms Murphy, Mrs Haines, Mrs Riordan, and the wonderful catering team at St Gregory's for making the night such a memorable success.

Mr Aristides, Associate Assistant Headteacher



Music Concert

The Summer concert took place on 10th July 2025, featuring performances from over 30 of our talented students across all year groups. The concert started with the school's orchestra and guitar ensemble, leading into solos and duets from many of our students on drums, piano, saxophone, voice, violin and guitar. The night concluded with a Year 10 band. Congratulations to all students who took part in the evening. Each performance was introduced by our wonderful Year 10 comperes, Twyla Mendes and Leila Byfield. There was an incredible amount of musical talent from our school community and we are very proud of each and every participant in the concert. All students will have the opportunity to participate in the orchestra, guitar ensemble and choir when we return to school in September and we cannot wait to see them perform again next summer. A special thanks goes to our peripatetic music teachers who helped on the night: Miss Gunawardhana, Miss McMurray and Mr Slatter

Mr Anderson, Associate Deputy Headteacher

Eco Visit To RHS Wisley

On 11th July pupils from the Gardening Club and the Eco Committee visited the RHS's flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. We took part in a workshop during which we made quadrats, which we used to zoom in on three different habitats and evaluate the biodiversity that we found in each habitat. This is a technique we will bring back to our school Eco Garden to help us find ways to attract even more insects and wildlife into the garden. We also made seed balls to bring back to school, before walking round the gardens. This trip was a fun way to connect with nature.



Maisie Ellis and Keely Doherty 9J

Science and Technology Day at Middlesex University

On June 2nd, 2025, a group of Year 8 students represented our school at a Science and Technology Day at Middlesex University.

It was a fun and educational experience. We were placed into mixed-school groups and took part in various activities, including using police software to create E-Fits of suspects, programming robots to perform tasks (LEGO Robotics), and learning how paramedics handle emergencies, including CPR (Medical Diagnostics).

I gained insight into different career paths and developed my problem-solving and teamwork skills. Patryk Ryszka and I were part of the overall winning team and will move on to a regional competition next year, representing North West London.



Felisha Dias 8J

Imperial College Trip



A group of Year 10 students visited Imperial College London. Upon our arrival at South Kensington we proceeded to the Royal Albert Hall, where graduation ceremonies take place.

Dr Hui showed us the laboratory where he studied and we heard a lecture by Dr Lally about bioengineering and the use of physics in medicine. We learnt about how MRI scans work by using the magnetic field of hydrogen nuclei.

The lecture ended with a Q & A and insight into career options. Overall I enjoyed the experience, as we learnt many new things in an area I find interesting.



Kaelynn Mendes 10L

Year Group Retreats – A Time to Reflect and Reconnect



As we approach the end of a busy term, each year group has taken part in a special retreat day—an essential part of spiritual life in a Catholic school. These retreat days provide students with an opportunity to pause, reflect, and grow both personally and spiritually. They include time for prayer, creative activities, discussion, and community building with one another. Each retreat concluded with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Brendan, helping to ground the day in faith and unity. It has been a meaningful way to end the year together.

Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher

Exploring the Future – ASK Apprenticeships

This term, students in Years 8 and 9 were visited by a representative from ASK Apprenticeship (The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge Programme), who delivered informative sessions on career pathways and the growing world of apprenticeships. Students learnt about the wide variety of industries offering apprenticeships—including engineering, healthcare, media, and construction—and how these roles can lead to qualifications up to degree level. Excitement grew when they discovered that companies like BMW offer incentives such as a free car! Real-life stories from apprentices at the BBC, NHS, and bricklaying trades helped bring the opportunities to life and sparked thoughtful questions from our future engineers and mechanics.



Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

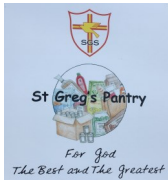
October 2nd - Open Evening

November 27th - Prize Night

October 13th - Year 7 Mass of Welcome

December 18th - Christmas Concert

St Greg's Pantry



We stock a variety of foods and toiletries. The Pantry is open during term time on Saturdays from 9:30am—11am. Any family is welcome to use this

facility occasionally or regularly.

To organise a visit, please email: ghovey@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

We are very grateful to everyone who donated pre-loved uniform to our **Upcycled Uniform Shop**. The *Eco Committee* coordinated the sale of uniform to parents at the Year 6 Transition Evening, raising over £1000 for St Greg's Pantry. Donations of uniform are accepted throughout the year and really benefit St Gregory's families.

Thank you for your generosity.

No Nuts Please

We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that our school has a “**No Nuts Policy**”.

Mrs Camangon, Medical Welfare Officer



Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know



Children face increasing risks online, including scams, harmful content and cyberbullying. Parental controls help, but regular conversations and understanding the apps your child uses are just as important. Stay alert to in-app purchases, AI features and social media trends. Visit the NCSC or Internet Matters websites for tips. If you have any concerns about e-safety, please contact Mr Sloan via the school office.

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