St Gregory's Catholic Science College Newsletter

Easter 2026



From the Headteacher

As we reach the end of what has been an exceptionally successful half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate all that has been achieved across our school community.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly our wonderful school production of Annie. The talent, dedication and enthusiasm displayed by our students both on stage and behind the scenes were truly inspiring. My thanks go to all of the members of staff who go above and beyond to provide these memorable experiences for our young people.

We were also delighted to launch our new school Instagram account, providing a fantastic platform to share and celebrate the many achievements and daily experiences of our pupils. I encourage all parents and carers to follow us and stay connected with school life.

This half term has also seen us receive an award from the SSAT for educational outcomes in recognition for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams. This accolade is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the positive attitudes of our students.

Sustainability Month has been a great success, with a plethora of activities taking place across all year groups. It has been encouraging to see such enthusiasm from students as they engage with important environmental issues and take steps to make a difference.

Our Year 9 students have approached the important process of making their Key Stage 4 curriculum choices with maturity and thoughtfulness. We look forward to supporting them as they embark on the next stage of their academic journey.

I am also pleased to report that behaviour across the school has continued to be exemplary this half term. Students have consistently demonstrated respect, responsibility and a commitment to their learning, which contributes greatly to our positive school environment.

As a Catholic school, this has been a particularly special time of preparation as we journey towards the celebration of the Easter Triduum. Students have had many opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth, including the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. All pupils have completed the Stations of the Cross, and all were invited to participate in our Lenten liturgy. These experiences are central to our shared faith and community.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Grindrod, Miss Anandanayagam and Mr Crosland. We thank them for their contributions to school life and wish them every success in their future endeavours. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Beling to our staff team.

We are particularly thankful for the work of Mr Prindiville as he moves on to his new role. Mr Prindiville served as Headteacher from 2008 until 2024, and in 2016 he was instrumental in establishing the All Saints' Trust. He became our full-time CEO in 2024. Thousands of children owe their positive outcomes to his hard work, vision and dedication. He will be greatly missed by all at St Gregory's, and we wish him every success in the future.

Finally, as we approach this important time in the liturgical calendar, I encourage all families, if possible, to attend Mass this weekend and continue the journey of faith together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Madeleine Moran

Catholic Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Students across the school were given the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a meaningful time for reflection, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal. This special occasion allowed pupils to pause during their busy routines, examine their actions, and seek God's mercy. It was a calm and prayerful experience that encouraged everyone to grow in faith and begin anew with a sense of peace and purpose.

Stations of the Cross in the Eco Garden

This year, students gathered in the Eco garden to take part in the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on the key events of Jesus' final moments. Surrounded by nature, the setting provided a peaceful and contemplative space to walk through each station thoughtfully. It was a powerful reminder of sacrifice, love, and hope, helping students connect more deeply with the meaning of Lent.

End of Year Group Masses during Lent

Throughout Lent, each year group came together to celebrate their own Mass, marking this important season in the Church's calendar. These liturgies offered time for prayer, reflection, and community, helping students prepare spiritually for Easter. Each Mass was a meaningful opportunity to pause, gather as a year group, and deepen understanding of Lenten values such as sacrifice, kindness, and renewal.

Mr Prindiville's Goodbye Mass at St Bernadette's

The school community came together for a heartfelt Goodbye Mass for Mr Prindiville at St Bernadette's, marking the end of his many years of dedicated service as Headteacher and CEO of All Saints Trust. It was a deeply moving celebration, filled with gratitude, reflection, and appreciation for his leadership and commitment. Staff, students, and the wider community joined in giving thanks for his lasting impact and wishing him well in the future.

Easter Liturgy – 31st March

On 31st March, the school gathered for a joyful Easter Liturgy, coming together to reflect on the journey through Lent and celebrate the hope of the Resurrection. The liturgy was a vibrant and uplifting occasion, filled with prayer, readings, and music. It provided a meaningful conclusion to the Lenten season and reminded everyone of the message of new life, hope, and renewal at Easter.

Year 9 Retreats

In the Chaplaincy this term we have had some amazing moments of blessing and encouragement. Year 9 had their retreat days. These days are always a blessing and a wonderful time for us to explore more deeply our faith and sense of calling.









Year 11 Retreat

Year 11 students took part in a powerful and moving retreat led by Barry and Margaret Mizen, who shared the story of their son, Jimmy. Through their testimony, they spoke deeply about forgiveness, peace, and love in the face of tragedy. Their message resonated strongly with students, highlighting the importance of living out Gospel values in daily life. Especially during the season of Lent. This retreat provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection, encouraging students to choose compassion, reconciliation and hope.

Ms Curley, Assistant Headteacher





Sustainability Month



Throughout March, St Gregory's Eco Committee coordinated Sustainability Month. This year's themes were the climate costs of plastic and food production. Thank you to all our families who took part in The Big Plastic Count. The data showed that 83% of packaging we throw away is related to food products and only 19% of plastic packaging thrown away is recycled in the UK. The rest is burned, dumped in landfill or shipped overseas. The data from your count will be used by environmental organisations in the UK to lobby the Government to take stronger action on plastic production and recycling.

Following investigation into the impacts on the climate of food production, the Year 9 Eco Committee also worked with the Year 11 Citizenship team and the Canteen to introduce a Meat Free Friday trial; reviewing the menu to introduce a wider variety of nutritious and interesting meat free meals one day a week.

Other activities which took place over March in support of Sustainability Month included a visit to RHS Wisley organised by the Science Department for 30 Year 7 pupils; planting up a community flower bed with Brent Parks Department and the Friends of Woodcock Park; organising a community litter pick in Woodcock Park; a visit from Dr Bike, who serviced 18 bicycles in one day. We also welcomed visitors from Veolia's Sustainability team to the Eco Garden Club, Our visitors donated strawberry plants to the St Gregorys Gardening Club.

Student Eco Committee



Year 12 Cambridge Visit

The year 12 visit to Jesus College, Cambridge was a really interesting and inspiring experience. During the day we explored the historic college, learnt about student life and heard about the different courses and opportunities available at the university. We also had the chance to ask questions about the application process and what it is like to study there. Overall the trip helped me to understand more about university life and made studying at a place like Cambridge feel more possible and motivating for the future.

Kaya Szczodruch and Julia Bachulska, 6WOC



Year 10 Cambridge Visit

Visiting Jesus College, Cambridge was an enjoyable and valuable experience. Touring the campus and speaking to students from different courses showed us the variety of options available. Observing a day in the life of a Cambridge student highlighted the flexible university lifestyle.

We also took part in an academic taster session with a mathematics professor and enjoyed lunch in the college cafeteria, giving us a real sense of university life. Overall, it was an inspiring opportunity to reflect on our future.

Jenica Clariandas, 10J



Stations of the Cross

All year groups from Years 7 to 11 took part in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. This provided a thoughtful and meaningful experience for all, offering time for reflection and prayer as students engaged with the significance of this important Lenten journey. The experience also encouraged a deeper sense of community and shared faith among students.

Miss Prindiville, Second in R.E.



Lenten Charity Walk

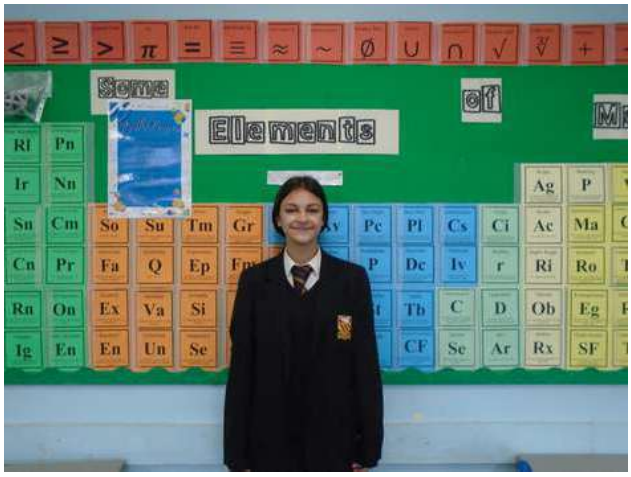
On Monday 30th March, our Lent fundraising efforts culminated in all students and staff taking part in a sponsored walk around Woodcock Park. Our Sixth Formers and senior staff guided and supported students by lining the walking route. The sun was shining and the atmosphere buoyant. Not only did our students raise over £700 for their House Charities, they all came walking back into school energised and smiling from the exercise and fresh air – ready to start the school day.

Mrs Hovey, Science College Project Manager

UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2026

The UKMT Intermediate Challenge is a national event which takes place annually. This year we have had a record-breaking number of Gold, Silver & Bronze Certificate winners in Years 9, 10 & 11. The Gold award is achieved by the top 8-9% of the entrants. The Silver award is achieved by 16-17% of the entrants. The Bronze award is achieved by 25% of the entrants. This success is a testament to the hard work our students do each and every lesson.

Ms Halai, Second in Maths





Year 9 Bronze
Daniel Cirsis
Briseis Elisha Dagpin
Phelim Lennon
Mateusz Marczuk
Absaron Martin
Shay Mcginley
Nicolas Olszewski
Winston Osei-Antwi
Michael Owusu-Ansah
Patryk Ryszka
Obinaash Sahayathevarajan
Sarienna Velasco

Year 9 Silver
J P Boyle
Francisco Fernandes
Kaya Lao
Aneurin O'Brien

Year 9 Gold
Mia Patel-Maan

Year 9 Gold
& 'Best in Year'
Josh Rubio

Year 10 Bronze
Ython Carreon
Jenica Clariandas
Caryn Fernandes
Rodrigo Fonseca
Joseph Hareb
Szymon Hynko
Tomasz Lapicz
Thomas Lee
Gradan Mascarenhas
Martyna Maziarz
Adam Sobczynski
Kingsley Tsui

Year 10 Silver
Inioluwani Benson
Senon Crasta
Isla Curson
Rayden D'cunha
Aysel Fernandes
Rayhan Mendes
Grace Mulhall
Jan Parzynski
Calaeb Ryan
Ashane Welikala

Year 10 Gold
& 'Best in Year'
Jeno Jebaharan

Year 11 Bronze
Iulia Chirita
Jerel D'sa
Adithi Durgapersad
Borys Jurkiewicz
Jan Kieltyka
Melrich Martins
Lansley Njom
Leona Noronha
Reisten Pereira
Wiktoria Pietka
Nickodem Rzeszotek
Oliver Sieraga

Year 11 Silver
Qudzen Alex Quintan
Shaina Almeida
Daniel Clarke
Chenoa Fernandes
Rita Caterina Fernandes
Edward Ikenwilo
Kacper Kazrat
Bartosz Kowalczuk
Patrick Masterson
Ieva Meilunaite
Alejandro Ortiz
Eduard Pascaru
Treivon Robinson
Bartlomiej Szczepan

Year 11 Gold
Leo Gill
Ryan Premachandra
Jared Rendo
Frazer Rocha
David Simion
Owen Sritharan

Year 11 'Best in School'
Kristian Parra

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Remembering the Holocaust





On March 9th legacy speaker Hilary Hodsman spoke about her parents' experiences during the Kindertransport in Nazi Germany.

In Year 9 History, we have been studying the Holocaust, and hearing Hilary's testimony helped us better understand the life-changing impact it had on Jewish families. She shared powerful details of her parents' childhoods, including the fear and uncertainty they faced travelling alone at such a young age. What stood out most was that, despite their separate struggles, they both eventually settled in Scotland, where they met, fell in love, and built a life together.

From Henry and Ingrid's journey, I learned the importance of resilience and hope. Even through extreme hardship, they never gave up. Their story shows that love can overcome hate and that strength can be found even in the most difficult circumstances.

It also reminded me why it is so important to learn about the past. By understanding events like the Holocaust, we can recognise and challenge discrimination, ensuring history is not repeated. Hilary's work in sharing her parents' story helps keep their memory alive and teaches young people like us valuable lessons for the future.

Kaya Lao, 9B

World Book Day

Our school burst into life for World Book Day with this year's exciting theme: "Go All In!" The library became the heart of the celebration, buzzing with book-themed games, quizzes, and plenty of laughter. Students also raced around the school on a thrilling scavenger hunt, searching corridors and classrooms for hidden book titles. A highlight of the day was a special visit from author Adam Connors, who shared inspiring stories about writing and creativity. Budding writers also took part in a short story competition, going all in with their imaginations. It was a fantastic day that reminded everyone just how enjoyable and powerful reading can be!

Miss Pitkin, Teacher of History







Annie the Musical

Tomorrow Shines Bright on Our School Stage!

Last week, our school stage lit up with the energy and charm of 'Annie the Musical' and what a performance it was! From the very first scene, the audience was transported to 1930s New York, following the story of a brave young orphan searching for a better life.

The cast delivered a truly impressive show, with standout performances from our two leading actresses playing Annie, who captured the character's optimism and determination perfectly. We must also mention Grace and Warbucks, who added depth and warmth to the production.

The supporting cast brought fantastic energy and humour to the production. The characters of Miss Hannigan, Rooster and Lily provided plenty of laughs with exaggerated expressions and excellent comic timing. We also can't forget our special guest, Ceili, our school therapy dog, who truly stole the show.

Overall, Annie was a joyful and uplifting production that showcased the incredible talent within our school. A huge congratulations to the cast, crew, and staff involved - this is a production we won't forget anytime soon!

Mrs Keely, Teacher in charge of Drama









National Portrait Gallery Review



On January 21st, Years 11, 12, and 13 Art and Photography pupils travelled to the National Portrait Gallery to explore an array of artworks across its galleries and visit the Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize.

“My trip to the National Portrait Gallery was a blast. I enjoyed exploring the respective eras paired with each room. It was interesting observing the evolution of portraiture with each step. In particular, I really enjoyed their newest photography exhibit. Each photo had its own story, and it was difficult voting for a favourite. I would definitely recommend a visit to their gallery, regardless of whether for artistic reasons or not.”

Aron Uthayakumaran, Year 12 Art pupil

We also had time to walk around Trafalgar Square and nearby Charing Cross to take photographs. Even though the weather was against us with the rain, one of the GCSE themes this year is ‘Reflections’, so pupils captured some amazing shots to inform their project themes.

Miss Murphy, Head of Art

Hertfordshire Zoo

On March 19th, Year 10 artists visited Hertfordshire Zoo to collect imagery for their GCSE theme, ‘Animals’.

“At Hertfordshire Zoo, I enjoyed the experience of seeing animals up close and even being able to pet the goats. My favourite animal was the sun bear, as it was very close, and it was my first time seeing one. I found this trip very helpful for art, as we got to take our own photographs to transform into artworks for our new project on animals.”

Isla Curson, Year 10 Art pupil.

Miss Thomas-Gwarada, Teacher of Art



University Fair



On Thursday 26th March, we took 117 Year 12 students to the Emirates Stadium to attend the UK University Search Fair. The event provided students with the opportunity to explore a wide range of universities from across the country, speak directly with admissions representatives, and learn more about courses, student life, and future pathways. In addition to universities, there were also apprenticeship providers on hand, giving students the chance to discover alternative routes into careers. Throughout the day, students asked questions that will help them make informed decisions about their next steps after sixth form. It was a valuable and inspiring experience, helping our students begin to plan confidently for their future

Ms Boyle, Careers Co-Ordinator

National Apprenticeship Week 2026

During National Apprenticeship Week, three Amazon apprentices delivered an assembly to Year 10 and Year 12 students. They shared insights into the recruitment process, daily life, and benefits of working in a tech company. Students explored a range of apprenticeships, from technology to business, and how these combine paid work, training, and career progression. Former student Nathan Fernandes also spoke, highlighting his outstanding progress in a short time.

The apprentices encouraged students to consider this pathway, emphasising the development of confidence, teamwork, and practical skills. The assembly left students motivated, with a clearer view of apprenticeships as a strong alternative to traditional routes.

Ms Boyle, Careers Co-Ordinator



Finalist for Brent Young Musician of the Year 2026



We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our music department. Our talented student, Nolan Lobo, has been selected as a finalist in the Brent Young Musician of the Year 2026 competition.

This is a remarkable achievement. Nolan has competed against young musicians from across Brent, representing a wide range of schools, instruments, and styles, and has reached the final through his exceptional skill and dedication.

A promising violinist, Nathan impressed judges with both his technical ability and expressive performance. His commitment and passion for music have clearly set him apart.

We are incredibly proud of him and look forward to supporting him in the final. Please join us in congratulating Nolan and wishing him the very best of luck.

Mr Sloan, Assistant Headteacher

Environmental Science Trip to RHS Wisley

On 4th March, as part of St Gregory's Sustainability Month and National Science Week, 30 pupils from Year 7 visited the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. In the morning, pupils undertook a workshop led by Wisley staff on seasonal horticulture. During the workshop, pupils learnt about pollination, seed germination and how to build sturdy structures to support runner beans. In the afternoon, the pupils explored the various glasshouses and garden features in the vast grounds through a guided tour led by St Gregory's staff, during which they developed their knowledge of plant habitats.

"The different areas and views were incredibly beautiful and vibrant. I was able to broaden my knowledge on how plants are pollinated and where specific plants are from. This will help me care more for creation and help wildlife." Noah Amuli 7B.

"My favourite part of the trip was the glasshouse as I saw many different plants I had never seen before. I also enjoyed building supports for our plants and planting seeds. From this trip I learnt more about plants and their impact on the world." Patrick Forde 7M.

"We learnt about different plants and flowers. We also had fun building structures which helped build our teamwork and resilience. My favourite part of the trip was exploring the glasshouses. They were filled with fluorescent colours and soothing scents. This made me calm and happy." Reiss Nagamootoo 7M

Mrs Hovey, Head of Eco Schools Sustainability





P.E. News

Team Kit Sponsorship & Recent Sporting Successes

We are incredibly grateful to the generous parents and local businesses whose support has enabled us to raise an impressive £4000 towards new team kits. This sponsorship will make a significant impact ensuring our pupils can represent the school with pride and unity. We look forward to welcoming our sponsors during the summer term, when they will have the opportunity to meet the Headteacher and the teams they have supported and to see first-hand the positive difference their generosity has made to school sport.

London Youth Games & Middlesex County Cross-country Success

We are proud to celebrate some outstanding recent sporting achievements. Our Year 7 boys' and girls' teams progressed to the second phase of the Indoor Athletics London Youth Games, proudly representing Brent against borough champions from across London. Competing in a wide range of track and field events, both teams delivered impressive all-round performances, finishing 6th and 7th overall. A massive thank you goes out to our four sixth form sports leaders who came along to help manage the teams.

In addition, eight pupils represented Brent at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships, tackling challenging muddy and hilly courses over distances ranging from 2.5km to 5km. Their determination and resilience in demanding conditions were a credit to the school. A very well done from the PE department.









P.E. News

U18 Basketball vs Harrow School

St Gregory's U18's travelled to Harrow School for a valuable test against a very strong side, with the game ending 73–48 to the hosts. Despite a clear height disadvantage, our boys showed excellent character, energy, and resilience throughout. They competed with intensity, battled for possession, and worked hard to create scoring opportunities against a well-organised defence.

Although Harrow established a strong lead, St Gregory's never let their heads drop. The highlight came in the final quarter, where our team outscored the hosts, demonstrating pride, determination, and team spirit. We are also grateful for the excellent hospitality and look forward to continuing this fixture in the future.



Year 8 Netball

Our Year 8 team were crowned tournament champions at North London Collegiate School, finishing top against strong independent school opposition—an outstanding achievement.

We are also proud to share further success across the school. Both our Year 8 and Year 9 girls' football teams, along with our Year 9 boys' basketball team, have progressed to the borough semi-finals after Easter.

These are superb accomplishments and a real credit to our students—well done to everyone involved!



Goals Girls Hour

St Gregory's proudly took part in the 3 vs 3 tournament at GOALS Wembley, with four teams competing against over 12 other schools. Our Year 9 team won the tournament, while Year 8 secured an excellent second place.

A fantastic achievement and a great experience for all involved.

Miss Emery, Head of P.E.





Headteachers' Awards

Excellent assistance with the Photo Shoot

Lukas Adomenas 8M
Archie Venting 8A
Alexandru Grabovschi 8A

Well done!

Eco Committee for producing and delivering an assembly for Mental Health Awareness Week

Absaron Martin 9A
Vernon Pires 9A
Priyan Emmanuel 9B
Adam Angelides 9B
Blanka Adaszek 9H
David Danilkyv 9H
Elizabeth Lari 9J
Maisie Masterson 9J
Niamh Fahy 9L
Wiktor Koch 9L
Sophia Rahiman 9M
Francesco Carpene 9M

Travel Ambassadors who delivered an assembly and activities on road safety

Daniel Arasp 8A
Julian Fernandes 8A
James McHugh 8B
Xander Alphonso 8B
Eli Ryan 8H
Lukas Jarjoura 8H
Erin Tinkler 8J
Riley Maher 8J
Miroslav D'Costa 8J
Mercy Gomes 8L
Justina Krehovetskaja 8M
Jessica Dias 8M

St Greg's Pantry

St Greg's Pantry stocks a variety of foods and toiletries, free of charge to anyone in the St Gregory's family who might need a little extra help. The Pantry is open during term time on Saturdays from 9:30am—11:30am. Any family is welcome to use this facility occasionally or regularly.
If you would benefit from this facility, or if you wish to donate, please contact Mrs Hovey on ghovey@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk.

Mrs Hovey, Science College Project Manager

Upcycled Uniform

The uniform shop has proved so popular we are running low on blazers and PE kit. With only a few weeks to go before our new Year 7 induction day we need more stock to help kit out next year's Year 7 intake. The uniform shop is our main source of fundraising for St Greg's Pantry. Over the Easter holidays, please take the opportunity to sort out any items your child has grown out of and please consider donating them to the school uniform shop via the School Office.

Mrs Hovey, Science College Project Manager

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



Drop the Ride for Park and Stride

St Gregory's Travel Ambassadors encourage families who travel by car to park a 10-minute walk from school. This reduces congestion and air pollution, improves road safety, and the short walk helps stimulate the brain at the start and end of the day.
Parents/Carers are reminded not to block driveways or park illegally, to drive considerately and to switch off engines while waiting.
Thank you for your cooperation.
St Gregory's Y8 Travel Ambassadors

E-Safety

With more time at home, children may be spending longer online. Take a moment to remind them not to share personal information and to speak to a trusted adult if anything makes them feel uncomfortable.
Check privacy settings together and make sure apps and games are age-appropriate. Keeping devices in shared spaces can also help you stay involved.
For more advice, visit the NSPCC Online Safety Hub or speak to Mr. Sloan, our E-Safety Officer.

We wish you a Happy and Holy Easter

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