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Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is one of the five British values taught in schools, and tolerance featured quite prominently in school last week.

Our worships centered around the International Day of Tolerance, a day to promote the respect and appreciation of the rich variety of the world's cultures. The day was launched by the United Nations in 1996 following the wars in the former Yugoslavia; a series of conflicts that coined the term 'ethnic cleansing' and highlighted intolerance between cultural and religious groups within Europe.

In College Worship, the focus was on the life of Mahatma Ghandi and his non-violent protests in South Africa and India, during the time of the British Empire. Ghandi was successful in helping his country achieve full independence in 1947 but failed to persuade the diverse religious communities to unite and to demonstrate the mutual tolerance that he longed to see. Consequently, partition of the Indian sub-continent and the foundation of West and East Pakistan led to violence; the death of one million people; and the greatest mass migration in human history.

Last week was also Anti-Bullying Week with the theme, 'United Against Bullying'. This year's anti-bullying message was, that we all have a responsibility to prevent and respond to bullying. Researchers have shown that in bullying incidents, people take on a range of identified roles. There is often a Target, a Ringleader, Assistants, Reinforcers and Outsiders. The challenge to all of us is not to be an Outsider but to take on the role of the Defender; to speak up for the Target; and to speak out against bullying. We encourage pupils and parents to report to staff at school any incidents they believe to be bullying.

Our College Worship on tolerance ended with this reflection, *'If we were tolerant of people's differences, would Anti-Bullying Week be a thing of the past?'*

Neil Pittman, Assistant Headteacher

STOP BULLYING



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GHANDI AND TOLERANCE

In 1915, Gandhi was honoured with the epithet Mahatma or Great Soul in recognition of his spiritual character and his commitment to social justice for the poor and the oppressed.

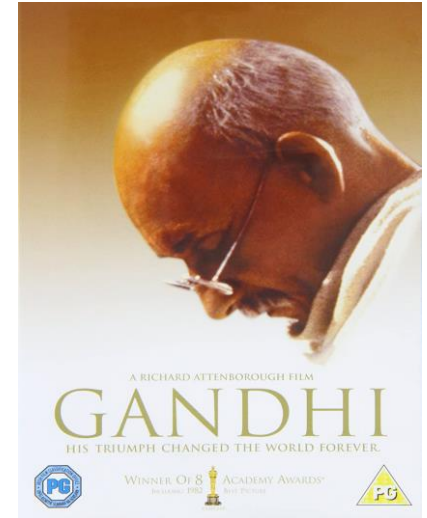
Ghandi wrote, *'Tolerance is the only thing that will enable persons belonging to different religions to live as good neighbours and friends'* but in pre-independence India, some Hindus wanted an India free of Muslims and some Muslims wanted their own Islamic State. When violence broke out between Hindu and Muslim groups, Gandhi went on hunger strike to protest.

Ten million people were on the move at the same time when independence from British rule was achieved. Hindus migrated out of and Muslims moved into the newly established West Pakistan and East Pakistan (later named Bangladesh). Of those that were uprooted, one million died on route.

Many of our pupils will be able to trace their family histories back to these events. Those who identify as British-Asian may have grandparents and great-grandparents from Bangladesh, India or Pakistan who experienced these events first-hand.

The British history of Empire and partition is a shared history, regardless of our culture or religious faith. So, I would encourage all to learn more of these events by watching the eight-Oscar winning movie, 'Ghandi' (1982, PG-rated). The film is just over three hours long but well worth the watch.

If you wish to watch the much shorter College Worship (15 min) please [CLICK HERE](#)



YOUNG CHEF TASK: *To create a main meal that is 'Hot but Cool' and has elements of ingredients from various food groups.*

A huge well done to our Year 8 food tech students. They created some amazing dishes, both at home and in class. Below we have creations from Isaac, Henry and Maddix. Well done!



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CRISP PACKET RECYCLING FOR THE HOMELESS

A report from Mrs Pavey:

The School Eco-Group is supporting a project to make blankets for the homeless out of crisp packets. Crisp packets provide an ideal material because they are waterproof whilst the silver foil lining reflects the heat and keeps the body warmer for longer. They also happen to be among the least recycled types of packaging material.

Crisp packets are being collected in boxes around the school. Our eco-group then washes them ready to be delivered to the Art House Cafe in South Street. They then iron the crisp packets together to create warm, waterproof blankets for the homeless over winter.

Don't forget to send in your empty crisp packets from home!





TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS



YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Daisy Denness 302	Jack Davies 330	Millie Barrett 299	Grace Boyd 245	Berrie Robertson 284
Abigail Sellings 301	Jasmine Gallop 292	Shakira Halliwell 292	Jade Durrant 238	Ailsa Cameron 272
Rebecca Carter 292	Teriza Waithaka 269	Lauren Didsbury 287	Emilie Sharp 234	Oliver Venn 268
Luke Hammond 278	Logan Adams 268	Sophie Sultan 269	Sydney Colman 234	Mia Colwell 264
Daisy Connor 267	Eva Bramley 266	Caedmon Myeni 249	Elizabeth Finn 232	Bradley Hodgetts 255



WHO ARE WE?

STAFF PEN PORTRAITS

This week we introduce Mrs Pavey. Mrs Pavey is Head of Geography. This is Mrs Pavey



I grew up in Brighton, and am an only child to a single mum.

I was the first person in my family to go to university and my mum is super proud!

My first job was in a convenience store when I was 12. I have also worked as a greengrocer and in a nursing home.

I have visited lots of countries but would love to go to Argentina.

I did my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in Lapland.

I have a cat called Mo, she is my baby and very spoilt!

I have been a Geography teacher for 23 years and taught in six different schools (St Catherine's College is my favourite).

I am only afraid of one thing – rollercoasters!

I was a Beachy Head Chaplain for two years.

I have a severe chocolate biscuit addiction.

I got shot at when I lived in Albania for four months. I also met my husband there.

I have worked with refugees in the Calais jungle.

I love trail running and my longest run was a 100km cross country. It took 15 hours and I came 5th.

I am a qualified fitness instructor and I love skiing.



YEAR 8 CHRISTMAS CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

The Christmas Calligraphy Club has had its first meeting and is producing lyrics for the Year 8 Christmas song. All Year 8 pupils are very welcome to attend. If you can't stay after school but would like to be involved, please contact Mrs Bawden on Teams Chat. The next Calligraphy Club dates are: Thursday 26 November (until 3.30pm); Thursday 3 December (until 4.00pm); and Thursday 10 December (until 4.00pm).

YEAR 8 DANCE CLUB

Dance Club for Year 8 pupils is starting in December and everyone is welcome. We will be working towards a performance which will be shared at an online Dance Festival. If you would like to attend, please meet in MA1 at 3.10pm on Monday 7 December. We look forward to seeing you then!

YEAR 9 ART CLUB

The Year 9 Art Club is up and running. It is for pupils who enjoy art and want to share their skills and ideas with other pupils. There is also an opportunity for pupils to develop a skill for their DoFE Award. The next dates for Year 9 Art Club are: Wednesday 2 December; Friday 11 December; and Wednesday 16 December.

YEAR 9 DEBATING SOCIETY

This term, a debating society has been set up for our Year 9 students. Debating is a key skill, helping to improve pupils' speaking and listening skills, as well as teaching them how to create rational, reasoned arguments using evidence. Debating also counts as a skill towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award. A variety of topics will be discussed, and members are also welcome to submit their own. Sessions take place on Wednesdays after school and places are filling up quickly!



TEAMS TIPS – ASSIGNMENTS

Did you know.....? There are many ways you can find an assignment that has been set. The display looks slightly different on a mobile phone but the same principles apply.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Teams interface with three callouts illustrating different ways to find assignments:

- Yellow callout (Main Menu):** Points to the 'Assignments' button in the left-hand navigation pane. The text explains that this shows all assignments across all subjects.
- Green callout (Class Team General Posts):** Points to the 'Posts' tab in a class team's 'General' channel. The text explains that this shows the most recent assignment set for the class, with past assignments visible when scrolling back.
- Blue callout (Class Team Assignments Button):** Points to the 'Assignments' button in a class team's menu. The text explains that this shows all assignments set for that specific class.

The background screenshot shows a Teams interface with a class team named 'SCC-2020-7SNE-Ar'. The 'Assignments' button in the main menu is highlighted in yellow. The 'Posts' tab in the class team's 'General' channel is highlighted in green, showing a post for 'Year 7 virtual gallery visit' with a 'View assignment' button. The 'Assignments' button in the class team's menu is highlighted in blue.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost something, please ask them to go to their year office. All lost property is logged. Unclaimed items are recycled after eight weeks. Please see a list of some of the lost items below:

- PE tops; tracksuit bottoms; trainers; lunch boxes; glasses; hoodies; football boots; gilet; coats; leggings; pencil case

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have put names on their child's items. This means that we can reunite lost property with its rightful owner. Can I please encourage other parents and carers to label equipment and uniform? You can write on most items with a Sharpie (biro washes out).

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Poston at aposton@stcatherines.college





CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED!

We are getting into the Christmas spirit here at St Catherine's College. [CLICK HERE](#) for some Christmas cheer.





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4 December 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 18 December 2020 – Last day of Term 2

Monday 4 January 2021 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 5 January 2021 – First day of Term 3 for pupils

