



Headteacher's Recommendation

Becoming

By Michelle Obama

"The ability to read, write and analyse; confidence to stand up and demand justice and equality; the qualifications and connections to get your foot in that door and take your seat at that table- all of that starts with education."

After hearing Michelle Obama Speak in London on her first visit with Ursuline students, I could not wait to read her biography. She is an inspirational role model whose life gives hope and promise to women.



Parents' Events

Parents / carers are always warmly welcomed to these events. This newsletter also outlines RE and PSHEC lesson topics for this half term. Events, Workshops, Courses and Forums are opportunities for parents/carers to meet and explore key issues in education.

Mon 7th Jan SCHOOL RETURNS

Tues 8th Jan

Year 8 Drug Awareness Conference, Hall (9.40-10.30am)

Thurs 17th Jan

Year 13 Parents' Evening, Hall (4.00-6.30pm)

Mon 1st Jan

Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Week

Tues 2nd Jan

Year 8 Pathways Presentation to Parents, Hall (7.00-8.00pm)

Tues 8th Jan

Year 8 Drugs Awareness Conference (9.40-10.30am)

Tues 22nd Jan

Pathways Presentation for Year 8 Parents (7.00-8.00pm)

Weds 23rd Jan

Yr10 & 11 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass (10.55-11.45am)

Thurs 24th Jan

Yr8 & 9 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass, Hall (10.55-11.45am)
Year 11 Parents' Evening, Hall (4.00-6.30pm)

Fri 25th Jan

Yr12 & 13 Feast of St Angela Merici Mass, Hall (9.40-10.30am)

Mon 28th Jan

Digital Learning Week
Year 7 Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Conference, Hall (8.45-9.45am)

Tues 29th Jan

Jack Petchey "Speak out" Challenge (All Day)
Year 7 Ethos Day (All Day)
Ski Trip Parents' Information Evening (6.30pm)

Friday 01st Feb

LGBTQI Month

Mon 4th Feb

Numeracy Week

Tues 5th- Weds 6th Feb

Safer Internet 'Day'

Thurs 7th Feb

Generations Together Forum, UFSC (3.15-4.30pm)

Weds 13th Feb

GCSE Music Concert, Hall (7.00-9.00pm)

Fri 15th Feb

Term Ends
INSET DAY (Year 12 lessons as normal at WC)

Mon 18th Feb- Thurs 21st Feb

New York Trip

Mon 18th Feb- Fri 22 Feb

HALF TERM

Mon 25th Feb

SCHOOL RETURNS

LESSON TOPICS: SPRING A TERM

RE Programme

Year 7 will hand in their extended writing, 'Jesus was just a man.' They will continue with the study of the sources of authority within the Catholic Church, including the role of the Bible and the Magisterium. They will then use this knowledge to begin a detailed study on how belief in the Trinity developed from the Bible and the Early Church.

Year 8 students will embark on the study of Islam where they will explore the answer to the Key question, 'How does being a Muslim affect a person's life?' The unit will consider the following questions: When and where did Islam begin and what is its relationship with Judaism and Christianity? What are the different groups within Islam? What are the Five Pillars and how do they affect the way a Muslim lives their life? Are actions more important than beliefs for Muslims? What challenges do Muslims face when putting their beliefs into practice in 21st Century London? Why are the role of women and beliefs about war and peace controversial topics for Muslims?

Year 9 students will focus on the third unit of GCSE course. 'The Holy Trinity/Triune God' in which they will study Psalms and the use of music in worship; Acclamations used in Mass; the Biblical basis of belief in the Trinity; The Trinity in the Nicene creed and Genesis 1; The Influence of the Trinity on Christians today; The Trinity and God's love; The Magisterium's views on the Trinity; Baptism; prayers and postures.

Year students will explore GCSE course on 'Church and the Kingdom of God' in which pupils will study Pilgrimage and the Stations of the Cross; Mission and evangelism; the Kingdom of God and the Lord's Prayer; Signs of the Kingdom: justice, peace and reconciliation; The hierarchy of the Catholic Church and the Second Vatican Council; The importance of Mary and the Magnificat; The four marks

of the Church and apostolic succession; The conciliar and pontifical nature of the Church; The Church as the Body of Christ: the importance of charity for Catholics.

Year 11 students finish off GCSE course on Judaism: The importance of the synagogue; the Shabbat; Bar and Bat Mitzvah; marriage; mourning the dead; dietary laws; Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Pesach. Students will then move on to finish the last unit of Catholic Christianity, 'Eschatology' which includes: The Paschal candle; Michelangelo's painting, The Last Judgement'; Memorials of the dead; Eschatology and life after death; The four last things; Purgatory and Judgment; The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus; Cosmic reconciliation; The Church's teachings on the end of time; The last rites; The funeral rite; The care of the dying and euthanasia.

PSHEC Programme

Year 7 Will focus on 'Body Image'. Including;

- Eating Disorders
- Stress
- Emotional wellbeing

Year 8 Will focus on 'Careers' including;

- Option Choices
- Local and National Government
- Philanthropy Project (3 wks)

Year 9 Will focus on 'Money Matters'. Including;

- Tax calculations
- Mortgages
- Debt and poverty

Year 10 Will focus on 'Sexuality'. Including;

- The Ideal Body Myth
- The Media
- Song Lyrics and Sexism

Year 11: Will focus on:

- Well Woman day
- Binge Drinking Risks
- Drugs
- Sexualisation & Media
- Pornography
- Consent and the Law