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## SCHOOL AIM

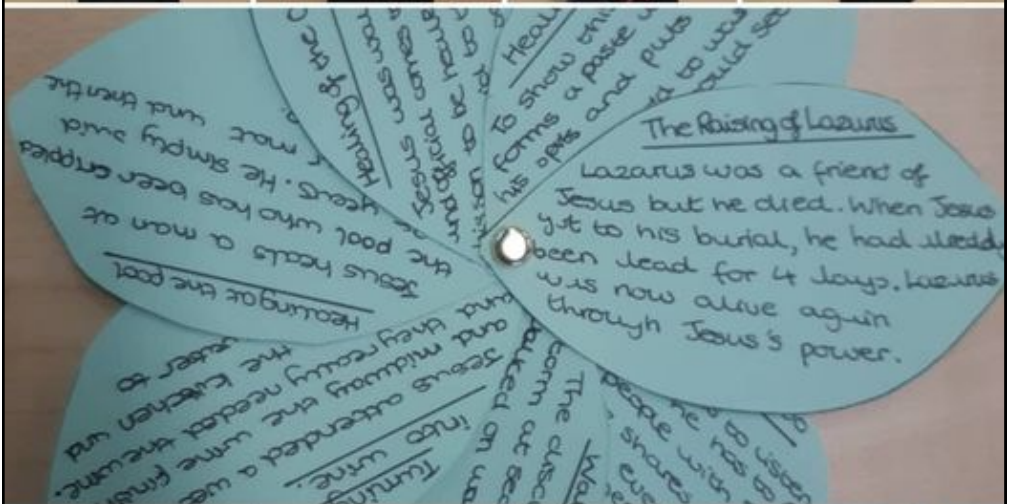
“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well-qualified citizens of the world.”



## Advent Assemblies

From our Chaplain, Dr Revd Birkinshaw: “This week we had a special series of assemblies to mark the beginning of the Season of Advent, which starts this coming Sunday, 28th November. Students and staff were invited to join in an advent pilgrimage by candles being lit and reflections and prayers were focussed on the four advent themes: HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. As the candle-light grew brighter and the symbolism of light coming into darkness was realised, the Year 7 and Year 11 Singing Groups led the assembly in singing the Taizé song ‘Wait for the Lord’ and the Advent hymn ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel.’ One student commented afterwards, ‘*This was a beautiful and peaceful assembly*’ and a member of staff mentioned, ‘*This is always my favourite assembly of the year.*’”

In Religious Education, students have been creating revision flowers. Students have created a flower with seven petals representing one of the signs Jesus performed in John's gospel. Each tells the story of what happened at the miracle and what that shows us about the person of Jesus. Well done to Year 8!



Well done to our table tennis team - Josephine, Lois, Olivia, Joel, Bossley, Yu Xian, Issa, Burghan, Tony, Eliezer, Raj, Rory, Barney – on their overall victory in a recent friendly table tennis tournament at William Hulme. In both the singles and doubles, there was great team spirit and lots of success to celebrate!



## **Sporting Update**

P.E Assistant, Mr Bryan give us the latest round-up of sporting activities:

"It was another full week of PE competitions and fixtures last week, as our students continue to show tremendous enthusiasm and dedication despite the colder days.

- A great display from our Cross Country team in the City wide Championships with Isobel from Year 9 winning a bronze!
- Our netball teams are also on a winning run: Against the Co-op Academy, the Year 7s won 10 - 0, the Year 8s won 4 - 2, and the Year 9s beat Chorlton 17 - 4.
- In football, our Year 7 boys beat the Barlow 7 - 3, the Year 11 boys drew 2 - 2 with Communications Academy and our Year 10 boys won 5 - 1 against Manchester Academy."





## Inter-form competitions

Last week saw our inter-form football and basketball finals - well done to everyone who took part. Make sure you are following our PE Twitter Page to see all the photos of our winning teams!



## And Finally...

...we are delighted to invite our readers to attend our annual Advent Carol Service at St Ann's Church in central Manchester, on Friday, 3rd December, 2021, at 1.00pm.

This will be a traditional Advent service, with musical items by our choirs, brass, string and woodwind groups, as well as readings from staff and students. This beautiful Advent service is the start of our Christmas celebrations and we look forward to seeing you in the congregation.



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