

# Hagley

## CATHOLIC LIFE #2

### Issue #2

Welcome to our second Hagley Catholic Life Newsletter!  
In this issue we will be looking back at the Summer Term and celebrating all of the work our students have done to uphold the Catholic ethos of our school.

### What's In This Month's Issue?

- Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Year 9 Soli House Trip
- Student Led Worship
- SVP Fundraising
- Chaplaincy rewards trip
- Live Simply Assembly
- Catenian Bursary





## Lourdes Pilgrimage

After working hard to raise funds for the Lourdes pilgrimage, 8 students embarked on a long journey on the 25th May in order to serve others and grow closer to God.

Thanks especially go to Mr Thomas, Mr Miastowski, Ms Bunn and Mrs Motaban for giving up their half term to lead the students on pilgrimage.



## Testimonials

“My week at Lourdes was an extraordinary experience which will stay with me for life. The chance to meet and help out so many lovely people from all walks of life was extremely rewarding.

Although the week was busy and packed with lots for us to do, I came back recharged and with a motivation to bring some of the Lourdes spirit back home. I would definitely encourage anyone who is thinking about going on pilgrimage to go for it!”

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOURDES 2025?

One of our wonderful pilgrims said this:

**If you get the opportunity to go to Lourdes, grab it with both hands. Lourdes not only had the most beautiful sites, it had the most amazing people. I really enjoyed being part of the music ministry and just getting to see how my actions made other people feel good. Wherever you are on your faith journey, Lourdes is calling for you.**



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# Lourdes Photos



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## Soli House

At the beginning of June, Mr Thomas, Mrs Jones and Mrs Ball took 32 Year 9 students on retreat to Soli House. They started the trip with a day at Alton Towers, then they made their way to the residential centre and spent 2 nights growing in faith and building relationships with their peers. All of the staff were really impressed with the students' behaviour, the way they promoted our school values and the kindness and compassion they showed to one another. Well done, Year 9!



## Testimonials

“It was great and fun and the activities were really enjoyable.

I got to have some fun with my mates which was great.”

“I think it was a nice trip and really enjoyed meeting the team leaders.”



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## SUP

In Summer Term 1, the SVP group, along with the Sixth Form B-attitudes group hosted an afternoon tea for local parishioners. It was a wonderful afternoon, with comments about it being 'a memorable occasion' and 'nice to chat with the lovely children.' It was really wonderful to see different generations interacting, playing card games and singing together. Well done to the students for providing entertainment, cakes and serving refreshments.

## Ice Pops!

The SVP group made the most of the heat wave and sold ice pops to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care.



Mrs Ball would like to say a **huge** thank you to the SVP group! Considering we only started the group in January, we have 11 regular members and more students asking about it each week. Your dedication to helping other people is truly inspiring!

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## Student Led worship

Throughout the summer term, students have had the opportunity to lead others in worship.

By the end of the year, every form group will have led tutor prayers in the chapel.

This term all year groups will have attended Mass led by their peers. Well done to all students who have volunteered to read.

## Hagley Singers and Mass Band

Well done to Catherine, Anna and Keon for learning Oceans by Hillsong and leading the singing at communion.

Thank you to Hagley Singers and Mass Band for providing the music in Mass!

## Thank you!

Special thanks to Fr. Philip for leading us in Mass each week.

## Staff Mass

On Friday 17th May staff were invited to celebrate Mass with Fr. Philip in the school chapel. This was a wonderful chance for staff to come together and celebrate our collective faith.

Staff were involved in preparing and leading the liturgy.





## Chaplaincy Rewards Trip

On Friday 28th June Mr Thomas organised a trip to Upton Warren Aztec Adventure as a reward for their hard work and dedication throughout the academic year in supporting the Catholic Life of our school.



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## Live Simply Assembly

On the 25th June the Live Simply group led an assembly on the work they have been doing this year. Students prepared and led the assembly independently, focusing on the values of living simply, sustainably and in solidarity. This is in line with Catholic Social Teaching. It was also a chance for the wider Hagley family to learn about what we can do as a community to support the award and those leading it.



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## Catenian Bursary

Thank you to the Catenians West Midlands for contributing £800 from the Catenian Bursary Fund to support students who will be going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next month and putting their faith into action. The awards were presented by the President of Stourbridge Circle to support students' costs towards the pilgrimage.



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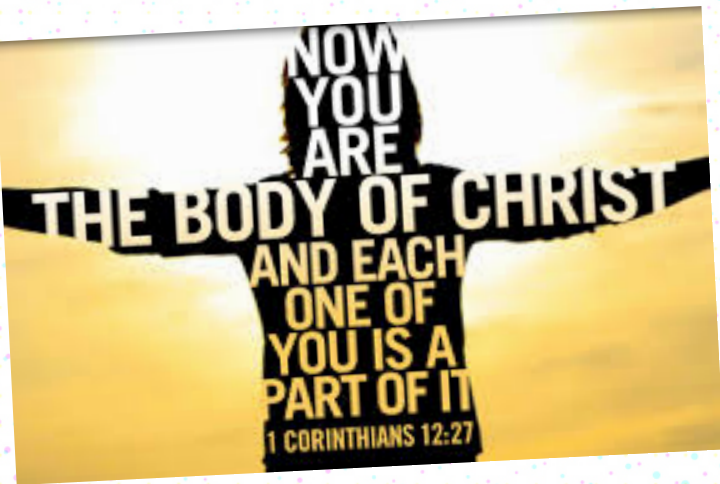
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## Year 6 Induction Day 2024

On Wednesday the 3rd July, we welcomed the new Year 7 cohort to Hagley to give them a taste of what the Hagley community are all about! They met their tutors, did a scavenger hunt around the school site and met and learnt a bit more about the members in their tutor groups. The day ended with a liturgy in the hall which gave us time to reflect on the day and thank God for bringing us all together.

Lord Jesus,  
I ask for Your help as I begin this new school.  
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.  
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school brings.  
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.  
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.  
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.  
Lord, inspire me to do my best at Hagley Catholic High School. Amen.



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## Farewell to Mr Miastowski!

Mr Miastowski departs Hagley again, 18 years after he left here as a student. In the last 5 years Mr Miastowski has risen to his calling to lead Catholic Life, Pastoral Care and Personal Development and has added immeasurable value in that time, leaving an indelible mark on the school. As he heads off into the charity sector to pursue a calling to support the most vulnerable in society we wish him well and thank him for all he has done.



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A summer blessing



May the sun shine warm upon  
your face & rains fall soft  
upon your fields. And until  
we meet again, May God hold  
you in the palm of His hand.



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