



Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. The name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, meaning 'fiftieth'.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world. The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

Jesus' disciples were struggling to come to terms with the events of Jesus' passion when a very strong wind, that looked like tongues of fire appeared. They then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Peter addressed the crowd and began to preach the Gospel.

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Friends of the School,

We hope you all continue to be well and are coping with the current situation. Over the coming weeks, information will be made available and the school website will be updated with correspondence for parents/carers. This will be regarding the government's proposal that some students (namely Year 10 and Year 12) should return to school in some capacity from Monday 15th June. Be rest assured that the health, safety and well-being of all those in school is our main priority. In the meantime please encourage your children to continue to access the various online resources that have made available to them. We wish you well and please stay safe.

St Robert's Leadership Team

Pentecost: Golden Repair

On Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. This event marked the beginnings of the early Church as the disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, begin their mission to share the Gospel. Their situation was somewhat similar to what we are experiencing now. Our minds filled with various emotions; the fear of the unknown, the trepidation of what our next steps will look like and the hope that we can rebuild and return to a sense of normality.

Before the lockdown, I had taken the family for a meal at Wagamama in the Metrocentre. At the time they were displaying a message on their placemats about Kintsugi, the Japanese art of mending broken pottery. Instead of concealing the cracks, gold is used to emphasise the beauty of what was once broken. This process emphasises the need for people to 'share and repair'. The moment we accept and share our struggles is the moment we begin to paint our cracks with gold, making something more beautiful than before. This simple action is representative of both ours and the disciples situation. Please remember to share your struggles to strengthen you as we move forward in the next few months.

Mr Davis
Head of RE

Let us Pray...

Lord, I pray for those who need my prayers today,
who need my attention and my best thinking.
Help me to see where I can bring love and consolation.

I pray for those I love, that I may love them better.

I pray for those I do not love, that I may see them in a new light.
to see the world from their point of view.

I pray for those for whom this day is not welcome,
those for whom life may currently be a struggle.

May my actions bring light to them.

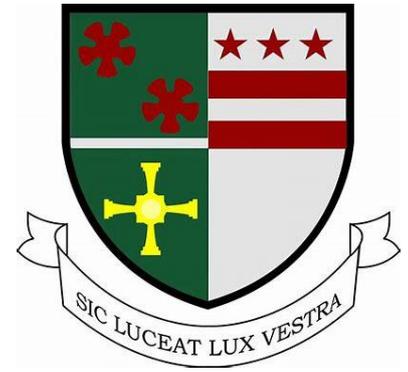
We ask this prayer, through Jesus your Son

Amen



Feast of St Robert

The feast of St Robert will be celebrated next Sunday, the 7th June. As a school community we wish to extend this celebration to all pupils and their families. We invite you to take time next Sunday to think about and pray for all those within our school. Our school motto: 'Sic Luceat Lux Vestra' encourages all pupils to let their light shine and we pray that they continue to live each day with this motto in the forefront of their minds. Please use the pray below to help us mark this celebration.



Life of St Robert

Robert of Newminster (1100–1159) was a priest, abbot, and saint of the Catholic Church. He was born in Gargrave in Yorkshire, England and was one of the monks who founded Fountains Abbey. St Robert is named from the Newminster abbey he founded in Morpeth, Northumberland.

Robert was described as a devout, prayerful, and gentle man. He is known for being merciful in his judgment of others and a warm and considerate companion. In 1138 he headed a group of monks to establish Newminster Abbey. Robert ruled and directed the monks at Newminster for 21 years.

On the night Robert died, Godric of Finchale is said to have seen a vision of Robert's soul, like a ball of fire, being lifted by angels on a pathway of light toward the gates of heaven. As they approached, Godric heard a voice saying, "*Enter now my friends.*" Robert is often depicted in church art as an abbot holding a church.



Prayer of St Robert

God of power,

We ask you to watch over all those associated with St Robert of Newminster School. Our small community in Washington, like many other schools, has provided a light during the difficulties of the past two months. May our motto of 'Let your light shine' extend further and bring comfort to those who mourn, respite to those who suffer and strength to those who work toward the health and prosperity of all.

We ask St Robert to take these and all our prayers to God our father

Amen.

Famous Robert's Quiz

1. Which Robert is a two time Oscar winner and gained fame for his role in the Godfather?
2. Which Robert was a famous Scottish novelist who wrote 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'?
3. Which Robert was cast as the title character in Marvel's 'Iron Man'?
4. Which Robert is an English actor who starred in the Twilight Saga and will be the new Batman?
5. Which Robert is the national poet of Scotland?

Phone calls

Prior to half term and throughout this coming week, pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 have and will be continue to be contacted by staff to check on the wellbeing of our pupils and their families. The phone calls are an opportunity for pupils to speak to a member of staff and let them know if they are having any specific difficulties with their remote learning. Departments are uploading work weekly and offering opportunities for pupils to receive feedback from their class teachers. If, for any reason, our pupils are finding this process difficult then they can discuss this during the call. Likewise, this is a lovely opportunity to simply speak to their tutors about how they are dealing with this unusual situation.



Year 11 Leaver's Liturgy

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that our opportunities to celebrate with our pupils in both Year 11 and Year 13 could not go ahead. We do hope that we will be able to mark this transition in person at a later date. In the meantime, Year 11 students and parents are invited to share in an online leavers liturgy.

On Monday 8th June, in conjunction with our Feast Day celebrations we will send out a link to Year 11 parents so that they can access a variety of prayer, reflection and messages aimed at our wonderful students who have given so much to the school over the last five years. Although this will not replicate the Year 11 Day of Celebration or Year 11 Leavers Mass, it will provide a small token of appreciation and thanksgiving from their teachers, tutors and Heads of House.



Remote Learning Support

To further support our pupils with their remote learning, this term they will have access to a subject help email should they require assistance from their teachers. The list of the subject help emails can be accessed in the same place pupil's access their online work. The email addresses are also displayed on the remote learning plans for each subject. Please continue to encourage the pupils to engage with the online work. There has been some fantastic work submitted thus far please keep it up!

	<p>Task 3: Complete task 23 from the 'Origins and Meanings' task booklet. Either complete this directly in the booklet or write out the answer and fill in the gaps with the words identified.</p> <p>Task 4: Complete a quote explosion around the following quotes: "All men are created in the image and likeness of God" "Every type of discrimination...is to be overcome"</p> <p>Use the information studied above to explain the meaning of these quotes and outline how these quotes influence Catholic Social Teaching.</p>
Work to be submitted to the teacher.	<p>Complete the following quiz to review your learning (Ctrl+click): https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Tuy_OG1dU-8B63sODOKmHbJ22NdK1NjHTJE72dD6ZUNjzR8FCRDdKNF1wOESU1TA3S39GN0eE0S4u</p>

If you have any issues with the work you have been asked to complete then please email: REHelp@strobortofnewminster.co.uk
Ensure you put your name, year group and class teacher's name in the title of the email otherwise we may be unable to respond to your question/s.



Recognition of Excellent Effort

Teachers will continue to nominate those pupils they feel have really risen to the challenge of remote learning and each Friday, our e-postcards will be arriving in pupil inboxes. If your child is one of the recipients, please congratulate them on our behalf. If their mail box is empty, tell them not to be disappointed: e-postcards will be sent each week until the end of the summer term so there is lots of time left to be recognised. As always, thank you to parents and carers for supporting our pupils as they work from home.



General Website Links

The National Careers Service:

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

Offers information, advice and guidance on careers, job profiles, learning, employment and apprenticeships.

Contact: 0800 100 900 or chat using webchat

www.icould.com career advice and the world of work

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk Vacancies on local apprenticeships and how to search. You can also receive alerts to vacancies.

Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Resources

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/parents-resources

Advice on how to search for vacancies as well as listing local apprenticeship vacancies.

www.parentalguidance.org.uk Advice on career choices

www.labourmarketnortheast.co.uk Local Labour Market Information

www.prospects.ac.uk Find out about University course, options, careers advice

www.ucas.com

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk Find out about alternative options to university including employment, training, gap years etc

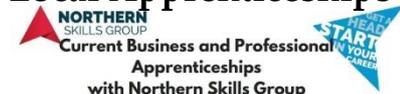
Target Careers www.targetcareers.co.uk to help school leavers make decisions about their future. Explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help applying successfully

Assessment Day www.assessmentday.co.uk practice aptitude tests

Current Apprenticeship vacancies (see

www.findanapprenticeship.service.org.uk)

Local Apprenticeships



NORTHERN SKILLS GROUP
Current Business and Professional Apprenticeships
with Northern Skills Group

Happy Little Sunderland Day Nursery Office Administrator Middleburgh, TS1 3LF 40 hours per week £200.00 per week Level 2 Business Administration	SO Health Business Administrator Darlington, DL1 1XZ 37 hours per week £203.50 per week Level 2 Business Administration
SIUEZ UK Ltd Business Administration Assistant Rural, TS20 6JH 35 hours per week £205.25 per week Level 2 Business Administration	Core Legal Limited Administration Apprentice Stockton-on-Tees, TS16 3TU 37.5 hours per week £186.25 per week Level 2 Business Administration
In Charge Electrical and Plumbing Ltd Business Administration Apprentice Darlington, DL1 4JZ 35 hours per week £143.25 per week Level 2 Business Administration	Durham Gates Health Federation Business Administration Bishop Auckland, DL14 6AB 37.5 hours per week £187.50 per week Level 2 Business Administration
Avenium Engineering Ltd Business Administration Middleburgh, TS12 3LJ 37.5 hours per week £206.00 per week Level 2 Business Administration	Imperial Recruitment Group Recruitment Administrator Darlington, DL1 3HQ 40 hours per week £168.00 per week Level 2 Business Administration

<https://www.northernskills.co.uk/gp/pressreleases/pressreleases/gp-vcareers/>

www.northernskills.co.uk **Current Apprenticeships & Training**

To see up to date job vacancies follow (hold CTRL):
<https://www.northernskills.co.uk/apprentices/apprenticeship-job-vacancies>

Work Experience Update

During these unprecedented times we are working hard to finalise Work Experience placements for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. Most of the vetting carried out by Futureworks are now complete. However we await further instructions from the government regarding the lockdown as to whether placements will go ahead this year. Further updates will be provided via this newsletter and text message when we have more information.

Regards Mr Green Assistant Headteacher

What's Engineering all about?

Engineers are professional miracle workers, designing the amazing things we use in our everyday lives. Smartphones and computers, robots and racing cars, railways and wind turbines, even foods - these are all designed by engineers. Engineers use a logic, maths and scientific principles to design and improve technology, buildings and all sorts of other things. [Check out this article](#) to learn what makes a great engineer.

What jobs are out there?

Here are some of the main types of engineers:

- **Civil engineers** work on the built environment around us - that means houses, office blocks, bridges, roads, railways and tunnels.
- **Mechanical engineers** design machinery, from dishwashers to wind turbines to the machines that build our products.
- **Chemical engineers** figure out how to mix raw chemical materials to make them perform useful functions - working in the manufacture of food, medicines, materials and nuclear science.
- **Environmental engineers** create systems that protect the environment such as structures that stop the coast from eroding.
- **Biomedical engineers** design technology that provides medical solutions, such as artificial body parts or devices that aid medical specialists in their work.
- **Electronic engineers** develop circuitry to make our gadgets smaller, more powerful and more efficient.
- **Software engineers** design computer applications like the mobile app or internet browser you're reading this email in, as well as programs that run behind the scenes or inside products.

Read about these in more detail [in our in-depth article](#).

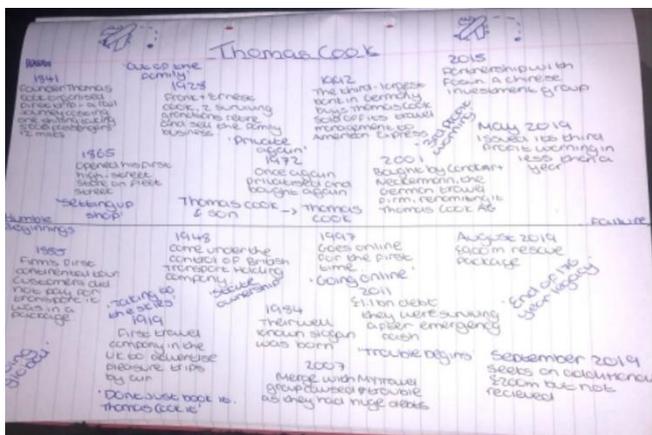
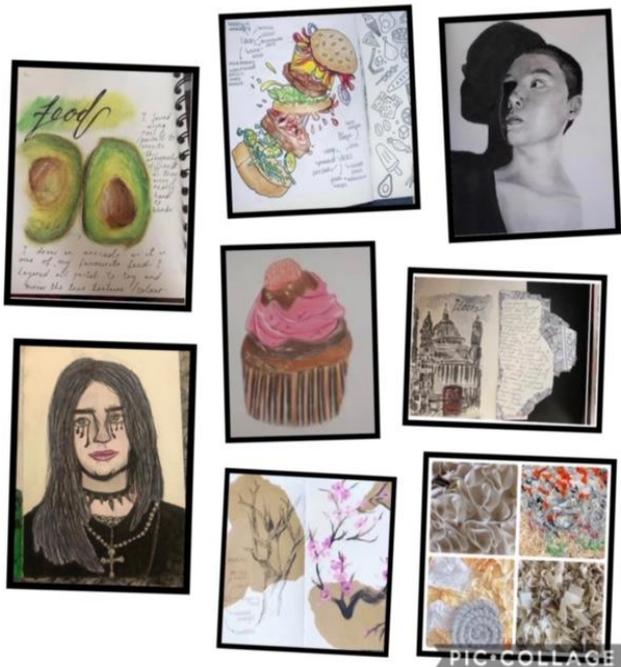
Sixth Form Careers Websites

Pupils in the Sixth Form may find these post18 careers websites useful.

1. www.theuniversityguys.com (studying overseas)
2. <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk>
3. <https://www.whatuni.com>
4. <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk>
5. <https://www.allaboutcareers.com>
6. <https://www.scholarshipin.com> (UK and International study)

Year 7 Geography – Rainforest in a Box

Year 7 have been busy in Geography learning about the tropical rainforest structure, what each layer looks like and some of the incredible plant and animal life which live in it. They were challenged with a home project see what imaginative and wonderful mini rainforests create they could create using a shoebox (or box of similar size) and recycled materials collected from around the home and outdoors. Some boxes were so good they entered into a national competition. Well done to all year 7's involved! Here are just a few of the amazing boxes:



Rainforest in a box

