



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



OUR VISION
"We are a Catholic family of schools, working as one, transforming every individual, their family and our Trust community through the building of God's Kingdom, caring for our environment, today rather than tomorrow."

Our Journey Together

- news from across the St Ralph Sherwin Trust

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First face-to-face meeting for Trust Pupil Parliament

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Strictly St Ralph raises over £13,000 for charity



Fifteen couples from across our family of schools took to the dancefloor and raised over £13,000 for a range of charities.

Each couple from our schools and Central Team danced either the jive, waltz or cha-cha following four 90-minute lessons with dance teacher Chris Robinson.

Chris is a four-time British Amateur Latin Sequence

Champion.

Sharon Stringer and Jen Lewis from St George's in Derby danced the jive and were crowned the overall winners following a dance-off with Rachel Rose and Sam Ashley from Saint John Houghton in Ilkeston and Jo Haime and Tony Griffiths, who represented St Joseph's in Derby.

See back page for more photos from the event.



Welcome to the first edition of our SRS Newsletter for the year 2021/22. As you will see from the pictures

contained within this newsletter, there has been so much taking place and so much to celebrate. The idea behind 'Strictly St Ralph' came about during lockdown and the intention was to raise staff spirits while supporting lots of good causes. As you will read, we managed to do both.

Our Pupil Parliament is something I have wanted to get off the ground for some time. We have around 8,000 pupils in our Trust and we want to hear their voices and turn their input into meaningful actions. Issues such as the environment and inclusion are very much top of their agendas. I look forward to seeing how the Pupil Parliament develops. I also want to pay tribute to St Philip Howard on achieving its 'Good' Ofsted judgement. We are all so proud of this achievement and it is so richly deserved. Well done to everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we have our Trust Feast Day approaching on Friday

3 December and representatives from all of our schools and Central Team will gather at the Winding Wheel theatre, in Chesterfield, to listen to our keynote speaker David Wells, as well as CAFOD, our charity partner this year. We will hear about the fantastic work that they are doing and how we will be supporting them.

Can I thank you for your continued support of our schools and Trust.

Sean McClafferty
Chief Executive

Pupils make their voices heard



Our Trust Pupil Parliament met face-to-face for the first time as two representatives from each school gathered at The Palace Hotel in Buxton.

Pupils were welcomed by CEO Sean McClafferty and Trust Lead Lay Chaplain Jamie Agius. We were delighted to welcome Trust Board members Peter Barnes and Deacon Richard Walsh to the meeting.

After a short ice breaker activity, pupils were encouraged to discuss the answers to five questions we had posed to the Pupil Parliament, based on sub-committee themes of Sustainability, Fundraising, Local Community, Pupil Community and Inclusivity.

In the afternoon, pupils met in their sub-committees and formulated three actions that will be proposed to the Trust Board. Each sub-committee was led by one or more secondary school pupil, who all did a fantastic job. Thank you to everyone who joined us for such a wonderful day. We are looking forward to sharing the impact our Pupil Parliament has in the future!

St Philip Howard celebrates 'Good' Ofsted rating

School is judged to be 'Good' in all areas following two-day inspection



St Philip Howard Catholic Voluntary Academy in Glossop is celebrating after being graded 'Good' in all areas by Ofsted.

Inspectors stated in their report that the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management were all 'Good'.

The overall effectiveness of the school, which received a grade of 'Requires Improvement' at its last inspection in January 2018, was also judged to be 'Good'.

The report highlighted a number of positives including pupils' pride in their school, the 'ambitious' curriculum and the work done by leaders to bring the school community together.

Praise was also given to the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust and the local

Governing Body.

Inspectors said: "The Trust and the Local Governing Body provide leaders with close support and challenge. Staff benefit from training provided by the Trust to improve their practice. Staff appreciate how considerate leaders are of their wellbeing and workload. They are proud to work at the school."

The report praised leaders' strong values which focus closely on doing the best for each pupil.

"The school has improved a lot since its previous inspection.

Leaders' commitment ensures that all pupils benefit from a good quality of education. They have made sure that the curriculum is ambitious for all pupils. Pupils learn a broad range of subjects," inspectors said.

Louisa Morris, Headteacher, said: "I am absolutely delighted that

Ofsted have recognised the hard work and commitment of the entire SPH community. We have been on a journey of continued improvement and both staff and pupils are immensely proud of the outcome. I would like to thank our parents and carers who have given me their overwhelming support since taking up the Headship in September 2015."

Sean McClafferty, Trust Chief Executive Officer, said: "As a Trust, we are all hugely proud of this outcome. For anyone who knows the school well this will not have come as a surprise. Staff, pupils and governors, supported by parents, have worked incredibly hard over many years to achieve this 'Good' judgement.

"Under the excellent leadership of Louisa Morris, St Philip Howard will continue to go from strength to strength."

Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy in Burton is relaunching "Food Bank Fridays" where children are encouraged to think about kindness and helping others by adding an item of food to the food bank trolley at school.

Food Bank Fridays at the school were initially created in 2019. Family Support Worker at Holy Rosary, Tom Miller, said: "As a school we are focusing on empathy and kindness which also links to our Gospel Values. We are delighted to be able to offer our support to the amazing work that YMCA Burton continue to do." Paul Laffey, CEO of YMCA Burton, said: "Thank you to the children and staff at Holy Rosary. Their contributions help us to feed vulnerable people here in East Staffordshire and since the beginning of this year; we have helped to achieve this by supplying over 600 meals."



Strictly St Ralph



St Philip Howard



St Thomas'



The Priory and English Martyrs'



St Elizabeth's



St Joseph's Matlock -
most improved couple



St Thomas More



St Charles' and All Saints/
St Margaret's



St Joseph's Derby



Saint Benedict



Central Team



Christ the King



St Mary's
Marple Bridge

