



Welcome to Year 7 Parents' Information Meeting



Mr Calen: Welcome

Mr Noakes: Welcome Liturgy

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Mrs Black

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- Assessment & Homework
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Our Mission at EMS

English Martyrs, as a **community**
centred in Christ strives to **develop**
the **talents** of **each** person

‘May they all be one’



Year 7 Family Welcome Liturgy

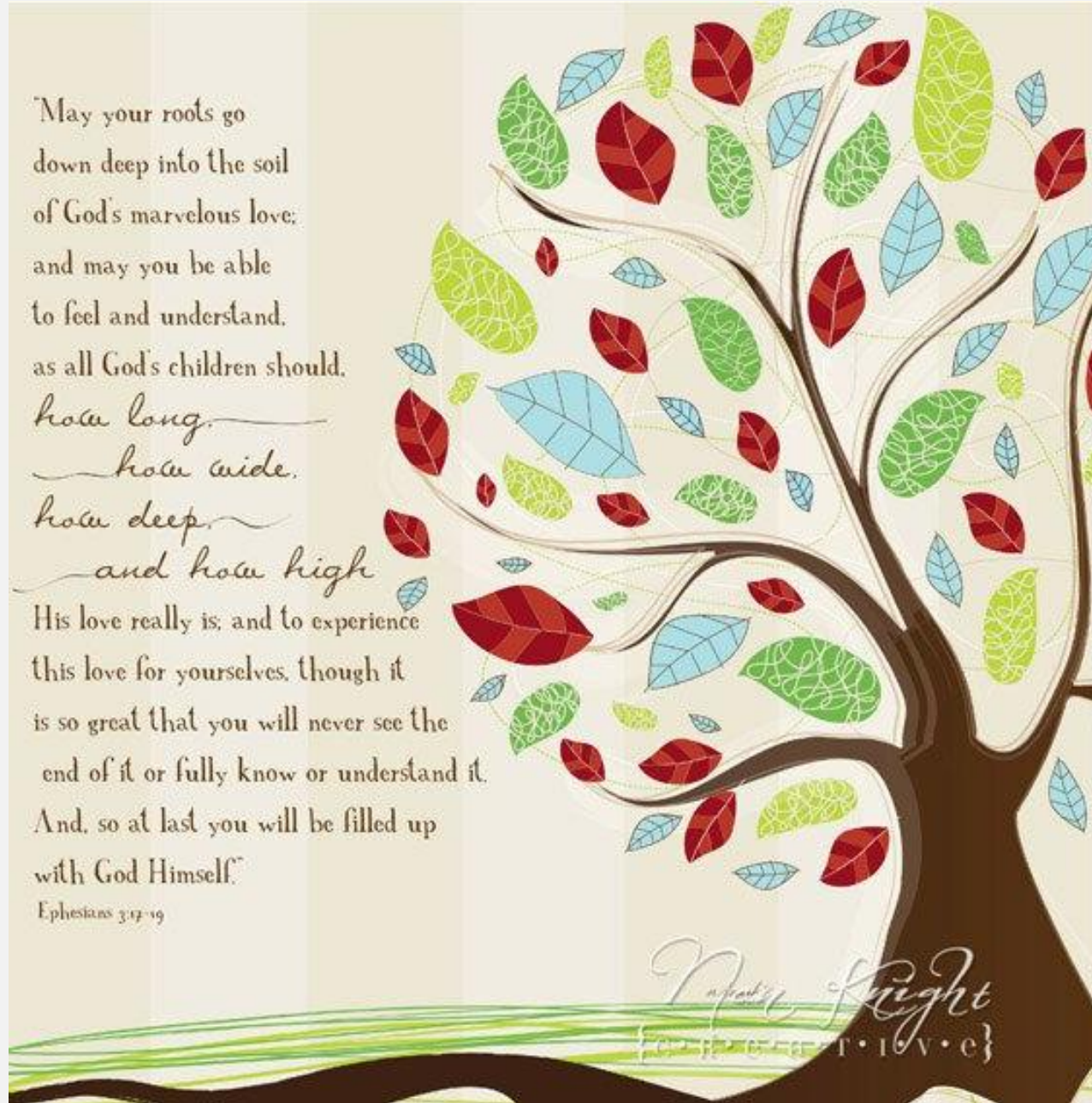


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Year 7 Family Welcome Liturgy



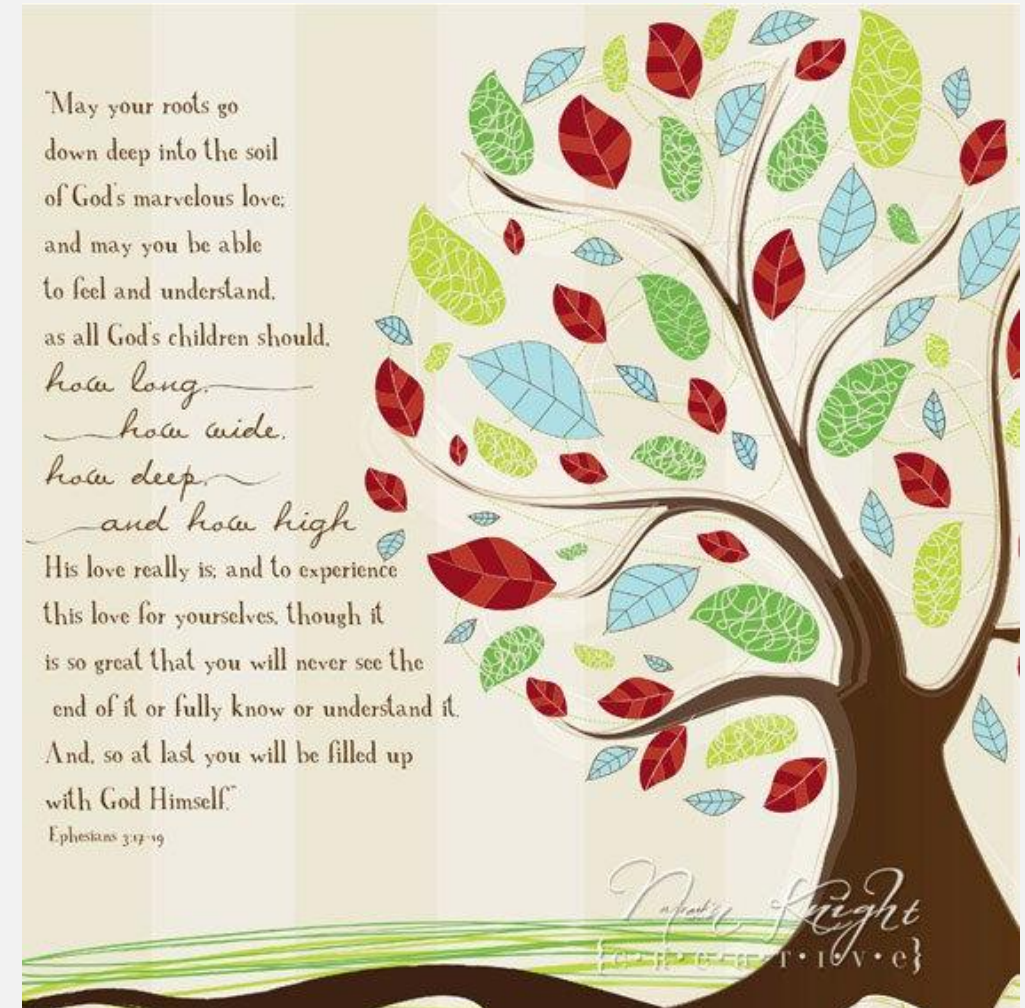
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In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



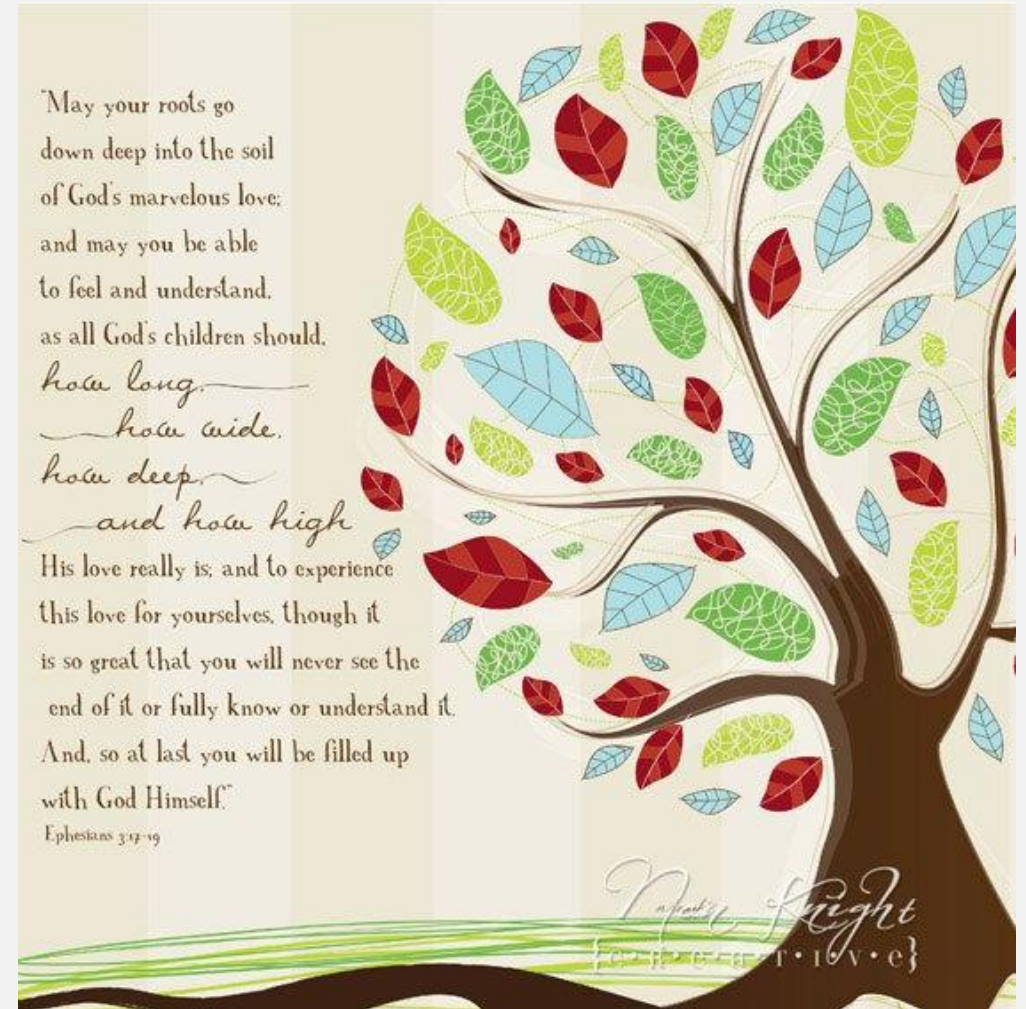
Opening prayer



Lord Jesus Christ....

... Jesus, inspire us to do our best

Amen

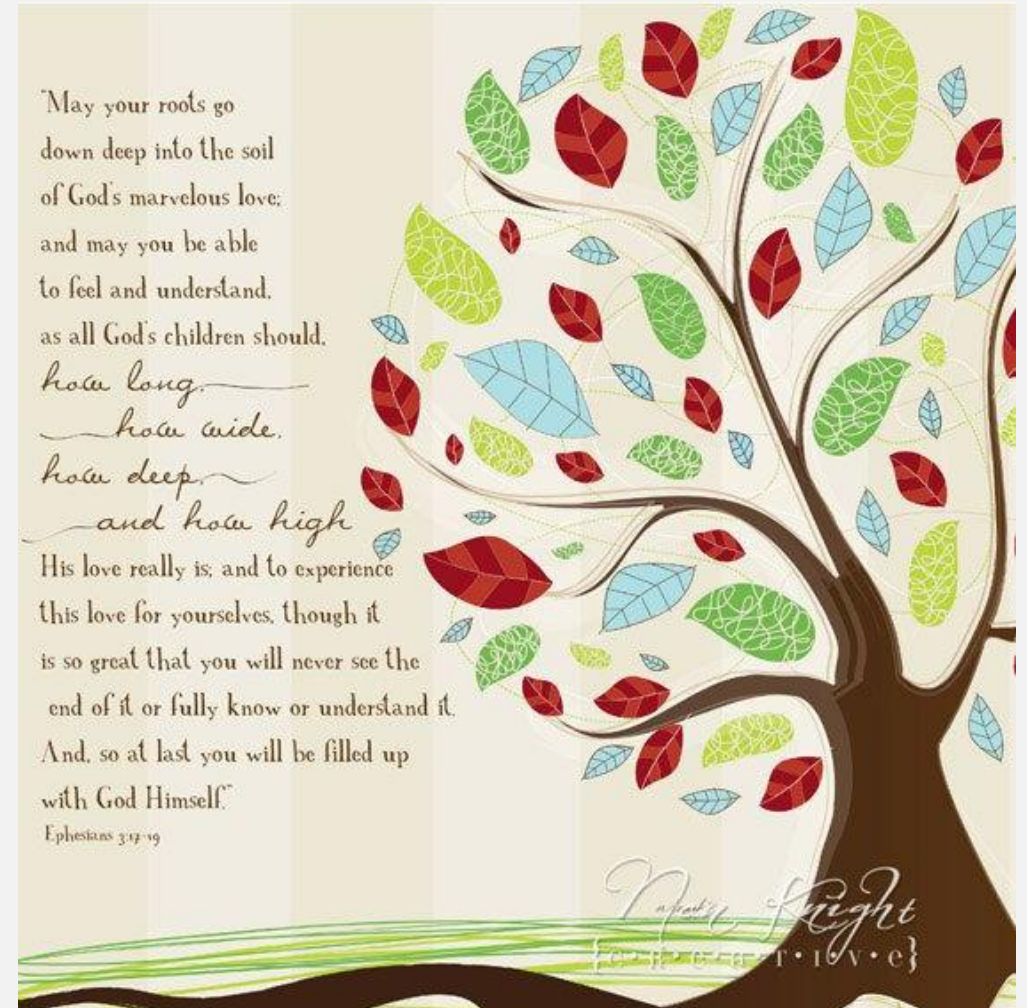


A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians



... The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God





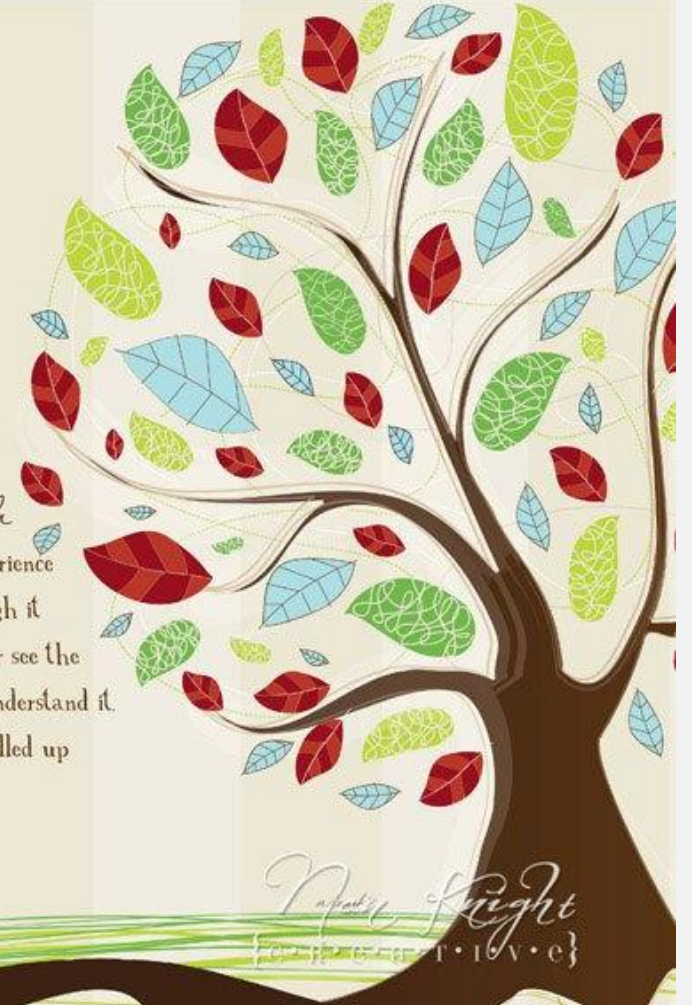
Act of Dedication

Response is

We are,

With the help of God

May your roots go
down deep into the soil
of God's marvelous love;
and may you be able
to feel and understand,
as all God's children should,
how long,
how wide,
how deep,
and how high
His love really is; and to experience
this love for yourselves, though it
is so great that you will never see the
end of it or fully know or understand it.
And, so at last you will be filled up
with God Himself.
Ephesians 3:17-19



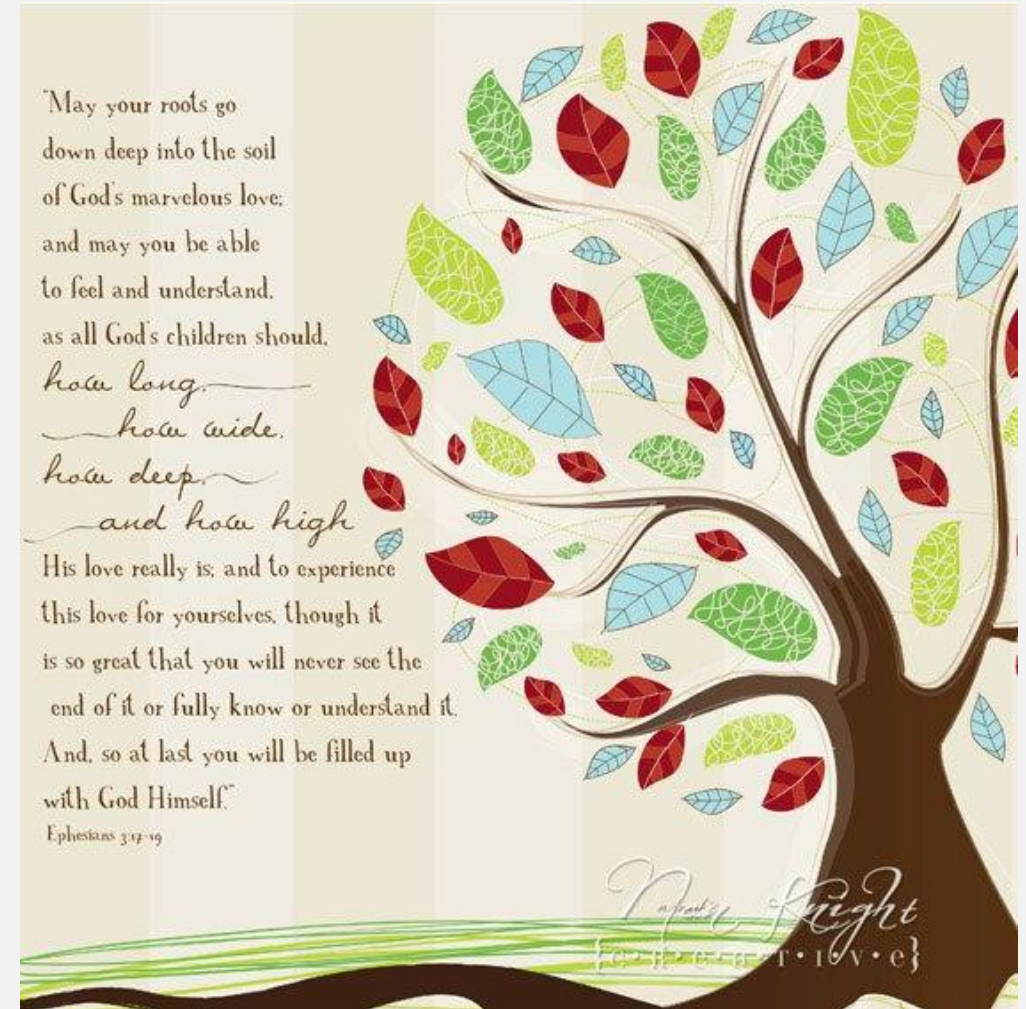
Peace Light
FOR THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Intercessions

Response is

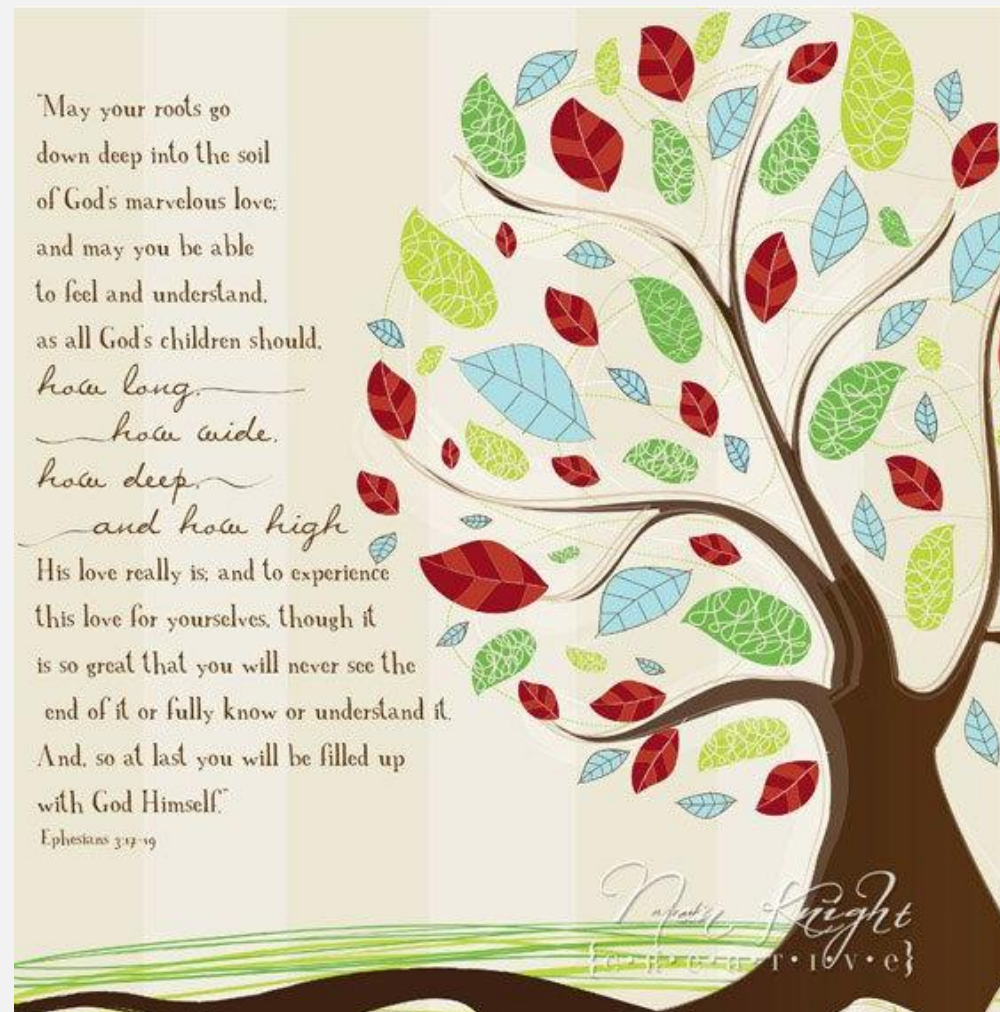
Lord,

graciously hear us



**Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with you,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary,
mother of God,
prayer for us sinners,
now,
and at the hour of our death.**

Amen



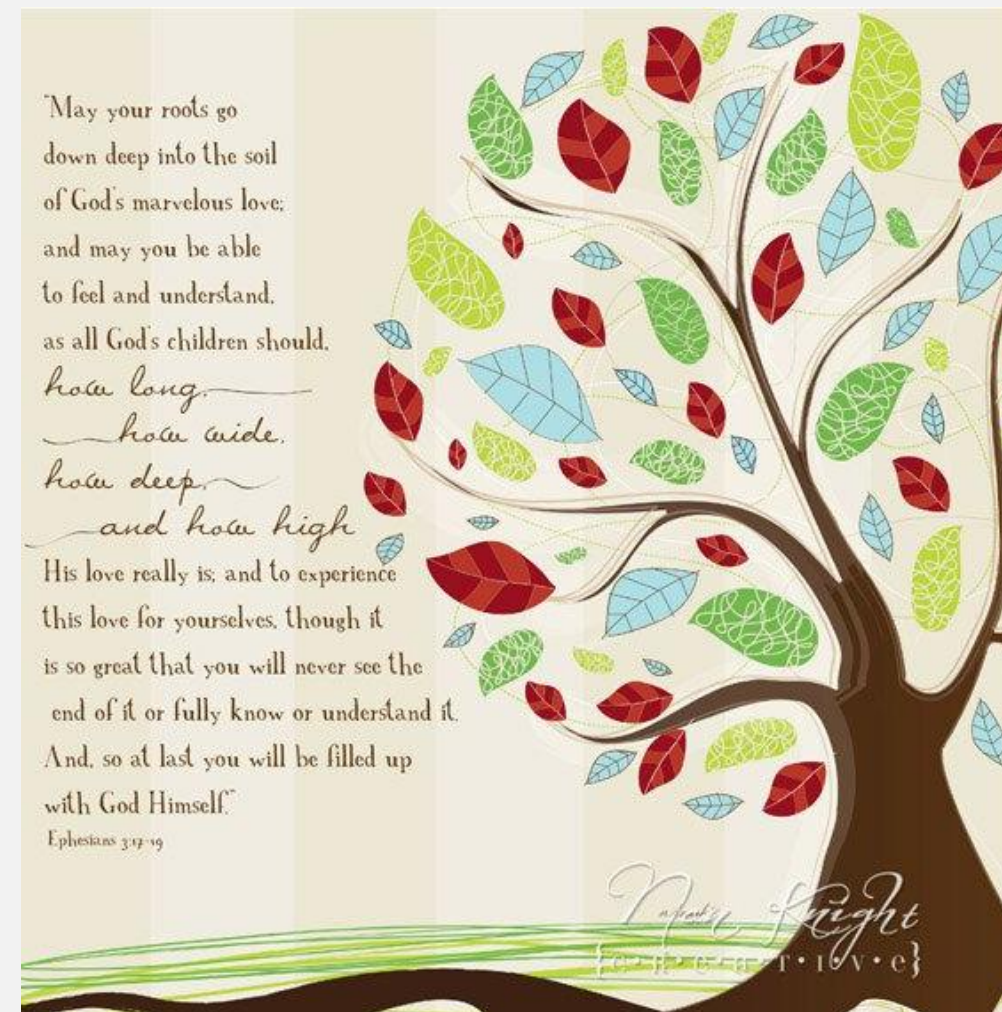
Concluding prayer and blessing



...

And may God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit
enfold us and bring us,
at day's end, safely home.

Amen



Our School Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

Make me a better person

Considerate towards others

Honest with myself

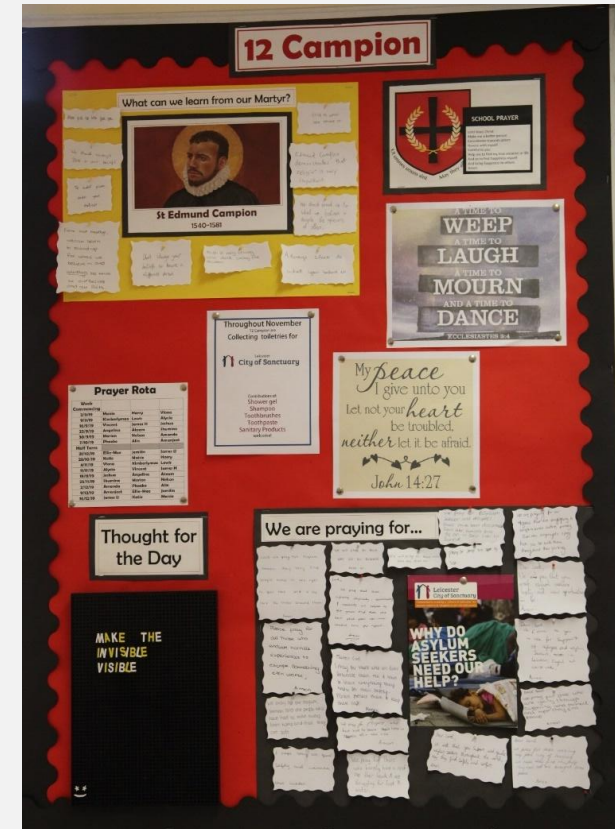
Faithful to you

Help me to find my true vocation in life

And so to find happiness myself

And bring happiness to others

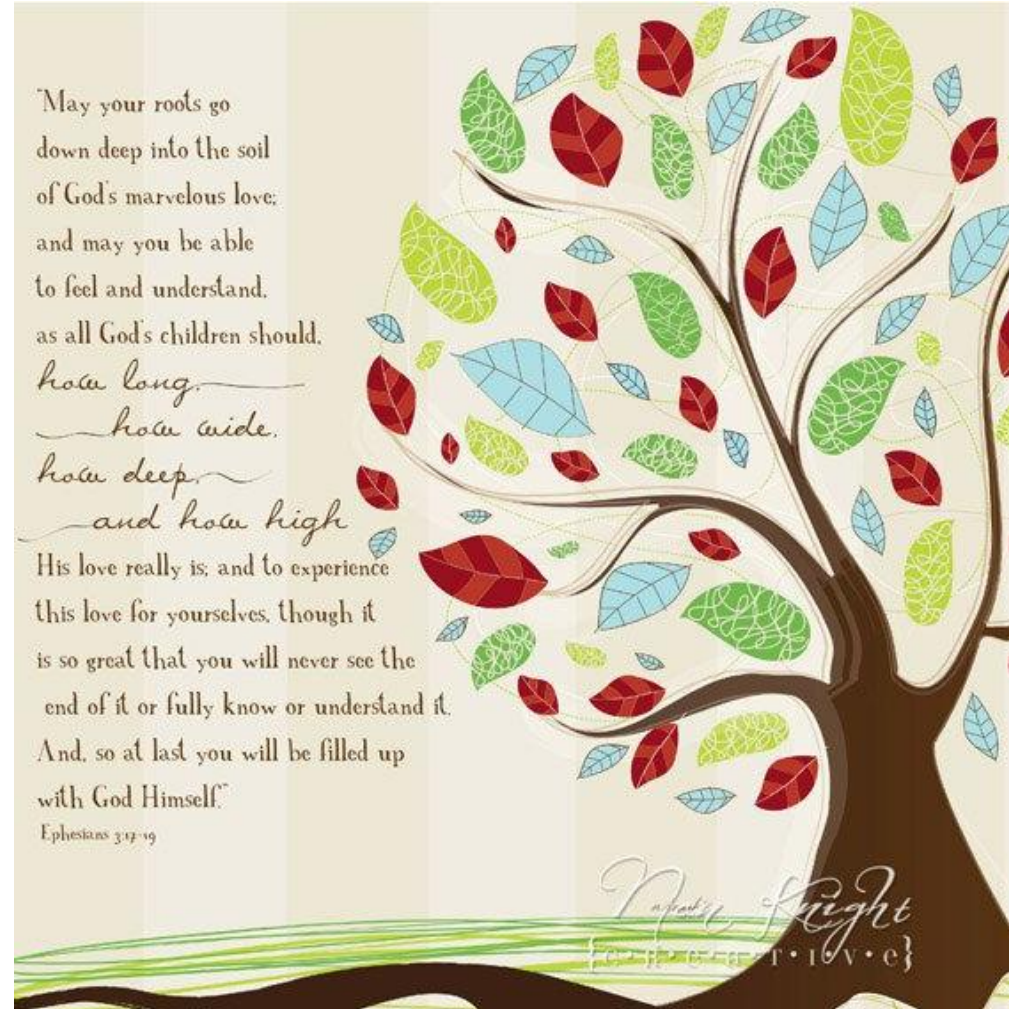
Amen



Each form has it's own prayer board as a focus for prayer during form time.

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and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



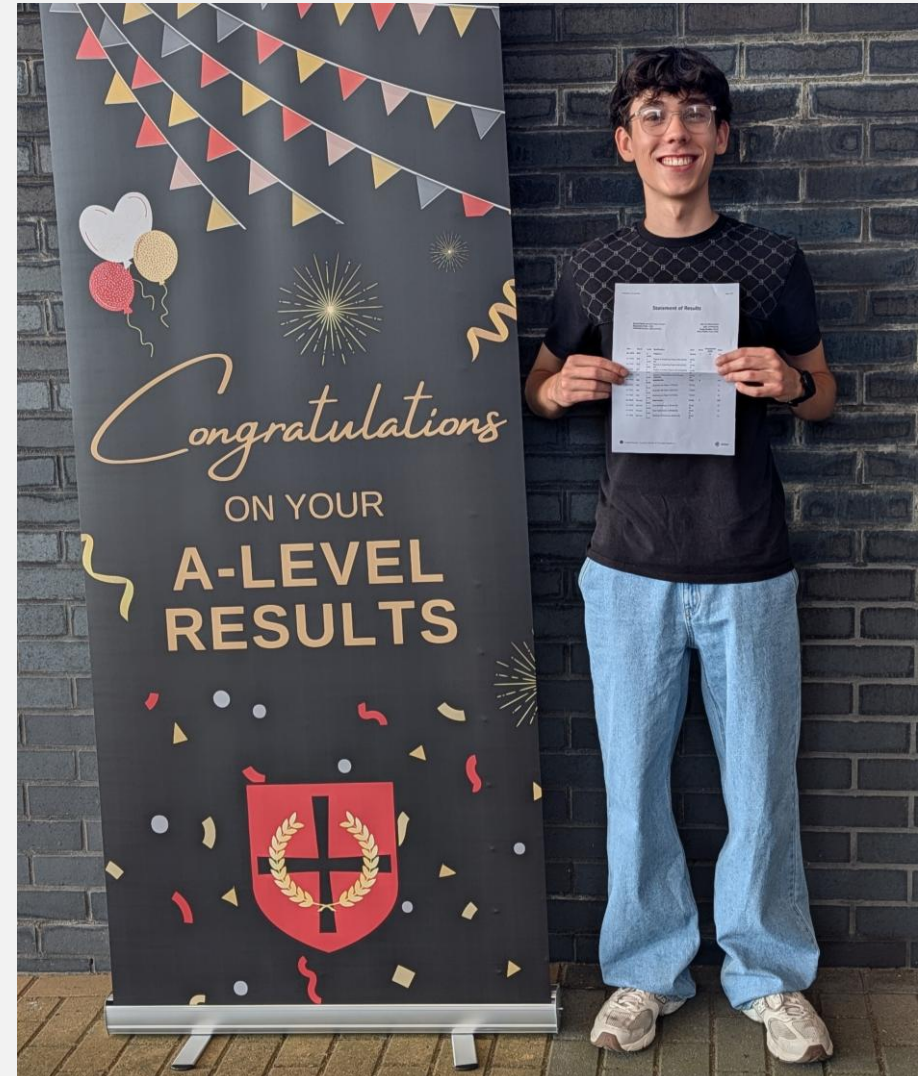
Examination Results

A Level Results

- 19% of students achieved A*–A grades
- 52% achieved A*–B grades
- 88% achieved A*–C grades

For the eleventh consecutive year, 80%+ of our students have achieved A*–C grades/

83% of students have gained places at their first-choice universities, including many at coveted Russell Group universities.



Year 13 Destinations

Notable destinations include:

- Cambridge University
- Loughborough University
- University of Bath
- Liverpool John Moore's-
- University of Durham -
- University of Leicester-
- University of York
- University of Birmingham
- University of Warwick
- De Montfort University
- University of Manchester
- Aston University
- Students also took up apprenticeships
- Workplace
- Travelling

Examination Results

GCSE Results

87% of students achieved **five or more 4+ grades** (Including English & Maths).

72% of students achieved **5+ (Strong Pass)**

87% of students achieved **4+ (Pass)** in English & Maths

Puts in the top 10% nationally

We have been delighted to welcome over 115 Year 11 students into our Sixth Form (along with applicants from other schools) as they embark on the next stage of their education.



Year 7 Pastoral Team

Head of Year – Mr Alessandrelli

Form Tutors

7 Champion – Mr Preston

7 Clitheroe - Ms Devereux / Ms Crewe

7 Fisher - Mrs Renault / Mr Frackowiak

7 More - Mr Naran

7 Sherwin – Mr Hunka

7 Ward – Mr White / Ms Panchal (Trainee Teacher)

Pastoral Team

Ms B. Collins

Mr James Noakes – School Chaplain

Mr E. James - Mentor

Mr J. Johnson - Pastoral Assistant

Mr S. Hagan - Pastoral Assistant

Mr C. Rhodes - Pastoral Assistant

Pastoral Support Team

- The overall Pastoral Team includes SLT, HOY, Form Tutors & Pastoral Support Team.
- Our **Pastoral Support Team** is there to support everybody, their job role covers a wide range of activities from mentoring, making wellbeing calls to assisting in First Aid and generally being a friendly face for students to speak to if they need it.



Mrs B. Collins
Mental Health Lead



Mr S. Hagan
Pastoral Support



Mr E. James
Mentor



Mr J. Johnson
Pastoral Support



Mr J. Noakes
Chaplain



Mr C. Rhodes
Pastoral Support

Spiritual Life

Morning Prayer

Mass

Assemblies

Charities & fundraising

Retreats



Our Expectations

Uniform & Equipment

No Mobile Phones

Exemplary Behaviour

Homework

100% Attendance

Apply yourself to your
studies

Get involved in the wider
school community



Co-curricular Activities

Enrichment

Art Club
Biology, Chemistry and
Physics Olympiads
Brilliant Club
Chess Club
Creative Writing Club
Debating Society
Design Club
High Flyer Programme
Magic, Mentalism & Memory
Maths Challenges
Science Club
Study Club

Performing Arts

Dance Club
Drama Club
Junior Brass Ensemble
Senior Brass Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble
Jazz Band
Junior/Senior Choir
Schola Cantorum
Junior Orchestra
Senior Orchestra
School Musical Rehearsal
String Ensemble
Steel Pans Group
Woodwind Ensemble

Sport & Outdoor Activities

Athletics (mixed)
Badminton (mixed)
Basketball (mixed)
Cricket (mixed)
Football (boys' and girls')
Indoor Cricket (mixed)
Netball (mixed)
Rounders (mixed)
Running Club (mixed)
Short Tennis (mixed)
Table Tennis (mixed)
Trampolining (mixed)
Volleyball (mixed)



The curriculum is enhanced by a vibrant, wide-ranging co-curricular programme which provides a broad curriculum offer and supports student wellbeing.

Each student should sign up to at least one activity.

Music Tuition

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

English Martyrs' Catholic School recognises that Music Education forms an essential part of a rich and balanced education.

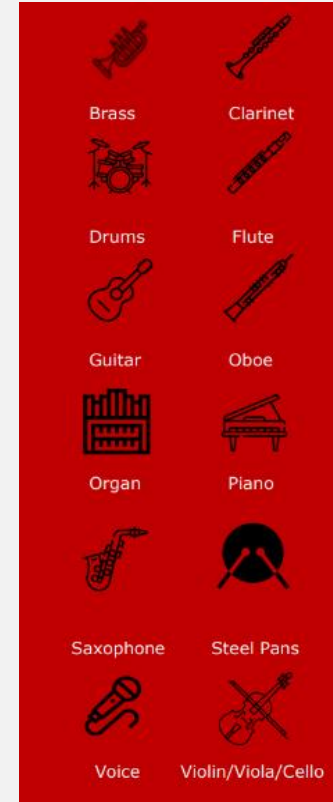
As such, we are committed to providing as wide a range of opportunities to enable students to learn a musical instrument. We aim to give students a love of music that will last a lifetime through regular performances, trips and much more.

How would Music help my child?

- Music provides challenge and discipline
- Music ministry has a distinct contribution to the Catholic liturgy
- Qualifications: The school ensures that students have the opportunity to progress from beginner to Grade 8 where this is practical
- Music provides invaluable transferrable skills and fosters strong professional relationships

Costs

- Individual 30-minute instrumental/singing lessons are charged at £17 per lesson for 32 weeks of the school year
- Lesson costs include the loan and maintenance of an instrument, membership of an ensemble group, instrument storage and practice spaces
- Students in receipt of Pupil Premium may apply for one set of funded instrumental or vocal lessons.
- Please register an interest even if cost is a concern, we strive to remove financial barriers to Music education.



Follow our performances and updates on instagram: [@emsmusicdpt](https://www.instagram.com/emsmusicdpt)

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Year 7 Cooking

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- All Year 7 students will take part in **cooking** during their Design & Technology rotation.
- **Ingredients and containers are provided** by the department.
- Approximate cost: **£17.50 for the whole year**.
- **A letter will be sent to parents/carers** with full payment details.
- Payment can be made **in full or in instalments**.
- This is more **cost-effective** and helps **reduce food waste**.

Homework & Retrieval Practice

- All homework is published on Satchel One.
- Research-driven regular retrieval practice in and out of lessons
- Weekly spelling & grammar tests
- Use of a computer and internet access at home
- Use of online programmes such as Sparx Maths, Educake and ActiveLearn



Sparx Maths



Homework

HOMework PLAN



HOMework SETTING:

Subject	Teacher	Day Set	Deadline

You need to plan out when you are going to complete your homework, using the schedule below.

You need to also include when you will review work and revise e.g. making flash cards, completing past papers.

This should be planned in throughout the year and not just in the run up to mock exams/exams.

STUDY SCHEDULE:

Day	3-4pm	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm	7-8pm
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday		
Sunday		

If you have commitments e.g. football training, dance rehearsals, music lessons etc. these times should be shaded out.

You should try and stick to the same times each week to keep in a regular routine.



Homework

Form tutors will **introduce and guide students through the homework booklet programme**, helping them develop good study habits and independence.

We ask **parents and carers to support and encourage their child at home**, helping them complete the activities regularly and to the best of their ability.

 Warning! You will need this booklet later in the year, so must keep it safe!



Year 7
Homework Booklet

Theme: Using Key Words



Name:
Form:



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Next Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 22nd September, 12.50-2.50pm

Year 7 Champion, Clitheroe, Fisher- Parents' Afternoon Meeting the Form Tutors

Wednesday 23rd 12.50-2.50pm

Year 7 More, Sherwin, Ward- Parents' Afternoon Meeting the Form Tutors



Safeguarding



Mrs Singh

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Mr Boonham

Deputy DSL



Mrs Collins

Deputy DSL



Mr Hawkes

Deputy DSL



Mrs Lewis

Deputy DSL



Ms Devereux

Deputy DSL



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Safeguarding

- **School website** – Our School  Safeguarding  Safeguarding/child protection policy.
- You can also download online safety tips for your child.
- We will always communicate with parents.
- Email DSL@englishmartyrs.org



Praise & Rewards- The English Martyrs Way

- **Excellence:** We aspire to be better every day. Success is a journey and failure is part of the learning journey.
- **Hardworking:** (of a person) tending to work with energy, commitment and diligence
- **Resilience:** be determined to never give up, regardless of setbacks. To look for solutions when facing a problem.
- **Welcoming:** We recognise and celebrate diversity while being friendly considerate and welcoming to all.
- **Respect:** have due regard for (someone's feelings, wishes, or rights)



The English Martyrs' Way



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HARD WORKING

Of a person tending to work with energy, commitment and diligence.



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These are the values chosen by our students to represent the English Martyrs' Way.



Lord Jesus Christ
Make me a better person
Considerate towards others
Honest with myself
Faithful to you
Help me to find my true vocation in life
And so to find happiness myself
And bring happiness to others

Amen



Praise Points (+1)

Teachers will award students with an English Martyrs Way Achievement point when they demonstrate any of the English Martyrs Way values below

- Excellence in Lessons (+1 Praise Point)
- Excellence around the school (+1 Praise Point)
- Respect (+1 Praise Point)
- Hardworking (+1 Praise Point)
- Resilience (+1 Praise Point)
- Welcoming (+1 Praise Point)
- Spiritual Life (+1 Praise Point)

Special Recognition Praise Points

- Outstanding Contribution in Lessons (+2).

This is a special recognition, given to one or two students only per lesson.

This could be for outstanding answers to questions, producing an exceptional piece of work (or both).

- Outstanding contribution to school community (+2)

This could be for participation in events, singing, playing music, doing a reading at mass, reading a poem or being successful in your respective sports team.. E.g scoring a goal or saving a penalty.

Praise Tracker



Arbor Parent App

We are cashless school. Payments to school, e.g. for food, school visits, music lessons etc. should be made using the Arbor App which is accessed via the school website, www.englishmartyrs.org.

Payments may be made via debit or credit cards.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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Personal Development

The Personal Development programme is committed to offering a Careers, Reading and PSHE programme tailored to each year group so that each student is given a unique opportunity to explore the world of work, develop their unique gifts and skills which will enable them to build resilience and engage in teamwork.

This will guarantee that our students fully embrace “The English Martyrs Way.”

Personal Development Programme

Term (number of weeks)	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Advent 1 (8)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR	Personal Development	Personal Development	Personal Development
Advent 2 (8)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR			DEAR
Lent 1 (6)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	Personal Development
Lent 2 (4)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	
Pentecost 1 (8)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR	Personal Development	Personal Development	Exams
Pentecost 2 (5)	DEAR and Homework Booklets	DEAR			Exams

Year 7 students will take part in **DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)** alongside dedicated **Personal Development** sessions, helping them develop **confidence, resilience, independence and key life skills** as they settle into secondary school.

Drop Everything & Read (DEAR)

- Students will read books together throughout the year – during their Accelerate slot
- The stories are to be a shared experience, with the tutor.

Here are some of the books we'll be enjoying:



Reporting Through Arbor Parent Portal

You will receive an email inviting you to set up the Arbor Parent Portal. Some of you may already have this if your child attended a primary school which used Arbor.

Through the Arbor Parent Portal, you can see information throughout the year about your child's attendance, punctuality, behaviour and achievements.

Please set up the Arbor Parent Portal as soon as you receive the email.



Attendance = Achievement

Attendance	Grade Profile
>95%	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 (10x6)
90-95%	6 6 6 6 5 5 5 5 5 5 (4x6 + 6x5)
86-90%	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 (10x5)
<86%	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 (10x4)



Available on School Website:

- Assessment Profiles
- School Shop
- KS3 & KS4 Curriculum Roadmaps
- Test topics to be learnt
- Knowledge Organisers
- Revision guidance
- Wellbeing & Exam Stress support
- Student Support
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Links to Online Homework platforms e.g. Sparx & Educake



Eligibility for Free School Meals:



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How do I register for Free School Meals (FSM)?

To find out if you are eligible for Free School Meals [Click here](#)

Who should I contact for more information?

Our Lead Teacher for Pupil Premium is Mr Manger. If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium eligibility you can contact Mr Manger through the school office email

office@englishmartyrs.org



Eligibility for Free School Meals:

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Free school meals for reception, year 1 and 2 children

Year 7 Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Tue 22 Sept • 12:50–2:50pm \ Parents' Afternoon –
Campion, Clitherow & Fisher

Wed 23 Sept • 12:50–2:50pm \ Parents' Afternoon –
More, Sherwin & Ward

Fri 25 Sept \ Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Thu 1 Oct \ Year 6 Open Evening

Wed 14 Oct \ Year 7 Concert

Thu 26 Nov \ St Cecilia Concert

Christmas Dinner – *Date TBC*

Thu 17 Dec \ Carol Service

SPRING & SUMMER TERMS

2–6 March \ Residential Retreat to **The Briars** (*Date TBC*)

Thu 29 April \ Parents' Meeting

Week beginning 29 June \ Whole-Year Trip to **Twycross Zoo**

