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Who Do You Walk For?

This academic year, our school strap line is: *'Who do you walk for?'* It is based upon a quote from Nano Nagle who walked the streets of Cork late into the evenings helping those in need. As a community we are aware of the many people in our lives we walk for on a daily basis - friends, family and neighbours. We also go that extra mile for those in need in the wider community and this is always evident when we undertake our annual walk for Sierra Leone. This

year we were blessed with a glorious day of warm, sunny weather and barely a cloud in the sky, making the journey pass in seemingly record time. Spirits were high and thanks to your amazing generosity we raised over £12,000 to help the people of Sierra Leone; slowly recovering from the devastation of the Ebola crisis. Recent news has finally declared West Africa Ebola free, but there is still a long way to go. Thank you again for walking with us on this journey with our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone.



Y11 Soli House Retreat

Rachel Humphreys, IISG

On Wed 11th November, 22 of us ventured to Soli House in Alton for a residential retreat. This was a fantastic experience for us to get to know people in our year who we wouldn't normally be friends with. It really helped us to take a step back from school life and get away from revision and the stress of mock examinations. We really enjoyed having fun in the teamwork games; these were really successful even though we were in groups with people who weren't necessarily our friends.

The theme of the retreat was '*Inspired*' – we spoke about how others inspire us and how we can inspire others. The leaders at the centre were all really enthusiastic and they definitely highlighted what the theme meant.



Salford Christmas Party

Noah Longley, 13 MSh



On the morning of a very rainy 12th Dec, our immersion group of students and staff travelled to Salford to assist at the annual Christmas party for asylum seekers and refugees. In preparation, we went food and present shopping, but needed to arrive early to prepare the food and set everything up. It was a bit stressful hoping all would go well, especially when we realised we had left some of our materials behind at school for the activities we planned!

As soon as the first guests walked in the atmosphere was lifted. A little boy named Jason had many of us laughing the moment he stepped foot into the room with his joyful presence and his ear to ear smile. A few simple games of *I Spy* and *Rock, Paper, Scissors* was all that was needed to brighten his smile even further.

One part of the party that really touched me was when I was helping a four year old girl colour in a Christmas tree. At first, she was too shy to even tell me her name so we just sat quietly whilst we coloured. After a few minutes of silence I tried to get her talking by asking her questions but I wasn't having

much luck so I thought I'd try something else. All I did was gently blow on her face and she turned to me with the expression of someone who had just won the lottery. She giggled quietly and blew back at me and she found it hilarious. After a while she started picking up pens and telling me what colour they were as if there was nothing in the world that could be more fun. Just watching her, listening to her and seeing how happy she was made my heart melt. By the end of the day she was running around playing with all of the other children like they were best friends. Seeing these children who have been through so much, that happy, made the whole day worth it.

As people left we gave them food hampers and clothes that had been

donated by students at school and they were accepted so graciously. Everyone was so grateful and thankful for things that most of us wouldn't think twice about. Even the youngest of children were so happy with the simplest of presents they were given from Santa.

Both times I've been to Salford the people that I have met have been remarkable and inspiring; they all take great joy in the smallest of things which is a lesson that should be learnt by everyone. Around Christmas time a lot of people, including myself, think far too much about gifts to give and gifts to get. What we are reminded when we go to Salford is that it's all about presence, not presents.



Friendship Week

Mr R Lane

During Anti-Bullying week, our ambassadors came up with the idea of extending our activities into three nearby primary schools, with a view to promote friendship across all ages of school life. They all felt that everyone should practice the good qualities of friendship such as understanding, kindness, and inclusion so that bullying would be much less of a potential problem. The initiative has seen them write and deliver their own

assemblies and then plan and conduct themed one hour sessions on how important it is to build relationships based on mutual respect, even at the earliest ages. All of our ambassadors were extremely brave in running these activities. It was obvious they felt a great sense of achievement from their efforts, with many saying they would love to work with children in primary schools as a job in future.

Well done to all involved!



Resilience Days/Sessions

Mrs C Slattery

Building on the success of last year's Resilience Day, we are holding five one-hour resilience sessions over the course of this academic year. So far we've held three sessions during the Autumn term with students working in vertical groups containing a mix of all ages from Years 7-13. This provides them a broad network of peers, both older and younger, where they share strength and mutual support.

Nationally there is an increased number of students struggling to cope with stress and anxiety. It is essential we give our pupils perspective to help them meet those challenges, enabling them to be calm and not to panic in adversity.

In these resilience sessions, they can acquire various strategies to face and bounce back from all the challenges and adversity that life can present. They realise to not just accept perceived failures and setbacks as inevitable, but to embrace the lessons and opportunities they reveal.



Asylum Seeker

Mrs M McKenna

Sixth Form students and staff regularly volunteer at the Sanctus St. Mark's project and at the Christian Brothers Revive Mission in Salford, and students throughout the school help collect much needed clothing and food-stuff for local asylum seekers and refugees. So we were happy to welcome an Eritrean asylum seeker to come and speak with Sixth Form students about his experiences. He related his journey from Eritrea to the UK, travelling through Sudan, the Sahara and Libya, across the Mediterranean and into Italy, through France and eventually reaching the UK.

His story told of the hardships he faced – a tearful parting with his wife, who fled to Ethiopia as they did not have enough funds to both attempt the difficult journey to Europe; riding in the back of a container lorry through the Sahara, where the water onboard was purposefully contaminated with petrol to ensure the refugees did not drink it; and a perilous crossing of the Med with 400 others crammed together on a boat never intended for such numbers, some of whom drowned in the attempt. Hearing this first hand account put a face on all those stories we have seen in the news and increased our aware-

ness in the plight of asylum seekers. The experience has strengthened our resolve to continue our efforts to reach out to those who are in such desperate need.



Throughout the Autumn term, St Joseph's students have been busy in their fund-raising efforts to help those in need, both here in the

UK and abroad. Here are a few photographs showcasing their commendable efforts. We are very proud of all of them!



LaSallian Group



Dougie Mac Coffee Morning



Sierra Leone Walk



CB Salford Asylum Centre



Senior Maths Challenge

Mr K Lindley

Forty-two students in Years 12-13 took part in the U.K. Senior Maths Challenge in November. Thirty-three students gained certificates: 3 Gold, 13 Silver and 17 Bronze.

Well done to all our certificate winners and congratulations to our 'Best in School' Joseph Cheadle and Tom Greaves, 'Best in Year 12'.

Gold

Joseph Cheadle, Lawrence Dinh & Catherine Fitzpatrick

Silver

Kia Martin-Oxborough, Sam Beardmore, Mohammed Makhdoom, Chris Webb, Hannah Pointon, Oliver Topping, Adam Smith, Tom Greaves, Harry Geyer, James Bailey, Anna Mansell, Robert Garland & Kayleigh Greenway

Bronze

Ayman Khan, Isabella Hibell, Abraiz Hammad, Rebecca Smith, Abigail Chubb, Ajay Soni, Sianee Williams, Benjamin Goh, Emma Newton, Giselle Ayoub, James Wilson, Rebecca Wright, Daniel Ibbs, Matthew Knapper, Sagar Shah, Sheeru Shamsi & Jacob Carlidge

Lego League

Mr M Jones

On Tuesday 15th December, 10 students from St Joseph's College went to Birmingham University to compete for the first time in the 'First Lego League' Competition. For 3 months the ten students have been building a Lego robot and researching a practical solution to recycling. The students nicknamed their robot 'Sierra', which they built during their lunchtimes in an effort led entirely by the students themselves. On the day, the students performed well in two of the three categories doing

well in 'Core Values' and 'The Project'. Unfortunately despite the team making huge advancements on the day, their robot did not perform as they had practised. Despite this though the team deserves huge credit for their hard work and perseverance during the months leading up to the competition and the team remain determined to come back next year and have set the goal of winning the local heat they enter in order to reach the National Competition. Well done Lego team, 2016 will be our year!



Birches Head Rugby

Mr D Brierley

Birches Head Academy is introducing rugby for the first time as a sport option for its students. St Joseph's Young Sports Leaders are running weekly training sessions and the popularity is growing for both boys and girls. Rugby is now also being taught in games and PE lessons at Birches Head.

The partnership is a bit of a win-win situation for both schools. Rugby is a great sport in that it allows young people to channel some of their aggression and also teaches self discipline and control.

From our end, it gives our Sports Leaders a genuine opportunity to

develop their own coaching and leadership skills. We have eight volunteers working on a regular basis with Birches Head students and staff and loving every second.



Learning Week

Mrs J Jones

Parent/Governor Learning Week was another great success with 21 parents and governors sitting in on lessons throughout the week. The feedback has been very positive, with everyone expressing how much they enjoyed the experience and noting how much teaching had progressed since their own school days. To share some of their comments...

"(lessons were) more about noting bullet points and getting involved with more creative tasks"



"It's much more interactive, with the pupils continually involved in the lesson"

"This was a genuine insight into the working lives of teachers and pupils"

Charity Single

Mr C Gilligan

Last year we recorded 'Song for a Friend' by Jason Miraz as a charity single to raise funds for Sierra Leone in the wake of the Ebola crisis the country was suffering. We posted the song online to further spread awareness and were amazed by the response. The video had over 10,000 views including two other schools who also covered our arrangement – the Alliance of Media Arts and Entertainment Design High School in California and the Kristiansand Cathedral School in Norway, both in turn raising money to help those suffering from the Ebola crisis.

This year, our charity CD contains three new cover versions – 'Caravan of Love' by the Isley Brothers, 'Man in the Mirror' by Michael Jackson and

'Mary Did You Know' by Pentatonix. We hope to raise £2,000 from CD sales and the Carol Service collection to support the work of the Sanctus Project, run by St. Mark's Church in Shelton and the Chrisp Project in Salford, which supports recently arrived asylum seekers.

It has been a great experience for all involved in producing the charity CD and we would like to thank everyone for all your generous support.



Where Are They Now?

Ever wondered what became of your old classmates or wanted to share a bit of your own life story? Send your details to: SJCollege@stjosephsmail.com and we will gladly share them here. Our most recent input:

Paul Gallagher, who attended St Joseph's until 1975 and then went on to a career in the police force, sent in these details about his auntie – Mary Byrne, former St Joseph's School Secretary. Paul's details appeared in *Where Are They Now?*, Issue 142, Spring 2014 Newsletter.

MARY 'MAMIE' BYRNE

My Auntie and Uncle worked at St. Joseph's College, and did so for quite a number of years. Thomas Byrne was a teacher and form tutor in the Junior School, and my Auntie Mary Byrne, known as Mamie, was the secretary to the Head Master for a considerable number of years. It was Brother Sullivan and Brother Sheehan when I was there.

Sadly my Uncle passed away quite a number of years ago, but my Auntie turned 100 years old on the 3rd October this year, and received her congratulations card from the Queen.

I just thought it may be something to mention, as I am sure there will be many 'old boys' who remember her. She is currently residing in Selwyn Care Home, on the Trentham/Longton Road in Trentham.



Poet Laureate

Ms C Hind

Justine Fernandez in 8AT has been selected as this year's Poet Laureate. Her use of language and understanding of the world around her showed maturity beyond her years and impressed everyone on the judging panel.

She will now be one of the performers at the Poetry Recital, along with our runners up – Hugh Nobel and Wajeעה Manal, both in 7CA. The annual recital will be on 26th January from 7 pm and will feature a broad selection of poems read by both students and staff.

Victoria Hall Dance 2016

Rehearsals are well under way for this year's Dance 2016 which is held at the Victoria Hall on Monday/Tuesday 7th and 8th March TBC. The dance is directed and choreographed by Sian Lewis in Year 12 and Weronika Kaczor in Year 10. The theme for this year is 'Once upon a Time...' adding a little dance magic to your favourite fairy tale. The dance will involve a range of dance styles including lyrical, street dance and jazz and will obviously include a splash of St Jo's sparkle! This performance is definitely one not to be missed!

Volleyball

Volleyball this year again has been a major success, the external coach has really engaged and motivated the students and improved their skills. Due to the on-going success of the volleyball club, the school has been given a wall slider that can be used for not just volleyball but also for indoor tennis and badminton. Once again volleyball has proved a massive success for all involved.

Trampolining Club

The Year 8 and 9 girls have been attending Trampolining Club throughout the term and are working hard to prepare for the City Competition during the Summer term. Keep up the hard work.

Table Tennis

The boys A and B teams have both made a good start to the City Competition winning against St John Fisher. Unfortunately they weren't as successful against Newcastle Academy in their second fixture and are currently placed second in the division.

Hockey

Despite losing Mr Hardcastle, hockey has had a real injection of energy this year as Mr Goodwin has been able to support Mrs Christopherson with the good work she continues to do with school hockey. The students have certainly embraced the two practices that are put on every week and numbers have been great for both boys and girls. Both KS3 boys and girls have all turned up throughout the year and look forward to the upcoming fixtures against Abbotsholme, Trentham and Excel.

The KS3 girls have entered City Competitions at Excel Academy this term as well and put on a real show of skills. This certainly impressed all of the staff present especially Mr Goodwin. Long may this continue into 2016 where some of the teams will be playing their first ever 11 a side hockey games.

Cross Country

The boys U12's, U14's and U16's were all City Champions for the 7th year running! The following boys were also overall City Champs U14 – Drew Lowe and U16 – Zach Mawdsley. Special mention also goes to Sullivan Nicely who won 2 of the races in which he competed.



The girls have competed in two city races this year at Trentham High School and Excel Academy. All three teams have won the overall City Competition convincingly. The best individual performances came from Ciara Ellis finishing 2nd in the Year 7 race, Yasmin Emery-Hyson finished overall City Champion in the Junior girls and following on the tradition, Maddy Emery-Hyson also finished overall City Champion in the Inter girls.

Sports Hall Athletics

The year 7 & 8 girls and boys competed in the City Sports Hall Athletics Competition on December 3rd and 10th at Fenton Manor. 12 schools battled it out over 11 track and field events. All teams had great success and will now go on to represent the city at the Regional Finals in February. Well done!

The Y7 boys and girls were City Champions and the boys team consisted of Matthew Gilligan, Ben Donnelly, Will Reece, Eric Nweze, Manu Shute, Oliver O'Neil, Kieran Johnson and Jake Lawson. The girls team

Badminton

The U14 boys beat Trentham and St Thomas Moore to become City Champions in the Centre Parcs Badminton Competition. The team consisted of Zach Devaney, John Babb, Jack Simpson (Y9) and Tom Gauvin (Y8).



The following girls have been selected to represent the city at the county race on January 23rd at Staffordshire University, Leek Road:

Year 7 Girls: Ciara Ellis, Janelle Ofrin and Hollie Maddox.

Junior Girls: Yasmin Emery-Hyson, Niamh Nolan, Megan Birnbacher, Seren Redmond, Martina Maryncak, Ellie Beswick and Isabella Boughey.

Inter Girls: Maddy Emery-Hyson, Loxi Abbott, Dani Bryan, Dani Maddox, Roisin Nolan, Louise Pover, and Alex Wheat-Hattersley.



consisted of Ciara Ellis, Janelle Ofrin, Julianne Verueco, Isabella Sales, Kate Piconnes, Beth Harding, Abigail Grocott and Leah Cowley.

The Y8 boys were South Area Champions and the team consisted of Drew Lowe, Connor Young, Joel Harris, Jacob Hopwood, Jason Holland, Aidan Edge, Harry Ward and Alex Smith. The Year 8 girls team were City Champions and consisted of Seren Redmond, Isabella Boughey, Molly Blizzard, Niamh Nolan, Eden Nicely, Yasmin Emery-Hyson and Lily Caine.

The U16 boys beat Trentham 'B' and St Thomas Moore, but unfortunately lost to Trentham 'A' in the final of the City Competition. The team consisted of Lewis Harding, Zach Mawdsley, Daniel Ward and Patrick Storer (Y11).

Girls Football

U12's

The girls had a great start to the season and show true potential for the forthcoming season. The training is well attended, led for the second year running by Sixth Form students Lois Connell and Lucy Ryan, who do a magnificent job. The team played in their first ESFA tournament, finished 4th overall and gained lots from the experience.

U13's

The U13's played in 2 tournaments this season, making a great impact in the city. Two teams were entered into the City Futsal tournament. The B team were unlucky in their games, coming 3rd, and the A team finished runners up, narrowly missing qualifying for the final. Following this, a team was selected to play in the ESFA outdoor tournament. The girls showed their quality by winning every one of their games in the pool and drew in the final against St Peters, gaining a place at the Regional Finals held at St Georges Park in November. This was an exciting day for the girls and they rose to the occasion, playing 4 games, and winning 3. Unfortunately they were very unlucky not to qualify for the next round, however the girls deserve a massive 'well done' for their achievements!

Rugby

1st XV – P9 W4

The 1st XV have developed their skills well in a very busy first term and showed promising progress. In the 2nd round of the Nat West Cup we were demoted into the Vase competition after defeat away from home against Sir John Deanes Northwich owing to a damaging injury in the first minute. In the Vase Competition we were unlucky to be drawn against Bishop Heber Malpas and came second to a well drilled team. Victory came against Lady Manners Bakewell and Stafford Grammar School in the second half term as the boys started to believe in their ability. Hopefully the lessons learned against the strong opposition played so far will come to fruition in the County Cup after Christmas.

U16's – P5 W2

The U16's beat JCB Academy in emphatic fashion in the first half term but struggled against Newcastle and Lymm owing to injuries. They narrowly lost to Lady Manners Bakewell 29 – 24 in an extremely close game. The latest victory was in the County Cup Competition where they beat Aldridge School Walsall to progress to the Semi Final stages after Christmas.



U15's – P11 W8

The U15's have had an incredible season so far. In the first game of the season, playing the traditionally strong Lymm High School we only lost to the last kick of the game having done more than enough to win the match. We then went on to defeat some good schools; Weaverham, Fallibroome, QEGS, Cheadle Hulme and Lady Manners to name a few. Unfortunately our National Cup run ended in the 5th round when we fell just short to a very strong Manchester Grammar side who expect to do very well in the competition. The individual performances of all the players have been fantastic this season. We have a strong core of players who we expect to represent the county and Leicester DPP. After Christmas we look forward to a County semi-final and playing against an incredibly strong Newcastle side to see how far we have come from last year.

U14's – P9 W3

The U14's have had a mixed season so far. Despite controlling territory and possession in most games, they have struggled to put points on the board and to stop strong attacks from the opposition. This team has all the weapons to be successful but needs to strive to work together to cope with increasing demands of the physical side of the game. Now we must focus on and look forward to the County Cup.

U13's – P9 W4

The U13's have had a tough start to the season. However, they have made excellent progress from the start of the year and are currently in the quarter-finals of the County Cup, which will continue in the New Year.

U12's – P7 W6

The boys have started their rugby playing career at St Joseph's with a blast of high octane enthusiasm that will hopefully fuel them for the next 7 years! Their progress has been amazing. They started the year beating St Edwards Liverpool, for many of them their first experience of competitive rugby. They continued the winning run with almost 30 boys being involved as they beat Walton and Fallibroome Academy. In

October they had their first taste of 'New rules of play' against Newcastle ULS and unfortunately it took them too long to adjust to the variations and they lost by 3 tries. The boys showed their resilience adapting in the following 3 games beating Stafford, QEGS Ashbourne and Fairfax. They have 4 more games in the Spring term and a County Competition at Longton RUFC to look forward to. The motivation has been so high from the boys that we have been able to run a B team which has enabled many more boys to represent the school.

Swimming

U13's

The girls and boys competed at the ESSA West Midlands time trial at NULS at the start of the year. The girl's team won both the freestyle and medley relay with a very competitive time, giving them an opportunity to compete at the Olympic pool in London if they finish in the top 30 schools in the country. The boys came 3rd in both of their relays, competing very well in a strong field. The boy's team consisted of Zander Higgins, Alex Smith, Drew Lowe and Sam Sanders. The girls finished 1st overall and are looking forward to hearing further news! The team consisted of Emily Oxley, Yasmin Emery-Hyson, Meredith Oakes and Tawana Zinyemba.

U15's

The girls and boys competed at the ESSA West Midlands time trial at NULS at the start of the year. The boys competed against some excellent teams and finished 3rd in their freestyle race and 4th in the medley relay. The girls also competed well in what was a very strong race and finished 3rd in both of their races. The boy's team consisted of Matt Oxley, Danu Amarasena, Andy Shaw and Joe Frost. The girl's team was Romy Caine, Dani Maddox, Harriet Darby and Maddison Emery-Hyson.

U17's

The girls and boys competed at the ESSA West Midlands time trial at NULS at the start of the year. The girls finished runners-up in both the freestyle and medley relay after a very close fought battle. The boys were very convincing winners in both of their races and have a good possibility of qualifying for the event at the Olympic pool later in the year. The boy's team was Rhys Llewellyn, Cameron Emery-Hyson, Andy Shaw and Euan Giles. The girl's team was Emma Chatterton, Jillian DeGuzman, Emily Humphries and Fran Butler.

Netball

Since September the netball season has been in full swing! All age groups have been playing a varying number of games, but this term is dedicated more to our senior girls. All age groups have also been training every Monday after school.

U18's

The 6th Form team have played 10 games and also played in the County tournament. The intention this season was to create stronger fixtures for all our girls, and this paid off well when this team qualified for the West Midlands tournament by being undefeated in the County. They won all their games and drew with Newcastle under Lyme College who also qualified. We have now established more strong fixtures for the future. This team have been excellent role models for the rest of our girls and we wish them every success in the Regional round on Jan 31st. Well done girls!

U16's

The U16 team have played 7 fixtures against some good opposition. Our Year 10 team (B team) have also played some fixtures this year. We entered the Year 10's into the City U16 Festival which they won, and the older girls won the City Tournament. They also played at the County Tournament and finished in 3rd position. They were extremely unfortunate not to qualify as runners-up in a very well contested and high standard competition. This team will now just play the odd fixture after Christmas because of exams, etc. We will try to get more experience for our Year 10 girls ready for next season!

U14's

The U14 team have played tough fixtures v NULS and v St. John Fisher Year 10 team and narrowly lost. They have also played City matches v St. Peter's, Trentham and Excel, and won all of their games. They have played in the City Tournament and won, only conceding 1 goal and scoring lots! They are worthy City Champions. They also played in the County Tournament, and like the U16 team, were very unfortunate not to qualify. In very well fought games they lost 2 games to the eventual winners and runners up, by only by one goal per game! They won the rest of their games quite convincingly, and proved themselves to be a very strong team for the future.

U13's

The U13 team have drawn v NULS, and won against St. John Fisher. They have also played v City schools and won all

their games v Haywood, Trentham, St. Peter's, and Excel. All these games were against girls who were a year older than them. The U13 team were entered into the U14 City Festival to give them some experience – they won it! They also played in the U13 City Festival (A and B teams) and played very well to go on to actually meet each other in the final of the competition, where they drew! A fantastic game where it was proved that all girls in these 2 teams are fighting for places in the A team! These teams will go on to have quite a bit more netball after Christmas.



U12's

The Year 7 team have been practising hard since September. 18 girls have been training on a Monday evening, in contention for our 'A' squad, and more have been coming along at lunchtimes. They are proving already to be a strong force to be reckoned with. They have played just 2 games, one against Newcastle Under Lyme School and won 14-7, and one against Thomas Telford School, winning 9-3. We are now looking forward to seeing them play in the City competitions after Christmas, and to seeing them progress further. Great promise for the future!

Basketball

U13's

U13's have managed to reach the County Cup final without playing a game so far. They are scheduled to play St John Fisher on Wednesday, 13th January at home.

U14's

U14's have competed in two competitions this year so far. They reached the semi-finals of the County Cup but were unfortunately beaten by a good Landau Forte team. They have also made a good start in the south area competition beating St Thomas More 43-16. The U14's also took part in the U15 City Competition and produced some excellent basketball, winning 2 out of their 5 fixtures against the year above.

U15's

U15's were City Champions at the City Competition earlier in the term. They also reached the semi-final of the County Cup, missing out on the final after losing to Ormiston Horizon in a game that went to the buzzer.

U16's

In the first game of the season they beat St Margaret Ward in the quarter final of the County Cup 27 – 18. In the semi final they played St John Fisher away and with the last play of normal time secured a draw which took the game to overtime! Unfortunately cramp had removed top scorer and point guard Lewis Harding and replacement Will Lovatt had fouled out. This played into the opposition's hands and lead to us bowing out of the competition. In the Stoke League we remain unbeaten overcoming St Thomas More and Trentham High School.

U19's

Sixth Form competitive basketball enrichment has been well attended since the start of September. Newcastle Knights player Kieran Irving Jones has put the boys through their paces on Tuesday evenings and progress in their knowledge, skills and understanding of the game has been excellent. In the English Schools Basketball League we have played some very tough opposition. The first game was against Newcastle Under Lyme College, a National League elite team. Although we were beaten in a convincing manner it showed the boys how basketball should be played. Even though we lost against Concord academy and Shrewsbury School the boys have improved with every game and managed to score 38 points in the last game. A trip to Thomas Telford after Christmas is the focus for the first win of the season.