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Value for this half term: [Wisdom](#)

Theme for this week (23 Jan - 30 Jan 2023): [Making a wise decision](#)

Life Skills theme for the week: [We are reflective learners](#)

Thank you to everyone involved in making our first Parents' Evening of 2023 and the Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening such positive events last week. If you have a child in Year 9 and/or Year 7, please book your appointments for face-to-face meetings early in February. Also last week, several of our students were involved in a Church of England initiative to hear the voices of young people, particularly thinking about when they feel closest to God and what changes for good they want to see God bring about in the world. The students showed their maturity and deeply reflective natures - what great ambassadors for our school!

The week ahead promises to be a busy and enriching one, full of learning opportunities and adventures: INK Theatre Company will be leading a drama workshop for students focused on the topic of County Lines; Sancroft's 'A Team' will be travelling to the O2 to join the '[Young Voices](#)' extravaganza and Y9 students will be hearing from a Holocaust survivor, [Ruth Posner](#) on Thursday. I'm sure our students will be coming home, keen to talk about these events, all of which will be fabulous examples of 'life in all its fullness'.

The Gospel reading for this Third Sunday of Epiphany tells how Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee and called the disciples to the great adventure He would share with them. In Luke's version of this story we get the wonderful words from Jesus to Peter: 'launch out into the deep'. (Luke 5:4) Reflecting on this story, as well as those other key images of our salvation, the ark, and the stilling of the storm, Malcolm Guite wrote the following sonnet about how He calls us to adventure too:

"The Call of the Disciples"

He calls us all to step aboard his ship,
Take the adventure on this morning's wing,
Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,
Whatever storms or floods are threatening.
If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,
Then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,
For he is always with us and will hear
And make our peace with his creative Word,
Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set
All his beloved lovers in an ark;

Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float
Above the rising waves, the falling dark,
As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,
Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

Echoing Guite's words and thinking about our students' responses to the questions posed in the Church of England survey: the majesty and mystery of this great adventure we are called to join is that we are not alone and we are called home where 'all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven'. Have a wonderful week!

Key upcoming events

23 January: INK Theatre Company in school working with students

24 January: 'Young Voices' at the O2 - A Team

26 January: Holocaust Education Trust - live webcast for Y9 students

02 February: Y9 Parents' Evening - 16:15 - 19:00

09 February: Y7 Parents' Evening - 16:15 - 19:00

The [school website](#) is a useful source of information.

- Please visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.
- [Here](#) is a list of lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- All clubs are FREE and students do not need to sign up - they can just turn up on the day. For any lunchtime sports clubs, students should put on their trainers (they won't change into full sports kit). For after-school sports clubs, students will need to be fully changed into their PE kit.

Prayer for Wisdom and Guidance (Saint Basil of Caesarea)

Steer the ship of my life, good Lord,

to your quiet harbour,

where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict.

Show me the course I should take.

Renew in me the gift of discernment,

so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go.

And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course,

even when the sea is rough and the waves are high,

knowing that through enduring hardship and danger,

in your name, we shall find comfort and peace.

Amen