



Personal Development Newsletter

APRIL 2026

Club Spotlight: P.E Sports Leaders!

Sports Leaders are a student extension of the PE department. They uphold and model the standards expected of our students. Sports Leaders are given opportunities to develop their leadership capabilities working with KS3 and primary age children throughout the calendar year at various events both within and outside of school.

I enjoy being a Sports Leader as I get to help others and become a good influence on the kids who are in younger year groups and help them develop skills in sports.

I have developed teamwork, resilience and social skills since becoming a sports leader through events and co-curricular clubs.



I would recommend being a Sports Leader because the community is welcoming, accessible and they listen to you. You are also involved in events that help you grow in many ways.

What's Been Happening?

Ghyll Head Trip

In December, ten Year 10 students went to Ghyll Head to complete the Kath Fry Challenge and it was a great experience. We did lots of things that we wouldn't normally do at school, like climbing a mountain and building a canoe, which made the trip exciting. We spent most of our time outside and got to see the Lake District landscape. It was also good being able to make friends with students from the other school. Overall, everything was enjoyable and the staff were really friendly!



Visit to Parliament

On a rainy Tuesday in January a group of outstanding Y9 pupils visited Parliament. They had a full tour of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and stood in central lobby where they were behind a BBC news reporter! The highlight was questioning Jeff Smith MP on his views on Kier Starmer, the war in Ukraine and how to improve the area of Chorlton and Withington.



Equality & Diversity Assemblies

Ms Knowles has delivered assemblies on different aspects of equality and diversity, linked with The Equalities Act (2010). An assembly was delivered on Black History Month in October, as well as International Men's Day & Islamophobia Awareness Month in November. In February there was an assembly around LGBTQ+ Month, and in March for International Women's Day, the important topic of sexual harassment and misogyny was highlighted. It was made clear to all pupils that any form of bullying is unacceptable and pupils can report this easily by using the confide@loretochorlton.manchester.sch.uk email. We look forward to pupils celebrating all aspects of their culture, heritage, identity and community on CHIC Day on Wednesday 15th July.

Notice when it's happening

know when to say NO

unwanted DMs
sexual gestures
unwanted touching
anything after they've said 'No'

upskirting
whistling or cat calling

"Hey sexy" sending explicit imagery without consent

"Smash or pass?"

"She's got a nice figure"

Sexual harassment is NEVER a joke
Hear it? See it? Stop it!
You are never wrong for telling someone about your concerns
confide@loretochorlton.manchester.sch.uk

WHAT IS BULLYING?

At Loreto equality of opportunity is part of who we are. We believe all pupils can thrive together, understanding that our differences are a positive, not a negative.

Racism
Sexual Harassment
Homophobia
Transphobia
Child on Child Abuse
Discriminatory Language

How to report...

1. Speak to your Head of Year or any member of staff.
2. Or you can fill out a blue slip and post it in the white box by The Library.
3. Pupils can also email staff at the address below:
confide@loretochorlton.manchester.sch.uk

ALL reports of bullying will be treated seriously!

Loreto Crest Award

Visit To Manchester Library

In February, seventeen pupils attended a trip to the historic John Ryland's Library and Central Library to meet author Kimberley Whitham (author of *Quiet Storm*.) The students were being rewarded for achieving the Loreto Crest Award this academic year. Students are awarded the Crest for attending co-curricular clubs, reading and reviewing books, and having excellent attendance and behaviour in school.

"I enjoyed meeting the author Kimberley Whitham and taking part in the activities. I also loved the architecture of the library."



"I liked both libraries but I preferred the Central Library because there are lots of historical books, videos and maps tracing back to the 1800s."

"I liked Ryland's Library because it looks like Hogwarts."

Visit to Strasbourg

Loreto High School at Euroscola



On Friday 13th March, 24 Year 9 and Year 10 students visited the EuroScola event at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. They joined 750 other students from 27 other countries to debate different aspects of democracy.

They explored both Strasbourg and Paris (on the way home) and navigated trains via London and Paris. They were exemplary throughout the trip and were outstanding Loreto citizens



Chaplaincy

Pilgrimage to Rome

From Sunday 8th February until Thursday 12th February 2026, Deacon Davie, our School Chaplain, led 16 students on a Pilgrimage to Rome, accompanied by Mrs Shahidi. Students witnessed first hand the heart of the Church through their visits to the Vatican and being part of an audience with Pope Leo. As Pilgrims, they also followed in the Footsteps of our Foundress Mary Ward by visiting places that inspired her including the English College in Rome, St Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.



Visit to the Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis

On Friday 30th January we were privileged to join our Catholic family in the Diocese of Salford, in welcoming the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis. Saint Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents and grew up in Milan. Saint Carlo Acutis had a great devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady and used his love of games and the internet to encourage his friends to know Christ and love him just as he did. Carlo Acutis became sick at the age of 15 with a very aggressive form of leukaemia and died shortly after.



Even in his pain and suffering Carlo offered up his suffering "for the Pope and the Church" so as not to undergo Purgatory and enter heaven directly". During his time in hospital he still thought more of other people, and nurses noticed that he didn't want to wake his mother whenever in pain instead saying "she is very tired as well, and she will only worry more about me. Our students are grateful to the Diocese and to parents for supporting their involvement.

<https://www.instagram.com/loretochorltonchaplaincy>



Big Lent Walk

In March, several of our students carried out the Big Lent Sponsored Walk.

They left Loreto High School just after 8:45am and walked all day returning at 4:13pm. They all covered approximately 22km visiting local primary schools; St Ambrose RC, St Kentigern's RC, Divine Mercy RC, Holy Name RC, St Wilfrid's RC, Our Lady's RC and St John's RC as well as Loreto College, before returning to school. They were joined on the walk by Annapaola Letizia and Anna Marie Morris from Cafod. They celebrated Mass with staff and students at Loreto College during their lunch break.

We are grateful to the staff and pupils from all the Primary Schools who joined in the Stations of The Cross reflections and provided us with the much needed refreshments at the Schools. We are also grateful to Loreto College for providing lunch and to our former students (Rebecca, Agnes, Stephyne, Wudasse, Alassane and Jeante) for cheering us on, welcoming us and serving us food at the College. Hanin and Arthur joined us for the last leg of the walk.

So far, the students have raised £481 and counting. We have also received a cheque for £105 from St Wilfrid's representing a donation of £0.70 for every child at their school. In addition, Our Lady's have also donated £20 from the children.





Co-Curricular timetable



SUMMER TERM : April to July 2026

Day	Club name	Year group	Time	Location
Monday	Table tennis	All	8.00-8.30	PE
	Fitness Club	Y7 & Y8	Lunch	Fitness suite
	Pupil Chaplain Teams	All	Lunch	105
	MFL Film Club	All	Lunch	012
	Quiet Club	By invitation only	Lunch	L:Inc
	Keyboard Club	All	Lunch	Music
	Engineering Club	All	Lunch	022
	Food Club – invite only	Y10	Lunch	026
	Snail club	All	Lunch	Science
	Science Club	Y7&Y8	Lunch	116
	Homework club	All	Lunch	019
	Y7 & Y8 football	Y7 & Y8	3.15	PE
	Choir	All	3.15	Music
	Dance	All	3.15	PE
	Justice & Peace- CAFOD	All years	3.15	105
	Evening Prayer – Gospel Contemplation	All	3.15	105
	Warhammer	All	3.15	Library
	Homework club	All	3.15	019
	English revision	Y11	3.15 Week A	110
	Science revision – separate	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week A	114
	Y10 Science revision	Y10	3.15 Week A	114
	Business Studies revision	Y11	3.15 Week B	019
	MFL revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week B	012 & 013
	Drama revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week B	Drama Studio
	Engineering revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week B	022
Tuesday	Table tennis	All	8.00-8.30	PE
	Pupil Chaplaincy Teams	All	Lunch	105
	Ukulele group	All	Lunch	Music
	Mr Lee's Bands – Y10	Invite only	Lunch	Music
	Art Club	Y9, Y10 & Y11	Lunch	201
	Cheerleading Club	Y7 & Y8	Lunch	Sports Hall
	Quiet Club	By invitation only	Lunch	L:Inc
	Drama revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	Drama studio
	English revision	Y11/Y10	Lunch	110
	Engineering	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	022
	BTEC DIT	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	019
	Art GCSE Club	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	201
	Child Development	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	208
	Homework club	All	3.15	019
	Gaelic Football	All	3.15	PE
	Creators club – by invitation	Y9	3.15 Week B	201
	Stratford Performances	All	3.15	Chapel Space
	Evening Prayer – Silent Prayer	All	3.15	105
	Dungeons and Dragons	All	3.15	111
	Craftanoon	Y7 & Y8	3.15 Week A	201
	Y10 PE Revision	Y10	3.15 Week A	108
	Homework club	All	3.15	019
	Maths revision	Y11	3.15 Week A&B	016
	PE revision – Y11	Y11	3.15 Week B	108
	Child Development revision	Y10 & Y11	3.15 Week B	209
	BTEC IT	KS4	3.15 Week B	019
	Computer Science revision	KS4	3.15 Week B	208
Wednesday	Student Council	Y7 & Y8	8.45	019
	Table tennis	All	8.00-8.30	PE
	Creative writing	All	Lunch	111

Wednesday	All J&P group	All	Lunch	105
	Art Club	Y7 & Y8	Lunch	201
	Quiet reading	Y7	Lunch	Library
	RE Club	All	Lunch	211
	Music GCSE & BTEC revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	006
	Quiet Club	By invitation only	Lunch	L:Inc
	Snail club	All	Lunch	Science
	DJ Club	All	Lunch	006
	Care for Creation garden group (from June)	All	Lunch	210
	Homework club	All	Lunch	019
	Rounders	All	3.15	PE
	Cricket	All	3.15	PE
	Gardening Club	All	3.15	012
	Fitness Club	All	3.15	Fitness suite
	Orchestra	All	3.15	Music
	Drama Club	All	3.15	Drama
	Film club	All	3.15	108
	Evening Prayer – Lectio Divina	All	3.15	105
	Homework club	All	3.15	019
	Science revision - ALL	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week A&B	114
	Art revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15 Week B	201
	RE revision	Y11	3.15 Week B	
	Care for Creation Garden club (from June)	All	3.15 Week B	210
Thursday	Prayer Club	All	8.45	Chaplaincy
	Reading Leaders	Y9	8.45	Library
	Games Club	All	Lunch	109
	Europe Club (EPAS)	All	Lunch	202/208
	History Club	All	Lunch	205
	Quiet Club	By invitation only	Lunch	L:Inc
	Quiet reading	All	Lunch	Library
	Miss Aristi's singers	By invitation only	Lunch	Music
	Pupil Chaplain Teams	All	Lunch	105
	Boys' basketball	All	Lunch	PE
	KS4 Silent Study	KS4	Lunch	209
	Homework club	All	Lunch	019
	Engineering revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	022
	Art GCSE coursework	KS4	Lunch	201
	Food GCSE revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	Lunch	026
	Evening Prayer - Rosary	All	3.15	105
Friday	Prefect meeting	Y10	8.45	019
	Table tennis	All	8.00-8.30	PE
	Chess	All	Lunch	204
	Library Assistant workshop	All	Lunch – Week A	Library
	Keyboard Club	All	Lunch	Music
	Mr Lee's Bands – Year 9	Invite only	Lunch	Music
	Badminton	All	Lunch	PE
	Volleyball	All	Lunch	PE
	Pupil Chaplain Teams	All	Lunch	105
	MFL games club	All	Lunch	012
	Quiet Club	By invitation only	Lunch	L:Inc
	TfGM sustainable travel project	All	Lunch	202/208
	Homework club	All	Lunch	019
	Engineering revision	Y10 & Y11	Lunch	022
	BTEC DIT revision	Y10 & Y11	Lunch – Week B	019
	Liturgies Team	All	3.15	105
	Homework Club	All	3.15	019
	History revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15	205/206
	Geography revision	Y11/Y10 in Su2	3.15	202