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National Day of Reflection

On 23 March, let's come together to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

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Reflection

The Governors are really happy to welcome staff and students back into school. It has been really pleasing to note how well this transition, back to something like 'normal' school days has been handled, by everyone involved. Thank you all.

All of us have been affected in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families will have lost loved ones.

Rob Hall was headteacher of Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College from 2003 until 2013. Rob died suddenly at home only a few weeks ago.

BRJ was the predecessor school to HTA and many of the staff will have worked with Rob at BRJ, before transferring to HTA in 2015.

I don't expect any students to know Rob, but, he was the person who first came up with the name and logo of the new school back in 2010, when we were working together in the initial design meetings. So when you see the HTA Name or Logo now, you know where it came from. Rob was family man and they will be really missing him right now.

I would ask everyone to spend a few moments remembering Rob and any one you know who has been lost in the past year.

Rob was really into music, family and outdoor activities, especially walking. I remember Rob completing a walk of the length of Hadrian's wall with Ian Barrett, who was assistant head at the time. It is especially poignant that today we also have staff who are undertaking an outdoor challenge 'Walk the Talk' for Lent in aid of CAFOD. The purpose of this activity is to raise money to improve access to clean water supplies for people and communities in many under developed countries in the world. We are all lucky to be in the privileged position of not having to think too hard about such basic human needs.

I am sure that you, like me, have really appreciated the access to outdoor spaces, the environment and wildlife around us, during the various lockdown periods over the past 12 months. Lent is always a period of reflection and renewal. We reflect upon the last days of the life of Jesus Christ but this always goes hand in hand with the arrival of the spring season.

So I would ask you to look outside, appreciate the sunshine, the clouds in the sky, the trees, our wonderful natural environment, our friends, and appreciate how privileged we all are.



Grieving families who have lost a loved one to coronavirus are putting yellow hearts in their window to show their devastation.

The idea is aimed at laying bare the personal tragedies behind the pandemic, with the UK's official number of dead nearing 127,000, although the true figure is believed to be considerably higher.

Stories of loss are being recorded at Yellow Hearts To Remember on Facebook.

"These are just numbers that don't mean that much but if every family that lost somebody dear put a yellow symbol in their window, on their door or the pavement, people would realise the extent of this personal and national tragedy."



Eternal rest grant unto
them O Lord,
And let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
Amen

1 min silence

Thank you



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Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Travelling from Galilee to Samaria, he came into a small town. Ten men met him there. These men did not come close to Jesus, because they all had a harmful skin disease. But they called to him, “Jesus! Master! Please help us!”

When Jesus saw the men, he said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”

While the ten men were going, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he went back to Jesus. He praised God in a loud voice. Then he bowed down at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. Jesus asked, “Ten men were healed; where are the other nine? Is this man the only one who came back to thank God?” Then Jesus said to him, “Stand up and go on your way.”