

Stations Of The Cross ... Wednesday 6th April 2022



We gathered in the hall together on the morning of Wednesday 6th April 2022. The Year 7 pupils came into the hall to join Fr Michael and myself to begin the Stations of the Cross in prayer and reflection. The liturgy focused on helping the pupils to understand why the Stations of the Cross had been the focus of some of our Form Time during the season of Lent and why the Stations of the Cross is such an important focus for Christians today.

It was great to see some of the Year 12 students present in the liturgy and helping to lead it.



The Year 12s had come into school early to help set up the Stations that morning. Some Year 12s worked together in pairs to deliver their particular Station. Others took on the challenge of running a Station on their own.

The Year 12s had sorted everything for that morning, themselves. Having been given a list of the Stations, they set about devising a theme for each Station that linked with what Christ experienced on that fateful journey. The students ensured that each Station had a piece of Scripture (chosen by themselves) for the Year 7s to listen to and also produced a reflection based on said Scripture.

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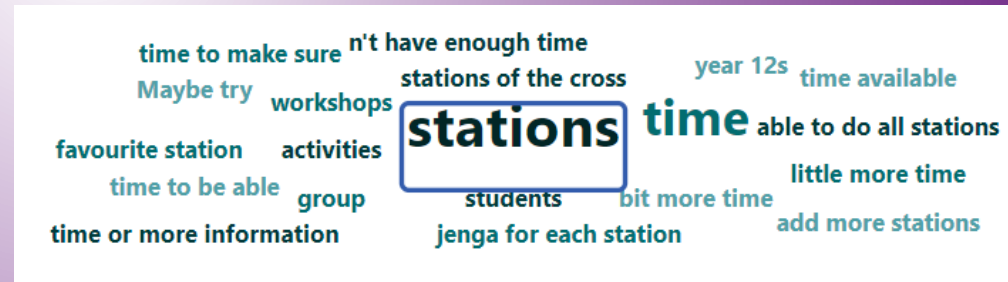
There was a real atmosphere of prayer and reflection in the Main Hall (see picture above) where Year 7 pupils were guided through the last moments of Jesus' life. The Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to write their own prayers and reflections and place them around the cross.

Some of the Year 12 students had taken the time to create the opportunity for prayers to be written and said for the people of Ukraine.



Of the 91 x Year 7 pupils who responded to the survey ...

- 98.9% ... said they had enjoyed the experience that morning
- 98.9% ... said that it had been a good idea to have older students prepare the reflections
- 97.8% ... would like to do something like this again
- 96.7% ... said each Station had given them a better understanding of what happened to Jesus on his journey
- 91.2% ... said they had a better understanding about the importance of the Stations of the Cross to our Christian school community
- 90.1% ... acknowledged they had been given the opportunity to pray and reflect as part of the experience



The feedback was our Year 7s was brilliant. They thought very highly of the Year 12 students. Most just wanted more time as unfortunately, each pupil got to visit 8 of the Stations. So we will look to see how we can do this next year!