## **Veritas Academy**



"Here we go again," thinks Joyson to himself.



"Thomas, the only way you could have done less for the exams is if you were in a coma."



"Bosco, Bosco, you must understand that revision implies an anterior vision of your work.

We are not angels, our knowledge is not infused (usually), it can only be gained by dint of hard work."



"Don't be disappointed, Anne-Sophie, all God wants is your best .. and I think you have given it."



"Miss Mary Rita, you can wipe that smile off your face for a start!"

## DIES IRAE DIES ILLA

At our general judgement, the catechism tells us that Christ will come again from heaven to judge all mankind. He will judge our thoughts, words, works and omissions. To the wicked He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels." (Mt 25 v34).

At Veritas Academy, we practice the general judgement at the end of every quarter. After a morning of school cleaning, during which time the teachers frantically finish writing reports, the children gather together to hear the judgement of the headmaster. After a prayer, the nervous shuffling of the lines of pupils seated upon stools is stilled by the call of the first defendant: the youngest and least favoured of all. A quick glance at the report and then Fr. Brucciani looks over his spectacles and sighs...

If only the expressions of the children could be captured: they shudder, they wince, they smile and laugh, they cast their eyes down, roll them, sparkle them, close them with boredom and open them wide with wonder; one or two wipe them quickly to dash away a hovering tear. They sit on their hands, look at them, crack them, stretch them and use them to poke their neighbour. At the end they all stand up relieved. Some, because the ordeal is over, some because they are proud of their achievement, and all of them, because the holidays have just begun.

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The rapidly advancing new orphanage building project makes the stalled school building project look even more abject. We are currently looking for land near the new orphanage to purchase. Please keep this project in your prayers.