

NEWSLETTER

No. 2



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our second newsletter.

I hope that you will enjoy once again reading about the successes of our young people and also pick up some useful information about what is going on in and around school this coming week. This week has been busy but very productive.

Pupils have returned to see that more of the school has been painted and at last there are some clear markings on the playground allowing them to play football and basketball across lunchtime and also during their PE lessons. It is a pleasure to see our pupils genuinely enjoying some basic facilities. For those of you who are cricket fans I have asked Mrs Wright to organise an enhanced area on the field in time for the good weather. In addition, we have seen a number of you at Year 8 Parents' Evening and also at the Year 11 "Exam Kick Off" event organised by Mr Holder.

Last time I wrote to you I spoke about the great hope I felt for our school and the wider community we serve and today I wish to share with you some of the plans the Governors and I have for ensuring that these hopes are fulfilled.

I will start with the structure of the day.

This change will be launched from Monday 17th June.

Currently we have 5 one-hour lessons and this will remain the case, however, registration and break times will change.

The structure will be as below:

TIME	ACTIVITY
08.50 - 08.55	Line up
08.55 - 09.55	Period 1
09.55 - 10.55	Period 2
10.55 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 12.15	Period 3
12.15 - 13.15	Period 4
13.15 - 13.45	Lower School Lunch/ Upper school tutorial
13.45 - 14.15	Lower School Tutorial/Upper School Lunch
14.15 - 15.15	Period 5

Pupils need to ensure that they are on time to school as lessons will commence at 8.55am sharp. Hopefully this will reduce the number of latecomers as these levels are unacceptable at the moment. Registers will be taken during period 1 and the current processes for notifying you of absence will remain. Placing the lunches and tutorial times in the middle of the day serves a number of purposes.

From an academic point of view, we will now be able to carry out meaningful intervention with exam groups as 30 minutes will allow us to do so. Pastorally, Form tutors will now have 30 minutes with their forms and we will be able to implement a comprehensive PSHE and Catholic Life programme meaning that your child will benefit from learning about topics such as key safeguarding issues, healthy eating, Citizenship etc. Forms will now be able to attend Mass in their form time rather than during their lunchtime too.

The splitting of the school at lunch time will enable us to seat all pupils. We will therefore be able to restrict where children eat on site, reducing litter and improving the learning environment for the whole community. The move to having one lesson after lunch is to improve engagement in lessons across the day.

The second change I would like to highlight is to the uniform. I will be posting on the website today a "[Guide to Uniform](#)", (click to go straight to the page). Please take the time to read and familiarise yourselves with it. The main practical change involves the girls' uniform. The Governors have agreed that both boys and girls should wear white shirts with ties. I am happy for girls to adopt this immediately if they so choose and ties will be available from the school at a reduced cost of £4.00 to all students until the end of the year. The change will be compulsory from September.

Finally, I would like to end with some positive news.

In recent weeks Diocesan representatives carried out a Monitoring Visit and they were particularly complimentary in their assessment: **"The current senior leaders have taken effective action to address the recommendations from the previous section 48 report"**.

I would like to thank The RE team and indeed the whole community for supporting the Catholic Life of the school during the visit and throughout the year.

I look forward to meeting Year 8 parents on Tuesday at 5.30pm for a Curriculum evening and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.

God Bless,
Mrs Morris

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Catholic Life & Community News

As we return to school after the Easter break we are able to find joy in the Resurrection and Christ's saving Grace. Easter celebrations run from Easter Sunday right through to Pentecost, so even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter.

Mrs Jordan



Last term we introduced you to our Pupil Profile which focuses on the development of character and virtues. This half term our focus is on encouraging and enabling our young people to be curious and active: Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Saint Ignatius had the great insight that not only were all things made by God and held in existence by God, but that God was working through all of creation for my benefit.

All things are worthy of our attention, curiosity and study because in each one of them there is the possibility of finding God; and not only God but God doing something for me.

Curiosity is needed to sustain learning. It is what keeps us going through the difficult stuff; it is what opens up new horizons and allows the possibility of 'finding God in all things.' Curiosity is key to education.

Good News!

Thanks to Miss Kerr (Lead Practitioner in English), Stuart Bathurst forged links with Asda Darlaston and enabled the school to take part in its' green token scheme. Customers had the opportunity to select Stuart Bathurst as one of the worthwhile community causes to receive some funding.

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, we were delighted to receive a cheque for £200 on Thursday 2nd May.

We will use this money to support literacy in the school and would like to thank all who supported the cause and chose to drop their tokens in the Stuart Bathurst box in store!



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

Follow

The mission of schools and teachers is to develop an understanding of all that is true, good and beautiful.

Pope Francis is very active on Twitter, and one of our favourite follows! Check out the @Pontifex account - and make sure you follow us @stuartbathurst too!

GCSEPOD LEAGUE TABLES!

7W	59
7I	83
7S	39
7D	237
7O	186
7M	124

8W	1943
8I	849
8S	293
8D	308
8O	277
8M	150



9W	74
9I	86
9S	69
9D	38
9O	23
9M	66

11W	127
11I	2819
11S	828
11D	706
11O	3432
11M	1544

10W	475
10I	324
10S	206
10D	906
10O	170
10M	123

Well done to all students for using GCSEPOD so regularly and for continuing to take control of your learning!

Well done to Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School

Take a look at what one of our newest subscribers has achieved in only two months!



Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday are the most popular days for usage

103 Assignments

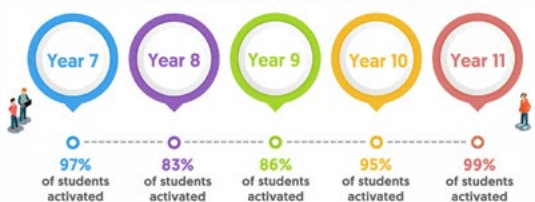


were set using our Question Bank



Currently 2nd place in the Middle Heavyweight Region

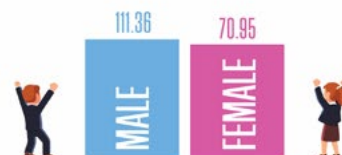
Student activation



Most watched subjects

52,000+

A whopping 52,492 Pods have been streamed or downloaded in the last academic year.



The average number of Pods viewed between male and female students

157,000 minutes



Students spent over 157,000 minutes learning, revising and gaining confidence from GCSEPod.

Outside of school



29,526 Pods were watched out of school, showing the power of GCSEPod as an independent learning tool.

Our friends at GCSEPOD made this fantastic infographic for us, to show how far we've come in just TWO MONTHS!

Teaching & Learning Update

GCSEPod Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Sayfiyy Yaqub in Year 8 for streaming the most pods in the school over the Easter break and winning the £50 voucher. Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition - watch this space for further exciting offers!
Congratulations 110!

Homework Reminder

A reminder that all students should be checking Show My Homework daily to ensure that homework is handed in on time. Please encourage your child to complete homework in a quiet, well-lit space and on time. Please remember that there are quiet areas in school that are available to complete homework at lunchtime, including the computer rooms.

Equipment Reminder

To support the teaching and learning in the classroom your child needs to have the below in school every day in addition to the main equipment requirements:

- An age appropriate reading book
- A purple pen


Bathurst Basics

The Bathurst Basics have been regularly shared with your child regarding basic expectations expected of them in lessons. Please take some time to re-iterate these to your child in order to support our expectations of all learners:

1. Arrive on time and greet your teacher
2. Stand behind your chair and take out your equipment
3. Say the lesson prayer before being seated to complete the Quick Start as instructed
4. Be aware of what the Word of the Week is, Literacy & Numeracy focus. Ensure you know what the learning objective is.
5. You must ensure your work is presented neatly according to the Making Presentation Matter Guidelines
6. Participate actively
7. Support your peers
8. Use your purple pen for peer and self assessment
9. Write down all homework in your planner
10. Wait quietly to be dismissed as instructed by your teacher (P5 ends with a prayer)

Miss G Raindi

Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning
GCSEPod Lead



The infographic is a teal square with an orange border. In the center is a circular orange logo with a black owl silhouette and the text 'THE BATHURST BASICS'. Surrounding the logo are ten white text boxes with orange borders, each containing a rule. The rules are: 'ARRIVE ON TIME AND GREET YOUR TEACHER', 'PUT YOUR PLANNER & EQUIPMENT ON YOUR DESK', 'COMPLETE THE QUICK START', 'KNOW YOUR LEARNING OBJECTIVES', 'PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN YOUR LEARNING', 'DO YOUR BEST WORK AND PRESENT IT NEATLY', 'SUPPORT YOUR PEERS', 'USE YOUR PURPLE PEN FOR PEER/SELF ASSESSMENT', 'WRITE YOUR HOMEWORK IN YOUR PLANNER', and 'WAIT TO BE DISMISSED BY YOUR TEACHER'.

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The Bathurst Basics

WORD OF THE WEEK

incessantly

adverb: without interruption; constantly.

Ask your son/daughter to develop 5 sentences
that use the word of the week!

Year Group News

YEAR 7

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 7 back after the Easter break, and hear how many Easter Eggs some of them have consumed!

Teachers are busy writing full reports that will be sent out after half-term. I would like to wish the Year 7 girls netball team the best of luck for their forthcoming netball fixture against Woodgreen Academy.

If you need to contact myself or Mrs Letford please dial extension number 128.

Well done to these students on their fantastic academic progress last term:

English: Chowdhury Zaine
Maths: Smith Jonathon
Science: Greenaway Ashley
RE: Gulfran Danyaal
French: Farooq Mohammed
History: Luther Dhishika
Geography: Moore Olivia
ICT: Atkins Madison
PE: Mustafa Abdul
RM: Keen Freya
Food: Bainbridge Cody
Art: Akalwaya Sumayyah
Music: Nubiga Eunice
Drama: Asif Zara

Congratulations to 7M who were the best form last half term:

1ST - 7M - 4197
2ND - 7D - 4016
3RD - 7O - 3177
4TH - 7S - 3058
5TH - 7I - 3019
6TH - 7W - 2412

Most positives last half term:

1ST - JONATHON SMITH (7M)
2ND - TAKIRA KELDO (7I)
3RD - ZARA ASIF (7M)
4TH - CASSEY CLEWS (7O)
5TH - BETHANY SIMCOX (7M)

Mr Connolly & Mrs Letford

YEAR 8

I would just like to say a massive thank you to everybody that attended parents evening. IT was great to meet so many of our parents. If you could not attend and need to speak about anything please contact Mr Smith or Mr Dawes.

This week has been a very positive week, with lots of students getting positives throughout.

The top-awarded students this week are:

Zaynah Elbakkali
Ellie Sammut
Amie Atkins
Todd Berry

The form of the week this week has once again been 8O. They continue to set the standard for the year group and other forms need to try to overtake them!

Mr Smith & Mr Dawes

PE NEWS

Rounders practice will take place for all years on the field Tuesday lunchtime

Cricket practice will take place Thursday after school for all years

Year 10 rounders tournament to be held on Wednesday 8th May at ACE academy.

Make sure you check the new extra-curricular timetable to see all the PE clubs that are currently running.

YEAR 9

Welcome back Year 9 and what a great first week back it has been!

As we are now into the final 11 weeks of year 9, can we please ensure that all of our standards are impeccable. All students must be in full school uniform at all times with NO trainers and have ALL equipment that they need for their day; this also includes a reading book.

During last term, homework became an increasing concern for some of our Year 9 students. Therefore, can we please make sure that all homework is completed to a quality standard and handed in on time. Please use your available resources at lunch times to assist you.

The new PE extra-curricular timetable has now be issued. Please have a look at what is on offer and get yourself to the clubs available. Especially for girls, get yourself to rounder's practice on a Tuesday lunchtime as we have upcoming fixtures on the 15th May and 20th June.

I have the absolute privilege of walking around the school this week visiting your lessons and I have seen so many excellent lessons. Specifically in RE I saw some brilliant work on the 'Sanctity of Life' and some brilliant assessment work.

Huge well done year 9 and I will look forward to visiting your lessons again next week.

Class Charts - Since September:

1st Chrissie Martin 1120
2nd Amelia Clark 968
3rd Trevor McLaughlin 947

Class Charts - Last Half term:

1st Chrissie Martin (290)
2nd Jodie Smith (273)
3rd William Baldwin (246)

Class Charts - Last Week:

1st Anisa Gater and Ellie-Mai Grice (31)
2nd Katie Thomas (29)
3rd Brodie-Lea Phillips (27)

GCSEPod

Highest Form: 9I

Highest Podder: Aaron Dixon - 44 pods

Keep up the great work Year 9!

Miss Adams & Mrs Newell

Year 10

Congratulations

Well done to Vivek Bains, Kian Soulsby, Abdullah Dard, Alfie Wooldridge and Amir Murtza. These pupils were awarded the highest number of class chart points this week.

Overall the punctuality of our year 10 pupils to school has improved, but could still be improved further.

Reminders

All data collections sheets should be completed and returned ASAP as the deadline for returns has now passed.

News

As the exam season gets into full swing for our year 11 pupils, year 10 pupils will get an

opportunity to apply to undertake the role of a prefect, for the duration of a school year. We have had a large number of applications, but would welcome further applications especially from our year 10 boys. Anyone who is interested who has not submitted a letter of interest, should come and see either myself or Mrs Booker.

Charity

Throughout May we will be fund raising for the Edwards Trust, an organisation set up by bereaved parents for bereaved parents and children alike.

The Edwards Trust was set up by a family who lost their child to cancer 30 years ago. This week and following through the month

we have a book with the letters Edwards Trust printed on A4 sheets which we will attempt to cover in money

There will also be different fund raising events each week of May to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Mrs McCallum and Mrs Booker



Year 11

Congratulations to all GCSE Art students who have worked very hard over their two days of GCSE practical. All students remained on task at all times and the pieces of work produced were exceptional.

Thank-you to all parents who attended our exam kick off session, it was lovely to see

you all again and just a reminder that if you need anything at all during the upcoming exams please feel free to contact the year 11 team.

Finally, we have the French speaking exams next Wednesday and Thursday (8th-9th May), all pupils will be given their time slot next week.

We also have the Finance exam next Friday which will take place in the theatre. Please

let us know if your contact details have changed as a daily update will be sent via text for upcoming revision sessions before and after school during the GCSE exams.

Prom money and hoodoo money is due Friday 10th May, any issues please contact the year 11 team.

Thank-you for your continued support,
Mrs Martin and Mrs Bayley

6th Form

As this Summer term begins, we look forward to securing bright futures for our Sixth Formers. Year 13 have confirmed their university place offers and are excited for the next stage of their life journey.

As always our Sixth Formers lead the way in their charitable endeavours and Jessica Simmonds in year 13 has been working hard volunteering with our Year 8 nurture group where she is able to offer support and motivation for all. Similarly, our Year 12 medical students have continued with their voluntary placements in the health care sector and are fantastic ambassadors for us. Davir Bains and Adim Alam in Year 13 formally completed their Routes to the Professions qualification at the University of Birmingham and this will support them in their ambitions to study medicine and dentistry respectively.

We are pleased to share some sporting news regarding our PE A Level students who participated in external moderation with exam board moderators who remarked that their piece was "the best verbal training programme they had ever heard". Such

praise is recognition of the hard work of these young students and the tremendous guidance and support that they receive from the PE department.

Moving on to Basketball, Letizia Natty in Year 13 received a public award for her skills in basketball and her participation in an external team.

Working in partnership with other schools, KS5 Chemistry students have enjoyed a session at Bishop Milner School studying in a laboratory and completing practical experiments in preparation for their final examinations. This partnership enables our students to receive bespoke training and coupled with the opportunity to work other specialists they will undoubtedly be ready for the weeks ahead.

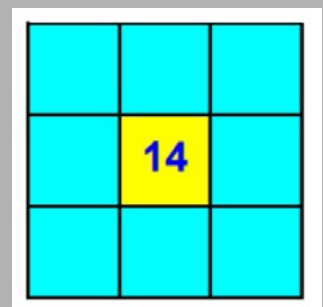
This week we welcomed our Year 13 parents to a special evening of support in our school chapel, focusing on 'how to survive A levels'. This event allowed us to work in partnership with students, teachers and parents as we prepare for the coming weeks of revision and external examinations.

Mrs Jordan
Head of Sixth Form

and finally...

WEEKLY NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 in the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?



Email your answers to
numeracy@stuart-bathurst.org.uk
to enter a weekly draw for a small prize.

Mr Glover