

WELCOME

The Christmas break seems a distant memory as I write this edition of our newsletter. I hope that you and your loved ones managed to rest and enjoy time with one another despite the explosion of Covid cases many of us experienced over the holiday season with those we know and love.

As we started the term in January, things accelerated somewhat in terms of numbers of staff and students self-isolating. Whilst things have been a little more settled in recent days, it has not been the easiest start to the New Year and I would like to thank my staff for their support of one another and the Senior Leadership Team during the last few weeks of higher than normal absence figures. Many have taught virtually from home whilst isolating; some whilst suffering from the effects of Covid and thus demonstrated their commitment and passion to your child's learning. They never cease to amaze me and we are certainly blessed that our community has so many positive role-models within it.

I would particularly like to thank our fantastic site team who in the cold month of January have spent many a morning and evening gritting our site to ensure that it is safe for students and staff. In addition they have

helped move belongings from different rooms to ensure that we are on track for completion for our fantastic new art room, SEND hub, library and staff workspace. We cannot wait to see the new and improved facilities and none of it would be possible without their efforts.

Recent weeks have seen Year 11 and Year 13 begin their mock examinations. Their focus and commitment to their studies has been nothing short of inspirational and we have seen sky-high attendance to our breakfast and after-school support sessions. Well done Year 11 and Year 13; keep up the great work! The age-old saying of what you sow, you reap seems apt here and I am sure the fruits of your labour will be seen in the Summer if we continue with this focus and vision for success.

Further to Mr Johnson's update on 26th January, facemasks

are no longer obligatory in classrooms or communal spaces. As a school, as per my previous letter last week, we will support anyone who wishes to continue to wear a face mask but will review this every two weeks. This also is the case for coats to be worn in classrooms due to measures taken to ensure classrooms are ventilated. Please can I ask that you read all letters sent out by the school and follow systems linked to COVID to support our staff and ensure they do not have to chase for information.

I wish you an enjoyable remainder of the half-term and thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Miss G Raindi
Interim Head of School

YEAR 7

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The Year 7 pastoral team have been very proud of the pupils for giving their maximum effort to their schoolwork and their homework. It has been a joy to visit lessons and see them challenge themselves with their work to see how much they can achieve, to do and be of their best. Socially, we have seen Year 7 really start to find their feet, make new friends, and learn to socialise with different people and the different year groups. We have been delighted that many of the students are involving themselves in the extracurricular aspects of school life and taking part in Performing Arts and Sports.

We are very excited to be performing at the Belgrade Theatre with many of the students in Year 7 on 17th February 2022. We have shared many collective worships together this term and it has been lovely to hear from the students

and see their confidence grow as they share their experiences and faith with the year group.

There have been a few concerns over this half term within the year group and I would like to remind all of Year 7 that friendships and kindness towards one another are the most important things we can do. If we can be polite and kind to one another, we have the power to change the world.

Organisation has been something many Year 7s have had to get to grips with; new subjects, new teachers, new sets and new equipment. Homework and working to deadlines has also been a concern for students who are learning to work with different media sites and learning retrieval skills through working with their knowledge organisers. We would like to reiterate the importance of students reading regularly to ensure they are

able to access the vocabulary in the curriculum during the year.

Happiness within the year group is something we are always working towards, and I would ask for your continued support to ensure all Year 7 are getting enough sleep and not spending too much time on social media as it is not good for their developing brains and their emotional wellbeing.

ClassCharts Top 3:

Cheyenne Colcol
Success Omoruyi
Bailey Whitehouse

Virtues Awards:

Amie Franklin & Michael Nonga

Star of the Lesson Award:

Salman Patel

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This school year, Year 8 have been led by Mr Holder and Mrs Pepper. We both believe that by having high aspirations we are able to secure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

Ability is not fixed or innate, and we firmly believe that ability can be enhanced through the adoption of a 'growth mindset'. Your child must work extremely hard in the knowledge that human qualities and intellectual skills are cultivated through hard work, effort and having the character to overcome setbacks and make use of constructive criticism. In Year 8 the student must display tenacity and persistence when confronting challenges; see failure as a valuable part of the learning process; and display a readiness and passion

for learning and self-improvement. We believe that your child has the potential to grow and succeed, and to do this Year 8 must take charge of their own learning.

Some pupils may feel that meeting their targets is very difficult and it is important that we encourage them to be resilient. It was a pleasure to share with parents during our recent virtual parents evening and praise the effort that pupils make and celebrate achievements in all aspects of their work.

I would ask for parental support with uniform in the year group and would like to reiterate the new uniform policy that came into place in January 2022.

School shoes should be black leather, no trainers, no boots, no hoodies or jumpers that are not the school uniform. No rings, nail polish or noticeable make up.

ClassCharts Top 3:

Lewis Smith
Kathy Bakshi
Armaanjit Kaur

Virtues Awards:

Natalie Satimburwa
Charlie Evans

Star of the Lesson Award:

Benjamin Chew

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Since returning back from the Christmas break, as a school we have continued with a huge push on standards to ensure that our uniform is fully in line with the school policy. Also, we continue to do our best to ensure that all students are prepared for the school day with all equipment that they need, ready to learn. This includes having a reading book with them every day. Please can we ask that this is also monitored at home and if you have any issues or concerns please contact the pastoral team.

Another focus for Year 9 since returning, is homework. The homework policy states that students get one warning per half term, per subject and any missed deadline from there leads to a failure to complete homework detention. For every missed homework, it is 3 negative points and an after-school detention.

To support with any homework issues, there are homework clubs available at lunch times (see below rota).

Monday - Business 1
Tuesday - IT2
Thursday - Business 2

A weekly text does get sent out to Year 9 parents of those students who have missed 2 or more homework deadlines for the previous week.

Over the last few weeks we have had assemblies about 'Disability Month', 'Advent' and 'A Safer Internet'. Most recently, Year 9 had an assembly delivered from DECCA who are an outside agency to educate our students about Cannabis.

The purpose of the assembly was to raise awareness of the harmful impact that Cannabis has and the laws surrounding the use of Cannabis.

We would like to thank Year 9 for their conduct throughout this presentation.

Year 9 have accumulated over 73,000 positives since September - over 31,000 more since we last wrote to you; absolutely fantastic Year 9!

ClassCharts Top 3:

Sasha Davies
Gideon Nalutamio
Daisy Downes

Virtues Awards:

Macy Burgess, Qasim Muhktar, Sasha Davies, Tanvir Singh, Blessing Omoruyi Xiang Ju Chen

Again year 9, we have so much to celebrate and we are all looking forward to seeing what you continue achieve next over the coming months.

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I have been thrilled to see the renewed level of effort Year 10 have been putting into their studies since we returned from the Christmas break. With mock exams fast approaching, I would ask students to remember the message from Miss Raindi at the start of the academic year: "If not me, then who, if not now then when?"

For the mocks, students will sit exams in CORE subjects - English, Maths, RE and Science, in the Sports Hall. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn what formal public examinations are like. In the following week, students will be assessed in their option subjects in the classroom. Good Luck Year 10!

The past few weeks have included fantastic work by numerous students, but I would like to highlight two who have really impressed me. Firstly, Kaci-Leigh Baker (10I) who has been awarded Pupil of the Lesson a stunning 24 times so far. Incredible! Secondly, Takira Keldo (10I) who, as well as being an amazing artist, has been awarded Pupil of the Lesson 20 times. Well done both of you!

Students understand that they should be filling in their Self-Quizzing exercise books each evening. As always if you have any questions or require support please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Meacham.

ClassCharts Top 3:

Cody Bainbridge
Kaci-Leigh Baker
Sumayyah Akalwaya

Stars of the Lesson Award:

Paris Forrester
Akil Hussain

Virtues Awards:

Manvir Bassi
Harrison McCarthy

Key Dates

7-11 February
Hall Mock exams in Core Subjects
14-18 February
Mock exams in classroom for options.

YEAR 11

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I often write these newsletters and state how proud I am to be Head of Year for this year group. However, these past three weeks have really shown me how lucky I am to be in this position. The year group have sat their mock examinations and proved that, despite the pandemic, they are as hungry to succeed as ever.

To have over 80 students for every single revision session, both before school and after school, has been nothing short of inspirational. This year group really deserve the best, and with your support we will strive to ensure that this happens.

We will soon be sending out a timetable of revision sessions, which will continue until their GCSE

examinations in the summer. These sessions will allow the year group to Do and Be of Their Best and achieve the goals that I can remember many of them setting in Year 7.

I have mentioned before that this year will be the most challenging school year that the students have had. However, I have also said that it can be the most enjoyable. I am delighted to announce that the Year 11 Prom will be held at the Village Hotel on the 8th July. This will be a fantastic evening to celebrate all of the hard work from Year 11 over the past five years. More information will follow shortly.

Can I please stress the need for standards to remain high. Year 11 set the standard for every other year group

across the school and they are role models for younger students. Uniform should always follow the policy that has been set out by the school. Furthermore, PE kit should only be worn on days that students have PE, with the correct kit worn on these days.

As always, thank you for all of your support and I cannot wait to see the heights that Year 11 can reach this year.

If you have any concerns, issues, or general enquiries, please contact us the email addresses above.

ClassCharts Top 3:

Kareena Deo
Ashley Donnelly
McKenzie Harrison

SIXTH FORM

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University Offers

After completing their UCAS applications before Christmas, there has been a buzz of excitement around the common room as our Year 13 students have been receiving offers from universities all over the country. For those who have not yet received them, there is still lots of time! We wish all of our students the best at this time as they start to shape their lives over the next few years.

We will be talking all things student finance and accommodation in the coming weeks so please look out for more information.

Mock Examinations

Our Year 13s have been working solidly for the past two weeks on their mock exams. It is a challenging time, with many undertaking several hours of exams per subject. Many of our students have risen to the occasion, putting the time in to ensuring they are prepared and those that haven't

have learned the hard way the need to do so. These mock exams prepare our students for the real exams that will take place in the summer and it will be those that determine which universities our students attend next year.

We wish all of our students the best of luck for when they get their results from these mocks on Thursday 10th March – further details to follow soon.

Sixth Form Applications

Whilst the deadline for applications has passed, we very much encourage any Year 11 students who wish to join our wonderful Sixth Form community to enter their application as soon as possible. For more details about our Sixth Form and how to apply go to <https://www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk/page/?title=6th+Form&pid=8>

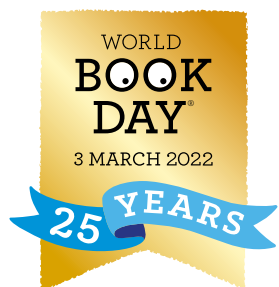
Charitable Endeavours and Catholic Ethos

Part of being a Stuart Bathurst Sixth Former is involving oneself in charitable roles in the school; something very closely linked to our Catholicism and spiritual journey as members of this community.

Our Chaplaincy Team Leader Paris Clarke, alongside Meah Henn and Aaliyah Waseem have been working on many charitable endeavours recently and we are very proud of the work they have done.

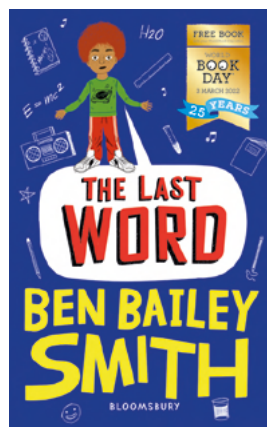
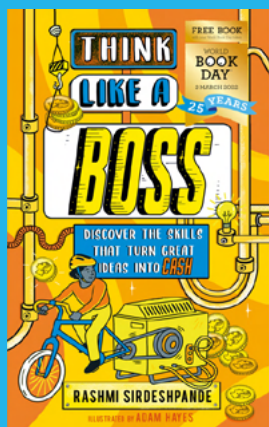
Lates

As a reminder of our expectations which prepare our students for life after Stuart Bathurst, students must be onsite by 8.50 and in their form rooms by 8.55. Anyone who is not on time will be marked as late. On the third occasion of being late a detention is issued and this continues every subsequent time a student is late.



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CATHOLIC LIFE

Charitable Endeavours – “whatever you do for the least of mine, you do for me...”

During our focus on Children's Mental health week from the 7th Feb – 11th February, the school council will be sharing daily resources with all students on how to care for your mental health and well being. This week will end with a cake sale with all proceeds raised going to Papyrus which is a charity which focuses on suicide prevention, particularly with young people. This is a charity which is very important to our school community and we look forward to your generous support in this fund raising event.

Want to get involved? Please bring in cakes on Thursday 10th February ready for the cake sale on Friday 11th!

Getting to Know The God Who Speaks

Developing our relationship with God is integral to our faith community and we are so proud of all our students and staff who constantly seek God in their daily lives – through prayer and action.

Many of our students seek out the opportunity to pray during the day and are a wonderful inspiration to all of us in our journey to getting to know God.

To support our understanding of God and how He is always waiting for us to listen, each day our staff will be sharing a piece of scripture that is important to them as a means of comfort, celebration and thanksgiving.

Want to get involved? Ask you teachers each day what the daily scripture suggestion has been!

CAFOD Live Simply Award

Our Chaplaincy Team in liaison with our School Council and Stewardship and Action group are busy working away at our CAFOD livesimply Award Application. This award is a visible and physical way in which we, as a community, can work together to improve our world at a local level and ultimately contribute to change on a global level.

The livesimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

What is the livesimply award?

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

The award celebrates what we have already done and inspires us to do more. It helps our community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

Some of our initiatives include having a meat free day on Tuesdays, starting to growing vegetables in our Peace Garden and implementing further opportunities to think of the vulnerable in our world – these are just a few of the great challenges our school community is committing to during the next year.

The Chaplaincy Cheer Challenge

Each day via our school twitter feed, our Chaplaincy team will be sharing suggestions for small actions we can incorporate

into our daily lives which bring a little joy to those around us as well as ourselves. This is an opportunity to think about others and to become a little more Christlike in our behaviours.

Want to get involved? Send Mrs Jordan your suggestions for daily acts of kindness and try to live out the suggestions from the twitter feed each day!

LENT 2022

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2nd March. Lent is an opportunity to focus on or faith, our relationship with God and each other.

Lent is a period of 40 days which marks the period of time Jesus spent in the desert following His baptism, preparing Himself for His good works and mission.

During Lent we are called to do three things more than usual:

- Prayer
- Good deeds
- Fasting

We can do this through giving up things for the 40 days of Lent and also being more active in our communication with God and in being of service to those around us. Although Lent is a challenge, it is really best to think about it as an opportunity to grow and develop as human being created by God for a wonderful life.

Want to get involved? Sign up for the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger Campaign. This is a fund raising opportunity which asks us to commit to walking 5k each day of Lent to walk a total of 200K by the end of Lent. You can get sponsored for each day that you walk the 5K – getting healthy, raising money for those in need and developing our relationship with God – what could be better!

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THE GAZETTE OF GRACE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF STUART BATHURST CHAPEL

SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE TERM:

THE VALUE OF SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY



RECOGNISING HUMAN DIGNITY.

**WRITTEN BY
STUART BATHURST
CHAPLAINCY TEAM.**

SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY BOTH "FLOW" FROM HUMAN DIGNITY. THESE TWO FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ARE BOTH OFFSPRING OF THE PRIME PRINCIPLE, HUMAN DIGNITY, WHICH FLOWS FROM THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN PERSON. SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY ARE BOTH BORN IN AND EXPRESSIONS OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND BOTH ARE ABSOLUTELY CENTRAL TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE. WHILE THE CASE FOR SOLIDARITY DERIVING FROM HUMAN DIGNITY MAY, AT FIRST, APPEAR TO BE EASIER TO GRASP THAN FOR SUBSIDIARITY – IN FACT, MOST TIMES IT IS NOT. POPE BENEDICT TELLS US THAT, "UNDOUBTEDLY THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY [IS] AN EXPRESSION OF INALIENABLE HUMAN FREEDOM."

PRAYER FOR WORK AND LIVELIHOOD

A FUTURE OF HOPE
LORD OF HOPE,
MANY PEOPLE ARE LEFT IDLE IN THE MARKET PLACE
WITHOUT WORK AND WITHOUT HOPE,
THROUGH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT,
ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, REDUNDANCY
OR BECAUSE THEY ARE REFUGEES.
MAY THEY BE EMPOWERED BY EMPLOYMENT
AND RECEIVE ONCE MORE THEIR DIGNITY
AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD
AND SO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES
AND HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.
AMEN.



FRIDAY THE
21ST
JANUARY

OUR MAC PATRON SAINT JOHN BOSCO

**WRITTEN BY STUART
BATHURST
CHAPLAINCY TEAM.**

LENT- 2ND MARCH
CAFOD FEAST
DAY
- 11TH MARCH
LIVE SIMPLY

BOSCO WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST (1841) IN TURIN AND, INFLUENCED BY ST. JOSEPH CAFASSO, BEGAN TO WORK TO ALLEVIATE THE PLIGHT OF BOYS WHO CAME TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY. WORKING IN BORROWED PREMISES, BOSCO PROVIDED BOYS WITH EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, AND RECREATION; EVENTUALLY HE HEADED A LARGE ESTABLISHMENT CONTAINING A GRAMMAR SCHOOL, A TECHNICAL SCHOOL, AND A CHURCH, ALL BUILT THROUGH HIS EFFORTS. HE ALSO ACHIEVED A LOCAL REPUTATION AS A POPULAR PREACHER. IN TURIN HE AND 22 COMPANIONS FOUNDED THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO) IN 1859, AND BEFORE HIS DEATH IT HAD SPREAD TO ENGLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN, AND SOUTH AMERICA.

WITHIN THE PEACE GARDEN THERE WILL
BE A FRUIT AND VEG ALLOTMENT IF
STUDENTS AND STAFF COULD DONATE
ANY SEEDS THIS WOULD BE GREAT

ON THE 31ST JANUARY, A PRESENTATION WILL
BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS AND STAFF,
ENTAILING THE LIFE OF ST JOHN BOSCO. THIS
WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH FREE CAKES ON THE
DAY



WORD of the WEEK

Linked ideas

Genuineness
Legitimacy
Validity



Authenticity

Noun – the quality of being authentic

autentyczność

Polish



ANTONYMS

Unreliability
Inaccuracy



MORPHOLOGY (WORD PARTS) ETYMOLOGY (WORD ROOTS)

GREEK

LATE LATIN

OLD FRENCH

authentikos
principal,
genuine

→ authenticus

→ authentic
late Middle English



WORD FAMILIES: SIMILAR WORDS TO HELP WITH MEANING

The suffix **-ity** means the quality of something.
Generosity is the quality of being **generous**.
Can you think of other words with the suffix **-ity**
which show the quality of being something?



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

Jesus goes the way of the prophets: he presents himself as we would not expect. He is not found by those who seek miracles, new sensations, a faith made up of power and external signs. He is found instead by those who accept his ways and his challenges.

[#GospelOfTheDay](#) (Lk 4:21-30)

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

Prizes for 100% attendance for the term, and 100% attendance for the last week of term.

Winners will be chosen from each year group on the last day of term and awarded!



SPEAK OUT BOX

The Speak Out Box can be found outside Miss Raindi's office. It is for any student to make suggestions, voice their concerns, or ask for confidential help. Just write down your thoughts, lift the lid, and pop it in. The box is checked daily.