

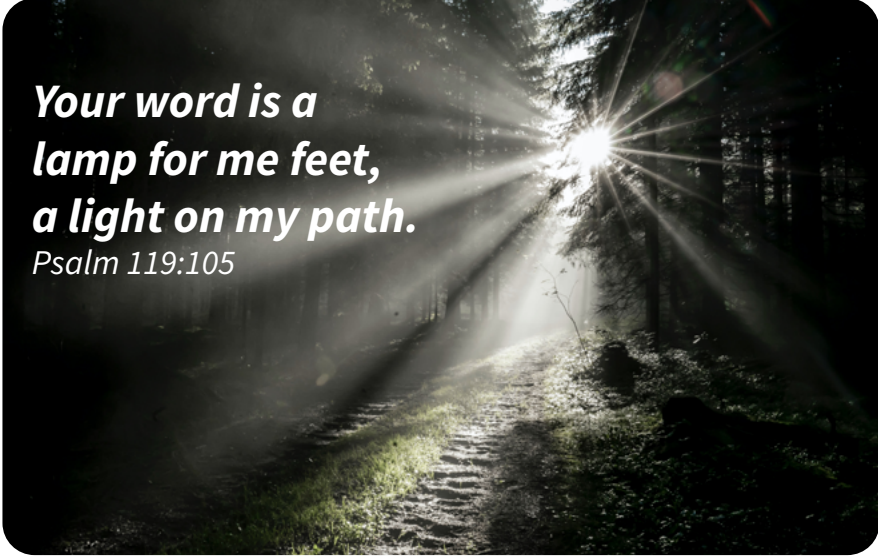
## WELCOME

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term and my last one as interim Head of School at Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School.

It has been a privilege to serve the community of students, staff and families over the last 11.5 years and I have had a truly glorious time on my journey with you all; leading, teaching, supporting and learning alongside you. With the help of many passionate and committed people both within the school and beyond, the school has continued to go from strength to strength and I leave Stuart Bathurst proud of my contributions to its' significant improvements over the years.

The highlight of my time here has to be the people and the teamwork; laughing, sharing, supporting, encouraging and understanding one another and I leave blessed with relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the staff I have had the pleasure of working with over the years; the teaching staff and support staff across the school who have all contributed to Stuart Bathurst being the place that it is today. I will miss you all enormously.

I would also like to thank the School Improvement Board and Directors of Saint John Bosco Multi-Academy who have been a huge support in the strategic leadership and development of the school and for entrusting me to lead the school over the last 8 months as it transitions to new leadership.



**Your word is a  
lamp for me feet,  
a light on my path.**

*Psalm 119:105*

To the students of Stuart Bathurst, you will all hold a very special place in my heart and I look forward to hearing about your milestones and achievements in the coming months and years. I hope that you will live by my mantra and seize every opportunity that comes your way as you develop on your journey at the school and beyond: 'If not you, then who and if not now then when' and remember the key lessons I have learnt over the years and shared with you in my final assembly:

- 1. Don't assume your path is determined**
- 2. Be open to opportunity**
- 3. Work hard and be nice**
- 4. Smash the glass ceiling**
- 5. Know your worth**

As the sun sets on my time at Stuart Bathurst, I handover to Mr May, Executive Headteacher, who will be based at the school until Mr Koryl arrives in September. Mr May, along with the Senior Leadership Team, will continue to put the needs of the children at Stuart Bathurst first and I ask that you support him and the team fully, as you have me. My aim has always been to lead and teach with the highest standards that I would expect for my own family and I feel that my job here is done and Stuart Bathurst has prepared me to influence the lives of more young people in my new school.

I know that with everyone's continuing support, Stuart Bathurst will go from strength to strength for generations to come.

With very best wishes and God's eternal blessings,

**Miss G Raindi**

Interim Head of School

# PASTORAL OVERVIEW

## STARTING THE NEW TERM POSITIVELY

At Stuart Bathurst we focus on developing all aspects of our students, not just their academic performance but their spirituality and life skills. Examples of important life skills are 'planning in advance', and 'being prepared'. In school life this is linked to being punctual to school and having the correct school equipment. Both of these expectations will be a focus for our students moving into the Summer term.

### PUNCTUALITY

Our school day starts at 8:50am and the school gate will be closed promptly in line with this time. Students who are persistently late will be placed in detention where the work that has been missed will be caught up on.

### UNIFORM

Please ensure that all students return to school in full school uniform and meeting the expectations at Stuart Bathurst. Please note that:

Piercings are allowed in the lower ear lobe only

No shaved lines in hair or eyebrows

Footwear must be black leather shoes. Footwear that is canvas based, sports brand, or boots, are not allowed.

Skirts must be black knee length skirt (no mini, split, wrap around, divided or tight skirts, no lycra skirts).

A copy of the uniform policy can be found by following this link (insert link)

### EQUIPMENT

Students are expected to have the equipment on the list below. This is important as valuable learning time is wasted whilst the teacher is trying to source the missing equipment. This will not only waste learning time for your child but also the class. See the list below:

### BEHAVIOUR IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

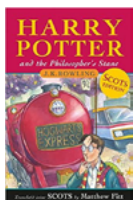
The high expectations that we have in our students' behaviour and our school values extend beyond our school gate. We believe that when students are travelling to and from school, walking across the retail park and in shops local to the school, they should be doing and being of their best. We will be discussing this with our students and making it a focus for the Summer term.

It only remains for me to wish you and your family a peaceful and restful Easter.

Mr S Holder

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## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT



Reading Book



Pens



Purple Pen

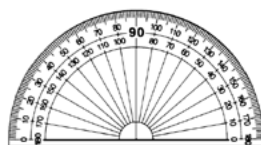


Colouring Pencils

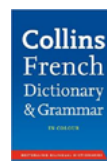


Highlighter

Knowledge Organiser and Self-quizzing book



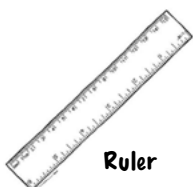
Protractor



French Dictionary



Scientific Calculator



Ruler



Eraser



Pencils



Water Bottle x 2



# YEAR 7 / 8 / 9

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It has been a very busy few weeks for the students in Key Stage 3.

It has been a joy to visit lessons and see students listening and working hard together and putting their very best efforts into their work.

For the next term please can I ask that you remind students to take time to prepare their school bag the night before to ensure that they have the correct equipment and homework for the next day.

Students are expected to have a school bag with them every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the uniform policy so that we do not have students returning at the end of the Easter break with extreme haircuts, nails, piercings or excessive make up.

The policy is clear on the expectation and I would be very appreciative if you could support us with this matter.

There have been many students in Key Stage 3 who have been involved in leading collective worship. For example: form group Masses; assemblies; on St Patrick's Day; and our whole school, Lenten Thanksgiving Liturgy. The quality of singing, acting, reading, and sharing of faith has been outstanding! A true reflection of the talents and beauty of the students in Stuart Bathurst.

We have had a lot of visiting speakers in our collective worship this half term and have been joined by PC Shendy Blakemore, from West Midlands Police, to give a talk on the dangers of social media and online safety. A number of the concerns we have had in Key Stage 3 have involved students accessing sites that they are not old enough - or mature enough yet - to be on.

PC Shendy Blakemore made it very clear to the students that they are all above the age of criminal responsibility and can get a criminal record for using abusive language on line. We will soon share information to help support parents when dealing with issues relating to social media sites and the popular apps among our students.

As a Catholic Community we believe in being intentional and prophetic in the way we use the resources around us and the gifts that God has given us.

This week, Year 9 welcomed Miss Adams back to school, and she will resume newsletter duties for her year group in the next issue! It leaves me to thank you for your support this half term and to wish your families a happy and Holy Easter.

**Cath Pepper**  
Head of Y7 and Y8

## **ClassCharts Top 3:**

Year 7:

Bailey Whitehouse  
Cheyenne Colcol  
Success Omoruyi

Year 8:

Charlie Evans  
Kathy Bakshi  
Armaanjit Kaur

Year 9:

Sasha Davies  
Gideon Nalutamio  
Rayden Stewart

## **Virtues Awards:**

Intentional and Prophetic:

Year 7:

Amelia Sankey  
Kian Firkin

Year 8:

Michela Mutambira  
Lewis Smith

Year 9:

Megan Easterlow  
MacKenzie-Leigh Adams

# SHOUT-OUT TO OUR STUDENTS

We would like to offer a huge thank you to all our students who represents the school during our recent Section 48 inspection.

In particular, all members of our student council, chaplaincy team, and stewardship team did a fantastic job of making sure that the inspectors got a true flavour of our Catholic ethos and how it lives in the day to day activities

of all our students. It has been an exceptionally busy week and our students have truly stepped up.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who volunteered to help with our Lenten end-of-term liturgy.

Our singers, musicians, readers, and presenters were all excellent and made

sure that the Mass was a fitting end to the term and a wonderful way to say goodbye to Miss Raindi.

*Well done everyone!*

# YEAR 10

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As we approach the Easter holidays I have been reflecting on one of my favourite pieces of scripture "I will sing of your strength in the morning, I will sing of your love, Psalm 59:16.

It is of vital importance that we celebrate the talents of our students and therefore I have been speaking to students about a rewards trip to The Light Cinema in Walsall on Friday 29th April.

In order to partake in this celebration Year 10 students will need to meet 3 criteria:

1. Have attendance of at least 90%
2. Have a positive Class Charts ratio of 98% or above.
3. Be within the top 10 students based on their Class Charts points from 28th March until Tuesday 26th April.

I will communicate the winning names after the Easter break. Finally I would like to thank many of Year 10 students, during the section inspection of our Catholic Ethos they were an absolute credit to you as parents/carers and did the school proud. I wish you all a restful Easter holiday.

Students understand that they should be organising their work experience placements for the dates above. If you require any support please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Meacham

### ClassCharts Top 3:

Arafat Sultan (10D)  
Hanya Yasin (10D)  
Kaci-Leigh Baker (10I)

### Stars of the Lesson Award:

Last Week: Saffiyah Bismillah  
This Week: Sumayyah Akalwaya

### Virtues Awards:

Intentional - Chelsea Nahayo  
Prophetic - Krishna Patel

### Key Dates

GCSE Statistic Exams:  
14th June, 24th June  
Hall Exams 27 June -1st July  
Work Experience 11th July-15th July

Will you be coming on the... ★

## ★ CINEMA REWARDS TRIP? ★

Friday 29th April



### Entrance Criteria:

**1. TO BE AMONG THE 'TOP TEN' STUDENTS IN YOUR YEAR GROUP BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CLASSCHARTS RECEIVED BETWEEN 28TH MARCH AND 26TH APRIL.**

**2. HAVE A BEHAVIOUR RATIO OF AT LEAST 98% POSITIVE.**

**3. HAVE AN ATTENDANCE % OF AT LEAST 90%.**

# YEAR 11

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Year 11 have had a busy and challenging half term as the countdown to the GCSE examinations continues. The year group have again shown great determination to achieve their very best, with attendance to Hard Work Pays Off being consistently good. The year group have been taking part in the "10 Week Challenge", with the rewards trip to Alton Towers the accumulation of this hard work on Wednesday 11th May. This will be a great opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves before their examinations start.

During the Easter break, there will be revision sessions running in school. The timetable for these sessions can be seen below.

For these sessions, it is vital that the students arrive on time. We will not have a member of staff in reception to let the students in, so their class teacher will be collecting the students at the start of each session. As I have stated in a previous letter, anyone that will be attending for both the morning and afternoon session will need to bring a packed lunch to school, as the canteen will not be open.

As we head towards the remaining months of the year groups journey, 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 I always stress that 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.

Thank you for all of your support, which has helped us prepare your children To Do and Be of Their Best.

## Year 11 and 13 10 Week Challenge

- Completion of Target = Can attend the reward trip
- Completion of Silver Target = 50% off price of ticket
- Completion of Golden Target = Can attend the reward trip for free



### • Attendance

- Target = Above 92%
- Silver Target = Above 94%
- Golden Target = 100%



### • Punctuality

- Target = No more than 4 lates
- Silver Target = No more than 2 lates
- Golden Target = No lates



### • Behaviour

- Internal Inclusions
- Target = 3
- Silver Target = 2
- Golden Target = 1
- Exclusions = 0
- Classchart Behaviour Ratio = Above 96%



### • Revision

- Target = 80% attendance to HWPO sessions
- Silver Target = 90% attendance to HWPO sessions
- Golden Target = 100% attendance to HWPO sessions



### • Parents Evening

- Target = Attendance to parents evening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. If your parent is unable to attend, a follow up meeting must be attended



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## EASTER REVISION SESSIONS

### Monday 11th April

09:30-12:00 Maths

12:30-15:00 RE

### Tuesday 12th April

12:30-15:00 Art

### Wednesday 13th April

10:30-12:00 History

12:30-15:00 French

### Thursday 14th April

09:30-12:00 Science 11E1

12:30-15:00 Science 11E2/3

## KEY DATES

### 11th May

Rewards trip – Alton Towers

### W/C 16th May

GCSE Exams Start

### 8th July

Provisional Prom booking  
(Date is subject to change)

# SIXTH FORM

## 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.

Students received a talk on all things student finance from a visiting lecturer from De Montfort University at their Parents Evening on the 10th March and are now making their applications via the various institutions they are looking to attend in the autumn.

## In-Class Assessments

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 assessments 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 of the need to do so.

These assessments 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 assessments and as they build towards their final exams.

## 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>

## Punctuality

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.

## Charitable Endeavours, our new Peace Garden 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.

Our Peace Garden has been wonderfully created by the Chaplaincy Team and its Sixth Form leaders. Kian Soulsby has been instrumental in overseeing this project, even turning his hand to a bit of fence installation in the process and many others have had their paint brushes, shovels and wheel barrows out lending a hand to the project. The end result is a wonderful success and contributed significantly to the recent Section 48 inspection.



# SUPPORTING PSHE AT HOME

As a parent/carer you are your child's first educator and play a vital role in their personal and social development. Therefore, PSHE and RSHE education should always be a partnership between schools and parents/carers. Please use the links below to support you to contribute to your child's PSHE education outside of school or through home learning.

If you have any questions or queries about PSHE/RSHE, or would like any additional resources to support any PSHE based work or discussions with your child, feel free to email me on: [rshe@stuart-bathurst.org.uk](mailto:rshe@stuart-bathurst.org.uk)

**Please use the links below to key resources to support you at home:**

## Department for Education

### RSE guide for parents:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/812594/RSE\\_secondary\\_schools\\_guide\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812594/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf)

## Mental and Physical Health

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

NHS mental health hub

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/make-it-count-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

## Online Safety

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## Keeping Children Safe

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

## Relationships and Sex Education

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-4152666>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sexual-health/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

## Economic Well-Being

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/corporate/young-people-and-money-toolkit-yphub>

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/corporate/teenagers-talking-money-yphub>

## Drugs Education

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-drugs-and-alcohol/>

<https://www.talktofrank.com/get-help/worried-about-a-child>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/talking-about-drugs-with-your-child/>

## Mr T Walsh

Assistant Headteacher

## UPCOMING TOPICS

### YEAR 7

- How can we keep safe and positive relationships?
- Families: What are the different types/ does it matter what type of family you have?
- Being healthy inside and out.

### YEAR 8

- Appreciating differences.
- Staying safe online: Online grooming.
- Where does extremism come from?

### YEAR 9

- Being in control of my choices.
- Positive relationships: marriage.
- How does knife crime impact on our lives?

### YEAR 10

- Dealing with self-image.
- Values, attitudes and beliefs
- What is hate crime and why does it happen?



# WORD of the WEEK

## Linked ideas

Prophetic  
Visionary  
Prognostic



## Prescient

Adjective - having or showing knowledge of events before they take place.

### Arabic

عالم الغيب



## ANTONYMS

Ignorant  
Uninformed



## MORPHOLOGY (WORD PARTS) ETYMOLOGY (WORD ROOTS)



## WORD FAMILIES: SIMILAR WORDS TO HELP WITH MEANING

The suffix **-ic** means pertaining to/related to. Can you think of other words that this applies to?



## POPE FRANCIS TWEETS



Pope Francis ✓  
@Pontifex

...

Jesus spoke of this hope when he announced his passion and death saying he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). He was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and thanks to him means receiving from his open Heart the Father’s forgiveness.

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## 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 the Principal’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.