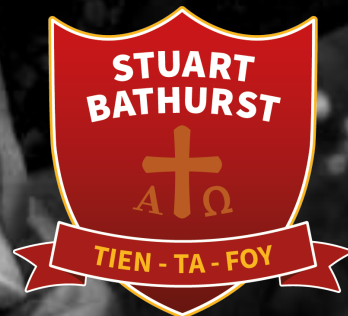


STUART BATHURST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

No. 14



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Newsletter

This week's Mass readings are focussed on money and riches. The Responsorial psalm calls on us to "Praise the Lord who raises the poor", and the Gospel tells the parable of the dishonest servant. Money can be a blessing or a curse, at times our young people will plan their futures focussing on the monetary outcomes because they see the material things in life as being important. The aspiration to have the things that their friends have, can place a lot of pressure on parents but I have to say that if you were really to drill down to what children want, it is time with their parents doing something they both enjoy (hopefully not shopping). Remember, generosity comes not only in the form of things and that the gifts of love and happiness are priceless.

This week has been another great week full of excellent teaching and learning. In addition, it has been a week where the school has started to truly settle into the routines that will result in progress being made. Our children should now have received knowledge organisers in every subject they are being taught. Please take the time to sit and look through their file, the staff have worked very hard to bring these brilliant resources to them.

If you are ever concerned that your child doesn't have enough homework, you can use the knowledge organisers to build their knowledge base up. We will be holding curriculum meetings over the year to give you, as parents, some support in helping your children at home.

The Learning Resource Centre is taking shape; the shelves are filling up with exciting texts to engage your child in reading. We want to build a community space where everyone goes to spend time reading - it's so good for you! We are hoping to be able to invite you all in to a launch event shortly, so watch this space. We have been lucky enough to secure external funding to resource Accelerated Reader, a programme that has been proven to improve reading and literacy levels in KS3. We are all so excited about this brand new area.

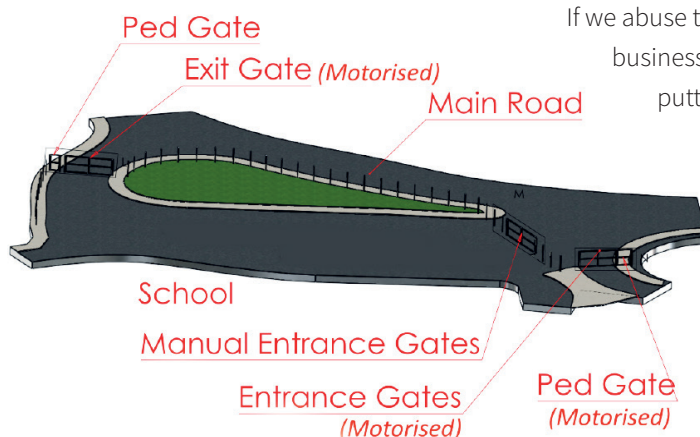
In other news, you will have noticed that we have now installed the fences at the front of school. This weekend we will have workmen on site starting to put the gates in. I am hoping that they will be fully operational in a week or two.

We are doing this to safeguard your children following a safeguarding review last April. The gates will also impact you as this will limit the amount of time that you will be able to sit and wait for your child at the end of school. Therefore, it may be better if you organise to meet your child elsewhere.

If you are using car parks in the area please respect the other users of the car park who may not be parents but simply there to collect a Pizza or a KFC. I have received a couple of complaints regarding the conduct of some parents and I did promise that I would bring this to your attention.

If we abuse the kindness of the local businesses then we may find them putting measures in place to make it difficult for you to use their car parks.

God bless,
Mrs Morris



YEAR 7

Year 7 have completed a full week of their timetabled lessons and have received all of their knowledge organisers. As we have entered lessons this week it has been very encouraging to see students so engaged in their learning in a lovely calm environment. They have been taking part in lessons on knife crime in PSHE lessons, and personal symbolism in RE lessons.

Our focus for this half term is "kind words and kind deeds". It has been inspiring to hear from members of staff how well-mannered Year 7 have been and how much they are enjoying the food in the canteen!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Year 7 for their resilience over the last two weeks and a huge thank you to the Year 7 tutor team who have supported them in their steep learning curve.

Reminders for next week:
Full equipment check, purple pen, reading book. Any outstanding tie or retreat money.

Mrs Pepper
Mrs Bayley

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students:

1. JOE GATER
2. EMILY LUCAS
3. ELYSSA EBANKS



Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Theresa

YEAR 8

Next Thursday, the Year 8 retreat day will take place. Our Year 7 pupils who have already experienced the retreat day, were full of praise for the day and felt that it was a valuable experience for them in helping them to examine and deepen their faith. The retreat will take place during normal school hours and pupils will be expected to attend as usual, wearing their full school uniform. Could I please ask that pupils return the reply slips and monies for this day, no later than Wednesday.

Many thanks to all those Year 8 pupils who have volunteered to help with the Open Evening next Tuesday. It is heart-warming to see how many Year 8 pupils are kind and generous enough to give their time in order to support the school.

Could those pupils who have volunteered please ensure that they return their consent forms no later than Monday. Unfortunately, pupils who do not have a completed consent form will be unable to participate.

All Year 8 pupils have now been issued with the knowledge organisers and exercise books, that they will use to complete their homework. Could I please urge you to ask your child about these, so that they can explain and share with you.

Mrs McCallum
Mrs Letford

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. JAHEIM PHIPPS
2. TAKIRA KELDO
3. RAHEEM IBRAR

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. TAKIRA KELDO
2. IMANI MURRAY
3. MADISON ATKINS



You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet

YEAR 9

As we roll into our third week, I have seen a number of positives so far this term. Particularly, it was a joy to see students engaged in the creative arts and their faith formation in RE lessons. We have students looking forward to taking part in a Shakespeare School's Festival workshop on Monday, where they are playing some of the lead roles at the Old Rep Theatre. Good luck Bradley Clews and Stefan Gayle, you will smash it!

There are a number of students helping the PE department with Open Evening on Tuesday, please ensure that these students all wear full PE kit. As a PE teacher, it is incredible seeing so many students wanting to help the department.

This week, students will be completing their Making Presentation Matters work during form times. This reminds us that we should always do and be of our best in everything we do. The form groups have also seen a number of form time periods used to help with understanding kindness and how they will use this in the future. I cannot wait to see all of the acts that students will use from this in the wider community.

Can I just remind all students of the standards regarding 100% compliance and if you have any questions please come and speak to Miss Newell or myself.

Mr Smith
Miss Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students:

1. DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL
2. IMAAD JEEWA
3. JACK JOYCE



Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you.

Henry Ward Beecher

YEAR 10

Year 10 students attended an assembly this week to inform them of the use of Knowledge Organisers. A Knowledge Organiser summarises all the key information, keywords and facts that your child needs for all units of work. All Knowledge Organisers have been placed into folders for every student and every student is expected to bring their folder to school every day. They have also been issued with a self-quizzing book, which accompanies the folder. This will allow students to recall and retain key information that they need for their GCSE subjects.

This week we also introduced 'Act of Random Kindness' (ARK). This is to encourage continued kindness around the school and each week there will be a

different focus for Year 10 students. If this is witnessed, staff will add positive class charts points. This week the focus was to 'hold the door open for staff and peers'.

I have had the privilege of walking around form groups this week. The engagement and respect shown by so many did not go unnoticed.

Reminders:
Work Experience: 10/02/2020
Year 10 GCSE Mocks: 15/06/2020

Miss Adams
Mrs Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. SUFYAAN MAHMOOD
2. JODIE SMITH, JAKUB BANAS, ABDUS JAHANGIR, ZEB NADEEM
3. AMELIA CLARK

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. JODIE SMITH, RAHEEMA MOTARA
2. LUKE OLIVER
3. ZAID MOLVI



**Do things for people,
not because of who they are
or what they can do in return,
but because of who you are.**

Harold S. Kushner

YEAR 11

This week I have been particularly impressed by the level of maturity displayed by Year 11. There is a real feeling within school that the year group are 'knuckling down' and have come back from the Summer Break with the right attitude to their studies.

Myself and Mrs Booker, have both commented of the level of focus in lessons, whether this be examining endothermic reactions in Physics, or The Norman Conquest in History.

I have been particularly pleased by the attendance to lunchtime/afterschool sessions that we have entitled...

HWPO - Hard Work Pays Off!

Despite only being in the 3rd week of term, students are showing their determination to succeed by turning out in large numbers.

For the HWPO sessions:

- I expect all Year 11 students to attend 2-3 per week
- Sessions run from 3.15-4.15pm
- Students should have their KO Folders for each session.

If you have any questions or require support please contact myself or Mrs Booker.

Mr Connolly
Mrs Booker

m.connolly@stuart-bathurst.org.uk
wendy.booker@stuart-bathurst.org.uk

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students:

1. AISHA BI
2. MARY ARYEE
3. KELCI WHITEHOUSE

HARD WORK PAYS OFF WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Day	Lunch Time 1.45-2.15	After School 3.20-4.20pm
Monday	Psychology - Hum1 RE - RE3	
Tuesday		Interactive Media - CIE Maths/English
Wednesday	Food - HC1	Business - CIE, Drama - DR1 Geography - Hum2, PE - Mr Smith - PE1
Thursday	PE - Mrs Wright - PE1	French - MFL3, Art - DT1 History - RE4, Chemistry - SC2 Science - Mrs Hall and Mr Hubery - SC4 INVITE ONLY
Friday		RE - RE3, French - MFL2



**Hard work spotlights
the character of people:
some turn up their sleeves,
some turn up their noses,
and some don't turn up at all."**

Sam Ewing



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Showcasing Student Excellence



High quality work that our students have produced this week.
Well done to everyone below. Keep up the great work!



YOUNG POETRY WRITERS

Five talented Stuart Bathurst Year 10 students are set to become published poets, as the original work they submitted for a national poetry competition has been chosen to appear in the winners' anthology.

Amelia, Alyana, Aaron, Alice (all pictured), and George have all written poems which have been selected by 'Young Writers' to appear in the upcoming anthology 'Poetry Escape 2019 – The West Midlands'. This national competition for secondary school pupils received over 4,000 entries this year; our students have done exceptionally well to have written poems which stood out to the editor. We are delighted that their imagination and creativity has won their poems a place in the 2019 anthology, which is due to be published in October this year.

Congratulations to all five of our budding writers –
we hope to see more of their work in print in the future!

Mrs Zoe Torsney
Teacher of English

CATHOLIC LIFE

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

**In
The
Theatre**

**Come help
us raise money
for such an amazing
cause!**

**Lots of cake,
Lots of fun!**

8:55am-14:15pm

Bring in your sweet treats and have a good time!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**Friday 27th
September**

Next Friday marks our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, where people all over the world will be coming together to eat cake and raise money for an incredible charity which places the most vulnerable in our world at the centre of all they do.

Please join us in supporting Macmillan and enjoy a slice of cake and cup of tea next Friday from 8.55 in the school theatre. If you cannot join us, then please donate cakes - bought or homebaked - which we can then use within school to raise money for Macmillan.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

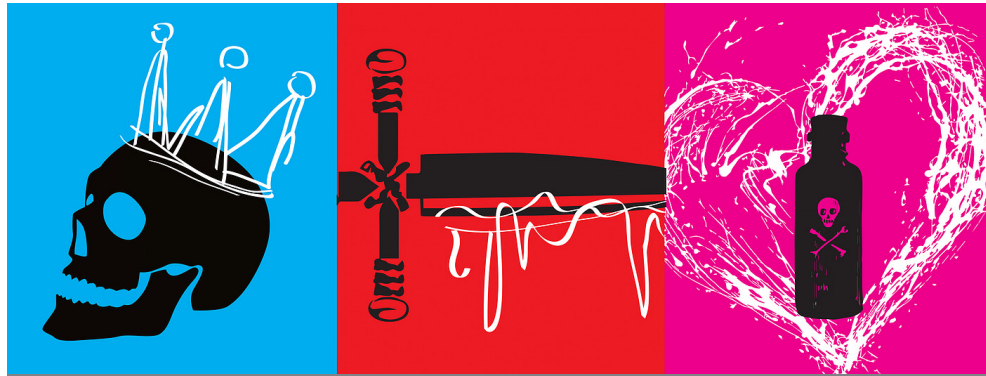
Mrs Jordan
Assistant Headteacher
Sixth Form & Catholic Life

VIRTUES AWARDS

Commending students who have demonstrated one of the Catholic Virtues, either in their studies or their actions. This week's Virtues Awards go to:

Year 7	Isabella McGuigan	Grateful & Generous
Year 7	Jayden Bosley	Grateful & Generous
Year 8	Jaheim Phipps	Learned & Wise
Year 8	Takira Keldo	Learned & Wise
Year 9	Lloyd Skeldon	Compassionate & Loving
Year 9	Daisy-Mae McCooe	Learned & Wise
Year 10	Raheema Motara	Learned & Wise
Year 10	Keira Bull	Learned & Wise
Year 11	Corey Mallard	Learned & Wise
Year 11	Alice Young	Learned & Wise
Year 12	Danielle Whitehouse	Grateful & Generous
Year 12	Thomas Bradnick	Grateful & Generous





SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Stuart Bathurst Catholic High school is proud to be part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, in partnership with Shakespeare Schools Foundation. Our contribution will be Romeo and Juliet, a truly classic play that is currently on our Year 10 English Curriculum.

Shakespeare Schools Foundation is a charity that transforms lives through the unique power of Shakespeare. The annual Festival provides a platform for up to 30,000 young people to express themselves and grow in confidence on a professional stage.

In this, the 19th year of the Festival - 6th year of involvement for the school - we celebrate a season of 'Infinite Variety' as young people of all ages and backgrounds discover the possibilities presented by Shakespeare in our Drama Studio, culminating in a thrilling night of theatre.

ROMEO & JULIET

by Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School

Old Rep Theatre, Birmingham

Wednesday 6 November 2019

19:00 to 22:00

BUY TICKETS

Tickets £11.45 (Conc. £9.50)

*Price includes a £1.50 restoration levy

*Tickets capped at 4 per customer

BOX OFFICE

Phonelines are open

Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm

Counter services are open 1 hour
30 minutes before an event.

0121 359 9444

boxoffice@oldreptheatre.co.uk

*TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 4 PER CHILD. THIS MEANS
TICKETS CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED OVER THE PHONE.
AT 10AM ON 22 OCTOBER ANY UNSOLD TICKETS WILL
BE RELEASED ON GENERAL SALE ONLINE OR OVER
THE PHONE.*

GRACE MEETS ROYALTY!

On Thursday 12th September I had the privilege of meeting HRH Princess Royal for the official opening of my St John Unit Building, Union Park.

During the summer holidays, I went to a cottage in Wales with my unit. We spent 3 nights there. On the first night we made cookie dough cookies with all different toppings such as strawberries, bananas, marshmallows and nutella. This is why my station was called cookie decorating.

When HRH arrived she came to my station and we offered a cookie to her and asked her what she would like on her cookie. She asked if she could have smarties. So we made her that and put Nutella and smarties on it. Then we asked her what box she would like so she had a striped one. After that she went to everyone else's stations.

When she left we all waited and sneaked a cookie each! EVEN THE LEADERS !!!! Then we went to the main hall where she opened the building and looked around the hall and at all the ambulances that were there. We had a ninety year old ambulance there. This ambulance was called Sympathy. Finally, we had lunch, looked around the ambulances, and our busy morning was finished.

By Grace Glover, Year 7



We recently
flew past
1000 followers
on Twitter!

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on Twitter



@stuartbathurst

NETBALL FIXTURES

It has been great to see so many pupils enjoying their PE lessons and the extra curricular clubs we are providing. Hopefully all the hard work in training will pay off when our fixtures begin!

Our first fixture list is for netball.

Please see the dates on the right for all netball league fixtures. Pupils will be given letters at training if they have been selected to play for the team.

DATE	HOME		AWAY
1 st Oct 2019	Q3 Tipton	v	Stuart Bathurst
8 th Oct 2019	Q3 Great Barr	v	Stuart Bathurst
15 th Oct 2019	FREE WEEK		
22 nd Oct 2019	Phoenix	v	Stuart Bathurst
5 th Nov 2019	Stuart Bathurst	v	George Salter
12 th Nov 2019	Stuart Bathurst	v	Wood Green
16 th Nov 2019	Wodensborough	v	Stuart Bathurst

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS...

St Paul asks us to pray "for all in authority" (1 Tim 2:2). We must learn to do this, even for politicians with whom we disagree. Christians must pray for all people in government, that they may work for the common good.

16 SEP 2019

TOP ATTENDANCE

**OUR TOP
FORM GROUPS
THIS WEEK**

1: 8W	100%
2: 10W + 11W	99.7%
3: 7I + 9O	99.4%
4: 8I	99.3%
5: 11S	98.5%

WORD OF THE WEEK

Equity

noun:

Equity is the quality of being fair and reasonable in a way that gives equal treatment to everyone.

Can you:

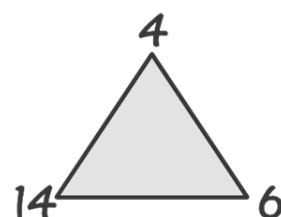
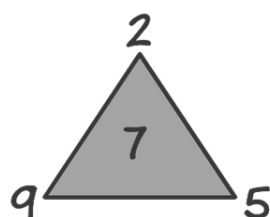
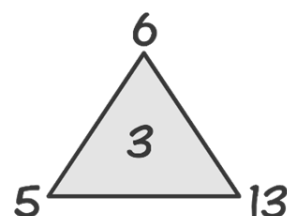
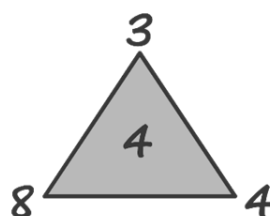
Think of a synonym for this word?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test your friend on the spelling of the word?

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

What number should go in the empty triangle?



Meet our New Teachers in English



Miss Bradnick

Teaching English & Drama

Favourite Book: 'The Whisper Man' by Alex North – I read this book over the summer in one day- I was enthralled.

Favourite Film: 'The Notebook'... I love a rom-com.

Favourite Hobby: Researching new places to travel. I love to find the best restaurants and source great tourist spots!

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Pepper, (some of you may know her...) she was my drama teacher at school and inspired me in many ways. I will always be thankful for her great sense of humour and guidance... especially as we now work together!

Favourite Quotation: "Everything happens for a reason"

Fact or Fiction?

1. I have a black belt in Karate
2. I have two puppies
3. I used to live in Vietnam



Miss Kaur

English Teacher

Favourite Book: Human Universe by Professor Brian Cox.

Favourite Film: Erin Brockovich

Favourite Hobby: I like to meditate as this helps me retune myself and reconnect with my surroundings.

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Wilcox, she was a RE teacher. Mrs Wilcox taught me that teaching was more than getting information to the learners, she taught me that we can all take time to listen to one another.

Favourite Quotation: "Once you stop learning, you start dying" Albert Einstein.

Fact or Fiction?

1. I can knit and knit my own gloves.
2. I was hoping to train as a nurse.
3. I have never been to London.



Mr Warner

Lead Practitioner in English

Favourite Book: To Kill a Mockingbird. It says as much today as when it was first published; truly beautiful prose.

Favourite Film: The Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Hobby: It's a cliché, but I do love reading. I also love travelling, but not sure you'd class that as a hobby!

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Brennan, my Year 8-9 Form Tutor. She was a fierce lady from Scotland who was brilliantly witty and extremely compassionate.

Favourite Quotation: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" – St Oscar Romero

Favourite Scripture: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

Fact or Fiction?

1. I have been to New York 15 times.
2. I have read the complete works of Charles Dickens.
3. I have been featured as part of the BBC's Get Inspired initiative to get people into sport.



Miss Morgan

English Teacher

Favourite Book: The Hunger Games trilogy (a guilty pleasure!)

Favourite Film: Kingsmen: Secret Service

Favourite Hobby: Singing

Favourite Teacher: Mr. Spence my GCSE English teacher. Mr. Spence is the reason I am an English teacher today, he made me fall in love with the subject!

Favourite Quotation: 'If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.' Sirius Black

Fact or Fiction?

1. I was a vegetarian for a year
2. I've sang in Symphony Hall
3. I'm petrified of balloons