



Your faith has saved you;
GO IN PEACE
Luke 7:50

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Newsletter.

In this week's Gospel we hear the story of the grateful leper. Jesus is travelling and is approached by 10 lepers on the road, he cures all of them but only one of them, a Samaritan, turns and glorifies Jesus for healing him. The other 9 have all disappeared with no word of thanks for Jesus saving him. We all know that we have had times like this where we have helped someone out, perhaps in a major way or even in a minor way such as holding a door open and received no thanks whatsoever. It's annoying isn't it? Conversely, sometimes we don't realise that someone's actions are their way of saying thank you without words. Our Faith teaches us that God is helping us all of the time but perhaps our lack of thanks comes from us not recognising that He is behind everything that is happening to us good or bad. So this week let all of us make a big effort to say thank you both to one another and to our Father.

This week has been another fabulous one. On Thursday we held our Sixth Form Open evening. This took place in the Sports Hall and was very well attended by almost 140 students, predominantly our own Year 11 but also a fair number from other schools. It was an absolute privilege to listen to our young people, currently in Sixth Form,

delivering heartfelt speeches talking of their journey through our school. Tasharna, our Head Girl, talked of her own Faith journey through the school and how being in a Faith school enriched her experience and gave her spiritual support throughout her time. Rashida then spoke of the practical support she has received in her time with us but specifically, how as a high achieving student she has been offered opportunities such as two summer internships and a much-prized place on a summer school at Cambridge.

I think the most poignant line from the evening came from Rashida "You don't have to dig too deep or look too far to see what a wonderful place Stuart Bathurst is".

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It was also lovely to see Davir Bains return and talk about the support our Sixth Form had provided him in achieving the outstanding A'level results that gained him a place to study medicine at Aston University. He was adamant that he would not have achieved so highly at any other Sixth Form. Davir gave an insight into the first four weeks at university and the challenges of being on such a prestigious and demanding course. He will make an excellent doctor and we are very proud of him.

A number of parents spoke to me after and said they were touched by our students' speeches. As always our young people stole the show because they are amazing! I would like to thank them for their time, talent and loyalty to our community. Many thanks also to those students who helped out on the subject stalls, encouraging their younger counterparts to stay and continue their education in a high achieving Sixth Form with outstanding pastoral care.

Congratulations and thanks also to our sports teams who are enjoying increasing successes - all detailed on page 7. You are a credit to our school.

On Friday we said farewell to Mrs Giles, our receptionist who made the decision to retire over the summer holidays having given 17 years of loyal service to our community. It was lovely to see Mrs Giles and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Have a wonderful week.
God bless,
Mrs Morris.



YEAR 11

It was a pleasure to see so many Year 11's at the 6th form Open Evening on Thursday. I was impressed with the level of maturity shown by students in their conversations with staff about their academic future.

I would like to congratulate those students involved in the French speaking exams this week, they prepared well and spoke fluently. Tres Bien!

I have spoken to all students this week about the upcoming 'Getting Mock Ready' evening on Thursday 24th October, from 5-7pm. During this vital evening students will receive their mock timetable and a set of revision resources as well as workshops from teachers on how to 'Get Mock Ready'. I look forward to seeing you there.

KEY DATES

Thursday 24th October:
Getting Mock-Ready Evening
- details to follow

4th – 15th November:
Mock Exams

Thursday 28th November:
Year 11 Parents Evening.

As always if you have any questions or require support please do not hesitate to contact us.

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DAY	LUNCH 1:45-2:15pm	AFTER SCHOOL 3:20-4:20pm
MON	RE - RE3	
TUES		Interactive Media - CIE Maths/English
WED		Business - CIE Drama - DR1 Geography - HUM2 PE - PE1 Food - HC1 French Psychology - HUM1
THUR	PE - PE1	French - MFL3 Art - DT1 History - RE4 Chemistry - SC2 Science - SC4 (invite only)
FRI		RE - RE3

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. LUKE GARMSTON
2. SIMRA IQBAL
3. HARLEY TURNER

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. AMANPREET KAUR
2. KHADEEJAH KARA
3. YOOSUF PERAGER

HARD WORK PAYS OFF WEEKLY TIMETABLE

YEAR 10

This week it has been a privilege to visit a number of forms. Knowledge organisers were the key focus for the visits this week and it was great to see so many students fully engaging in the activity; some students clearly going above and beyond expectations.

Using knowledge organisers effectively allows students to recall and retain key information that they need for their GCSE subjects. However, it is important that all students engage in this activity. The year 10 team are closely monitoring each student and the quality and quantity of work being produced.

In assembly this week all students have again been reminded of the importance of arranging their work experience and returning work experience letters. The deadline for completed applications is 18th November. Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 10 team if you need any support.

KEY DATES

10th February 2020:
Work Experience

5th June 2020:
GCSE Mock Exams 1

Miss Adams
Mrs Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. SENNA GANGER
2. SIMRANJEET SINGH
3. CLEMENT AKORSU

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. SENNA GANGER
2. CLEMENT AKORSU
3. AMELIA CLARK



YEAR 9

There has been a lot to celebrate this week for Year 9. As a PE teacher, my highlight has been taking the football team to Q3 Tipton, where the boys showed a magnificent attitude and top class performance to win 3-2. Well done boys!

This week, I carried on from 9W's assembly and promoted Mental Health Awareness Day. The year group used their lunchtime to take part in the "Time to Talk" workshop. I encourage all students to check on each other and, always, "Ask Twice".

As we head towards the end of the first half term, I want to remind all students of the high standards which are expected in

our school. Students must be displaying respect, warmth and kindness to each other. I must insist that these standards and simple expectations do not drop as the half term break comes upon us.

All students have timetables for their knowledge organisers and these need to be followed. I have checked a lot of students books and they are extremely impressive. All students must have these books with them everyday. Keep up the good work and remember: Work Hard, Dream Big.

Mr Smith
Miss Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL
2. RALPH CASTRO
3. ELLIE SAMMUT

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL
2. RALPH CASTRO
3. ZANE DENT

YEAR 8

Last week Year 8 were awarded a whopping 11382 Class Charts points. Positive points were awarded for good progress, outstanding class work, and contribution in lessons amongst other things. The majority of the negative points were awarded for lack of homework. All Year 8 pupils have a timetable of homework that they should be completing each night. Could we please ask for your support in ensuring that time and care is taken with homework so that it is completed to a good standard.

We are very proud of Eunice Nubiga who scored a colossal 5 goals against Q3 Academy in Tipton, on Thursday night, leading to a win of 8-1. We may have a future professional football player in our midst.

This week Year 8 were invited to pray as they watched the live streaming of Mass from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. This was led by Archbishop Bernard, the music and prayers provided by some familiar faces, from the recent retreat day.

The service forms part of the preparations for the canonisation of John Henry Newman, who will be the first English person to be recognised as a saint, since the 17th century, this will take place this coming Sunday, in Rome.

Mrs McCallum
Mrs Letford

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. SAVANNA BOUGHTON
2. JESSICA DAWSON
3. HAYAA HAFIZ

Top 3 students this half-term:

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

YEAR 7

We were delighted to be able to read the beautiful work created by Mr Thompson's RE class on our school patron, Stuart Bathurst. The standard of writing and deep thought on display was exemplary. We have also enjoyed seeing the creative homework that has been produced in science this week.

Year 7 have been taking part in the Novena for John Henry Newman and sharing many conversations about faith.

A big focus for Year 7 has been to support the Mental Health conversations and we were very impressed by 7O who have been the first form group to share collective

worship with the rest of the year group. The transition from primary school to secondary is a big one and we must never be frightened to speak up if we need help.

Year 7 are settling in well and we have had many staff members commenting on the excellent learning and focus of our students. Keep working hard Year 7!

THINGS TO REMEMBER:
A warm coat as it gets colder.
Name labels inside PE kits.

Mrs Pepper
Mrs Bayley

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students this week:

1. ABDULLAH BIN HASAN
2. SASHA DAVIES
3. ASIA MCKENZIE-PARSONS

Top 3 students this half-term:

1. ASIA MCKENZIE-PARSONS
2. ABDULLAH BIN HASAN
3. SASHA DAVIES



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

This week has been a busy and fast paced week with our Oxbridge, Medicine, and Dentistry candidates completing their UCAS applications. Working closely with Mrs Jordan, our Year 13 cohort have enjoyed the challenge and reflecting on their experiences in preparation for university life has been an exciting process.

On Thursday 10th October, we held our annual Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form students. This evening is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Year 13 leavers from Summer 2019. They achieved outstanding results in their final examinations and university destinations. It is also to celebrate the gifts and talents of our current Sixth Form Community.

Head Girl, Tasharna Harris presented her experiences of sixth form with great articulation and clarity, whilst Rashida Akalwaya gave an overview of all her exciting and academic adventures as she prepares to apply for a place at Oxford University.

Our Year 11 students were joined by many students from surrounding schools as they begin their journey and apply for places at our over subscribed and successful Sixth Form - application packs and prospectuses are available from the school office.

Mrs Y Jordan
Assistant Headteacher
i/c Sixth Form & Catholic Life

We are pleased to share with you words from Tasharna's speech from our Open Evening:

Good Evening.

As Head Girl I would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and future Year 12. I am well aware of how stressful yet exciting this period is and how many choices you will have to make and tonight will help you make the right one!

My experience at Stuart Bathurst Sixth Form has nurtured my drive to learn but kept it fun and exciting. There are so many opportunities to guide your curious minds and enough support to encourage you to follow your passion.

I have always felt protected at my school, even though we may be individually different we are a community, through faith. For me the religious aspect as the school is refreshing. Taking the time out each term to celebrate something symbolic is grounding and reminds us that we are a one of the same regardless of faith. As Sixth Formers we are able to lead the school in this aspect and we enjoy the responsibility of leading the chaplaincy and charity teams. The same sense of faith is why our school takes part in charity events such as Macmillan Coffee Morning and Smile for Joel.

During the summer term, the school took part in a smile for Joel run where we raised money for the charity which supports victims of murder and terrorism. As a community we are able to come together to work for a common goal.

The Sixth Form recently led on the Macmillan Coffee Morning and each year, Year 12 organise and lead the whole school charity day – in this way we are able to be so much more than just exam grades – and this is why I love my school so much.

As well as feeling like I am a part of a community, my academic life has always been put first. Teachers have always been keen to respond whenever I need help or whenever I get stuck, as well as students. Over the years I have taken part in Year 7 and 8 mentoring, which is Year 12 led, where I would help younger years with their reading or writing and the same curtesy has been offered to me. Students are always ready to aid others when in need of extra support. Last year the older year would aid us with A level work. Support is always offered and is always available. This is why for me, staying at Stuart Bathurst was the right choice.

Our school council is where our voices are heard. Representatives from each year, including year 12, present their voices in a committee of Sixth Form and lower year. In order to bring some change to the school, where we believe it is needed. Last year through student council our school won a competition where we were awarded over £450.

We can bring change in our own lives and more importantly, change in other people where it is needed most.

In Sixth Form we have amazing support for applying to university and Mrs Jordan helps everyone of us individually in our applications and because of this we are able to secure offers from the best universities in the country.

Becoming independent is important as we get older and we are encouraged to lead on school initiatives. We support the running of the school council and more importantly right now we have just booked our Leaver's Ball venue and we are very excited about making it the best night ever!

If you would like to find out more, then do please speak to us tonight and around school!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING OUR SIXTH FORM
PLEASE CALL INTO RECEPTION OR CALL 0121 556 1488**



YEAR 11 PARENTS - UPCOMING EVENT

GETTING 'MOCK READY' EVENING

THURSDAY
24 OCTOBER
5-7PM

Year 11 Mock Examinations are due to start w/c 4th November and will last until Friday 15th November.

This is a crucial point in the academic year as your child will be sitting their next round of Mock Examinations which will measure their progress from the end of Year 10 examinations.

To support your child, we are pleased to invite you to attend the Year 11 'Getting Mock Ready' Evening to be held on Thursday 24th October, from 5-7pm, in the Sports Hall.

In addition to collecting their mock timetable, there will be a short presentation from myself and Miss Raindi about how best to support your child and a number of workshops on revision techniques.

TIMETABLE FOR THE EVENING

16:45	Registration in Sports Hall	
17:00	Welcome from Mrs Morris	
17:10	Homework - Miss Raindi & Mr Connolly	
17:20	Session A	Science
	Session B	English
	Session C	RE
	Session D	Maths
	Pre-arranged meetings with students	
18:45	Distribution of timetables and resources	

A letter containing more details of this event has been sent home with students. It also includes a reply slip that needs to be completed and returned to school.

If you have not seen the letter, or require another copy, it can be found [HERE](#) (clickable link)

NOVENA WITH NEWMAN

This week has seen the canonisation of John Henry Newman and our Year 8 group were privileged in being able to participate in a special prayer service led by One Life music and streamed live from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.

Our students enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on their faith and join together with 80,000 other young people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham in a moment of spiritual enrichment and growth.



Rosary Prayers

This month we continue our prayers and petitions to Mary:

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness,
and our hope!

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this
valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile show unto
us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.



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	Xiang Ju Chen	Curious & Active
	Zahra Gregory	Grateful & Generous
YEAR 8	Kyle Williams	Curious & Active
	Chelsea Nahayo	Curious & Active
YEAR 9	Sam Bromley	Curious & Active
	Bradley Clews	Grateful & Generous
YEAR 10	Alice Ferris	Learned & Wise
	Amar Saeed	Learned & Wise
YEAR 11	Luke Garmston	Discerning
	Simra Iqbal	Wise
YEAR 12/13	Rashida Akalwaya	Prophetic & Intentional
	Luqmaan Patel	Prophetic & Intentional

This week has been extremely busy with 6 fixtures taking place. The Year 7 and 9 boys football teams played away against Q3 Tipton and demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination. Unfortunately the Year 7 team lost this match but the Year 9s battled back from being 2-1 down to win 3-2. Sam Bromley scored two goals and Kyle Lang scored the late winning goal. All members of the team played well showing maturity, high skill level and physical endeavor. Ryan Ayree and Reon Bunn held the defence together and pushed the team forward. For the girls the year 7 and 8 football team achieved a convincing 8-0 win at Q3 Academy with Eunice Nubiga scoring 5 goals.

The girls netball teams started the week at Q3 Great Barr with the U14's and U16's competing in very physical matches. All girls

kept their composure during the matches even when for some of the girls there were very significant height differences. The U16's lost their match with Olivia Lament being awarded player of the match. The U14's were losing 2-3 for a long period of time until a late goal secured a 3-3 draw. Destini Davis-Mitchell won player of the match for her consistent passing and footwork.

On Thursday evening the U14 netball team participated in the Sandwell Schools netball tournament. It was a very cold and wet evening with 19 teams competing to qualify for the Netball Counties Tournament. We took 13 players with us to ensure we had a strong squad as we believed we were strong contenders to qualify. All of the girls played well at the very competitive tournament. We won all our matches to qualify for the quarter finals against George Salter.

Unfortunately, we lost in the quarter finals but we did win the play offs to be awarded 3rd place of the overall tournament, which is an outstanding achievement for all the players.

Next week is a little quieter with the Year 8 boy's football team at Q3 Tipton taking place on Wednesday. Don't forget to attend our PE clubs dance and badminton on Tuesday's after school and football and netball on Thursday's after school.

LOST PE KITS

Final request from the department. We have had a lot of pupils losing their PE kits. Can you please ensure that all items of PE kit are labelled with pupils names as it is very difficult to find lost kit without names on. Some pupils are telling us the size but as you can imagine we do have a lot of pupils in the same size kit.



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



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MRS GILES RETIRES

During the summer holidays, Mrs Giles decided that it was time to retire. Mrs Giles has been one of our receptionists for 17 years and will have been the first contact for many parents and visitors over the years. On Friday morning, we presented Mrs Giles with gifts and flowers to honour her years of loyal service for the school. It was lovely to see Mrs Giles and we wish her a long and happy retirement.



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS...

The Lord always reminds us how precious we are in His eyes, and He entrusts us with a mission.

11 OCT 2019



TOP ATTENDANCE

OUR TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1: 8I	98.9%
2: 9S	98.6%
3: 10S	98.5%
4: 8D	98.4%
5: 11M	98.3%

WORD OF THE WEEK

Tenacious

adjective:

Tending to keep a firm hold of something. Persistent and continuous in application.

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

Can you put the numbers 1 to 7 into each box so that each line adds up to 12?

