



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Newsletter.

The Psalm this Sunday is absolutely beautiful. For many Faiths, including ours, mountains are holy places because if we are fit and well enough to ascend to the top of a mountain we are putting ourselves close to God. I have always found mountains a fascination. Being of Irish heritage with a wonderful mother from Mayo, we regularly visited Croagh Patrick. My mum told us of pilgrimages from all over the world ascending Croagh Patrick barefoot, in snow, wind and rain to attend mass at the top in the tiny church built by the local people. Indeed in fairer weather still thousands of pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick on Reek Sunday, the last Sunday in July.

My Mum has now sadly passed away but my parents had returned to live in Mayo a number of years ago and when you look out of the front window of my family home you can see Croagh Patrick in the distance - huge, formidable and Holy. When "I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord!"

We are now entering week 8 of this year. In some ways, it seems to have flown but in others, when I consider how much has been achieved and how far the school has moved forward, I can't believe that we could have achieved so much in such a short space of time. Please do take the time to look in your children's books and see how much they have achieved.

We have again had a number of visitors to school this week. Dr Doyle, the Accounting Officer for the Catherine of Siena MAC visited on Wednesday. He came to see the work that is going on in terms of our curriculum development and also spoke to some of our Sixth Formers. He looked at children's books and was really impressed by the quality, presentation, volume and challenge shown by the work in those books. It was great to see Dr Doyle and we look forward to welcoming the other Principals from the Catholic schools in their MAC.

On Friday, we were happy to welcome Mr Quinn and Mrs Paddock from the St Augustine's Teaching School. They came to carry out a review on our Sixth Form provision here at Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School. Their initial feedback has been amazing.

Our visitors were particularly impressed by an assembly delivered by our young people around the topic of Black History Month. I have asked that they deliver this next week to staff also.

To conclude then, we have a fantastic community, a family as the Sixth Formers put it, here at Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School.

We are all one in Christ Jesus and we, as staff, work hard to maintain the cohesion of our community at all times. Sometimes our young people make the wrong decisions, use the wrong words, take the wrong tack with one another. This is all part of growing up and it's part of our role to make sure that they are guided and corrected when they do so.

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“ I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord! ”

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The lessons they visited were highly engaging and students showed high levels of aspirations. The pastoral support provided by Mrs Jordan and her team was praised as outstanding by our young people. I would like to personally thank them for their hard work and steadfast determination to do their best for the young people in our care. They talked of the family and community of Stuart Bathurst and why they had chosen to either continue into Sixth Form or indeed join us from other schools.

There are always two sides in any difference of opinion and we will always take the middle ground, trying to resolve any differences in a calm manner. Can I ask that you as parents, work with us in doing so, by monitoring your child's use of social media and reporting any concerns you have to us as soon as you have them.

Have a wonderful week.  
God bless,  
Mrs Morris.



## YEAR 11

As we approach the end of term, I have been reflecting on how far Year 11 have come since September. Students are focussed and engaged in their studies and I have been impressed the quality of homework in many of the Self Quizzing Books. Amazingly, some students are now onto their second Self Quizzing Book!

I have also been pleased by our behaviour. We are leading by example! Tuesday saw some students take part in a 'Walk and Talk' maths mock exam. A quick word about the 'Getting Mock Ready' evening. It will be held in the Sports Hall from 5-7pm, you are welcome to park on the playground. Finally, I have been overwhelmed with applications for the Prom Committee.

### Thursday 24th October

Getting Mock-Ready Evening  
- details on page 3.

### 4th – 15th November

Mock Exams

### Thursday 28th November

Year 11 Parents Evening

If you have any questions or require support please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Mrs Booker

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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

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF WEEKLY TIMETABLE

## CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

**RAYYAN YAQUB**  
**AISHA JEEWA**  
**FAHEEMAH PATEL**

Top 3 this half-term:

**AMANPREET KAUR**  
**KHADEEJAH KARA**  
**YOOSUF PERAGER**

## VIRTUES AWARDS

*Commending students who demonstrate the Catholic Virtues, in their studies or their actions.*

*Learned & Wise:*

**RAYYAN YAQUB**  
**AISHA JEEWA**

## GETTING MOCK-READY EVENING

DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE >>>

**THURSDAY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**2019**

## YEAR 10

Over the last week, Year 10 have been receiving a high number of positives on Class Charts - often for being on task, making progress, and outstanding work. Special mentions go to Leah Dawkins, Bilal Bismillah, Laeba Imran, Amar Saeed, Alice Ferris, Clement Akorsu and Hajrah Mehmood for your amazing amount of positives over the last week, well done to you all. However, I would like to highlight to all students the importance of completing both homework and knowledge organisers to a high standard.

Last week, 10D delivered a very formative assembly on Black History Month. Students engaged in questions and answers gaining a further understanding of cultural issues

regarding race. Well done 10D on your excellent assembly.

As we head towards the last week of the first half term, I would like to remind all students of the high standards that we expect here at Stuart Bathurst. Students must always be respectful and kind to each other. Please can we ensure that these standards do not drop as the half term break arrives.

### 10th February 2020

Work Experience

### 5th June 2020

GCSE Mock Exams 1

Miss Adams  
Mrs Newell

## CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

**LEAH DAWKINS & BILAL BISMILLAH**  
**LAEBA IMRAN & AMAR SAEED**  
**ALICE FERRIS & CLEMENT AKORSU**

Top 3 this half-term:

**SENNA GANGER**  
**AMELIA CLARK**  
**MARIUSZ OCHOWIAK**

## VIRTUES AWARDS

*Commending students who demonstrate the Catholic Virtues, in their studies or their actions.*

*Compassionate & Loving:*

**LEAH DAWKINS**

*Learned & Wise:*

**BILAL BISMILLAH**



# 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)





## YEAR 9

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their ongoing support with the year group. It is wonderful to work so closely and consistently with parents. That support is key in helping your children progress throughout the school year.

So far this half term, I have witnessed our students adapting to Year 9 and engaging in their studies. This has been evident through the effort students have been putting into their Knowledge Organisers. It has been particularly inspiring that so many students have been asking what happens when they fill their books. On the back of this, Sarah Perry and Shriya Patel deserve a special mention, as they are showing great enthusiasm and commitment towards

their Knowledge Organisers. This kind of mindset will help students be successful throughout their studies. It is vital that the Knowledge Organiser timetable is followed by all students, as this year, students will be choosing their GCSE subjects. Get into the habit of working hard now Year 9, so it is not a shock next year!

During music lessons, Year 9 have been working on sequencing film music leitmotifs. Lloyd Skeldon has been highlighted by Mr Pepper as “continually persevering with a hard topic”. A massive well done, Lloyd, from the Year 9 team!

Mr Smith  
Miss Newell

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL**  
**JENNIFER VELASCO LOPEZ**  
**GURSEWAK SINGH**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL**  
**RALPH CASTRO**  
**BEN EASTERLOW**

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*Curious & Active:*

**SARAH PERRY**  
**SHRIYA PATEL**

## YEAR 8

Year 8 are to be congratulated for their attendance to school. Last week 8I had the highest overall attendance in the whole school and 8D had the fourth highest. At this point in the year there is only one other year group whose attendance is higher than Year 8. The year group have now been charged with the task of knocking the other year group off the top spot.

8O led this week's assembly; the topic was respect. Pupils spoke about the importance of respecting each other's opinions and beliefs. They also shared this reflection with the year group. “God created all people, and created them differently for reasons and purpose we may not understand.

Regardless of how we perceive other people, they are God's creations, and it is God's will for us to show respect to everyone. (Matthew 7:12).

Going forward, I would like Year 8 to think about the words that they use towards each other and the effect that speaking unkind words can have on another person.

Mrs McCallum  
Mrs Letford

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**TAKIRA KELDO**  
**GURSIMRAN BAJWA**  
**TAYLA MORRIS**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**TAKIRA KELDO**  
**IMANI MURRAY**  
**GURSIMRAN BAJWA**

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*Curious & Active:*

**LAIBA GHANI**  
**ASHLEY PATEL**

## YEAR 7

For Black History Month, Year 7 have taken time in PSHE and English lessons to focus on influential black people in history. I witnessed some beautiful work in Miss Bradnick's and Miss Morgan's English classrooms as they analysed Maya Angelou's “I know why a caged bird sings”. I have enjoyed talking to my Drama students about my experience watching the musical, Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton was one of the founding fathers in American History and helped to create financial systems with which the country was lifted out of economic crisis after the war. An inspirational figure - he was tenacious, loved

learning, and had a determination to make a difference in the world. “I am not throwing away my shot”. We have one life to live, and a life lived with love, is a life well spent. The assembly this week was lead by 7I on Black History month and it was excellent example of students being learned and wise.

**REMINDERS:**

Write name and form inside coats, PE kits and school bags so that these items can be returned to you if lost.  
Bring in any owed money for Retreat or Tie.

Mrs Pepper  
Mrs Bayley

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**MACIE DALE**  
**MIA PROBERT-RICHARDSON**  
**NYASHA BANZA**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**ASIA MCKENZIE-PARSONS**  
**ABDULLAH BIN HASAN**  
**SASHA DAVIES**

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*Learned & Wise:*

**TANIYA KAILEY**  
**DANIEL DOUGHTY**



## CRITICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

This week saw the Year 12 and 13 Religious Education students seize the opportunity to attend a workshop focusing on critical evaluative writing delivered by Libby Ahulwalia (endorsed book author for the OCR exam board).

Despite a very early departure from school to Cambridge, it was a pleasure to see our students engage in all the sessions delivered and were also able to demonstrate their understanding of topics they have studied to date in Philosophy and Ethics.

Mr Virk, who accompanied the students, said he is confident that this unique experience will benefit all of our students and enable them to further progress in their RE A Level.

## VIRTUES AWARDS

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*Prophetic & Intentional:*

**JADA SMALL**

**TASHARNA HARRIS**

## POLAND TRIP 2019

On Sunday the RE Department, with Miss Ward and Mrs Newell head off with our Sixth Form students to Poland to visit Auschwitz and take time to explore its history and to reflect on their faith. We wish them safe travel and look forward to seeing their photos on our Twitter feed.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Friday Jada Small, Tasharna Harris and Rashida Akalwaya prepared and led our assembly with a focus on Black History month. The presentation was a powerful and moving statement which kept the Sixth Form transfixed with their personal stories and reviews of famous figures such as Billie Holiday who contributed much to our understanding of Black History.

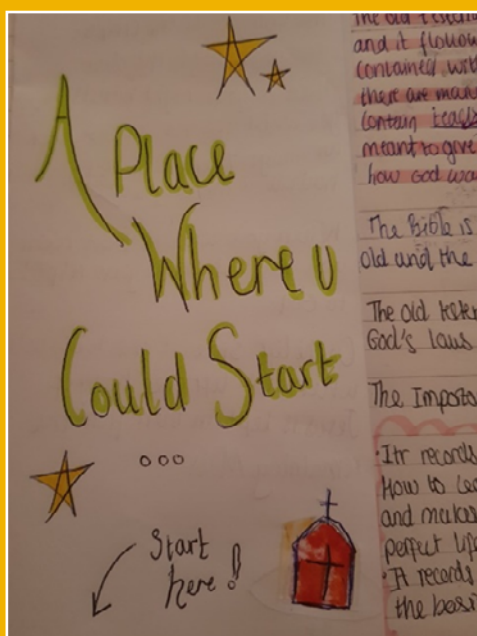
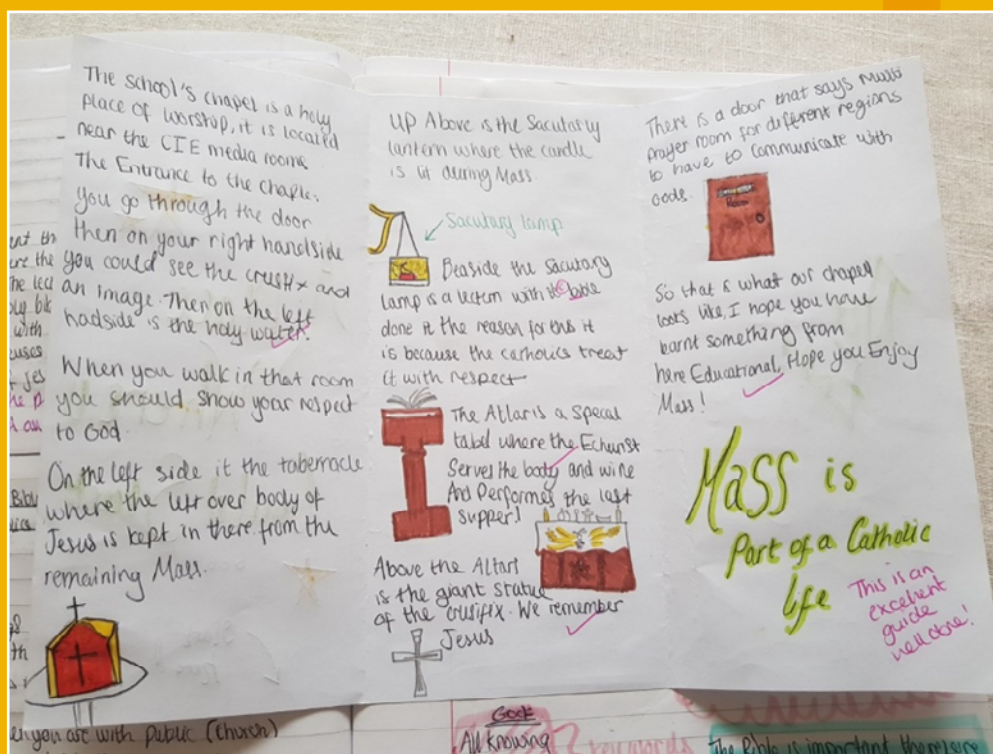
We are very proud of our students and we encourage them all to sing their song!



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



## Showcasing Student Excellence



### SCHOOL CHAPEL GUIDE

Hayaa Hafiz in Year 8 has worked hard creating an excellent guide to the school chapel for Year 6 students.

Hayaa's guide includes descriptions of all the religious items and articles that can found in our chapel. Well done Hayaa!



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The history of the Church is full of many Black / African Catholic saints, who received recognition for great deeds or meritorious conduct. Many lost their lives in defence of the faith. Many were also honored for their contributions to the Church and their community.



## FEATURED SAINT

Did you know that the only saint, of African origin, in the Western Hemisphere to date, is Saint Martín de Porres of Lima, Peru?

Saint Martín was born in 1579. He was unwanted by his father who was a Spanish knight and his mother was a freed African slave woman. Saint Martín was a humble and charitable young man who spent his life in dedication of the poor.

As a Dominican Brother, Saint Martín founded an orphanage and a hospital. Saint Martín cared for hundreds of unhappy people from Africa, who had been forced into slavery in the New World as it was known at the time. Saint Martín is recognised in the Church as both the Patron saint of Peru and of the poor. His feast day is celebrated on 3rd November.



We look to Saint Martin for inspiration and strength as we work for equality and peace in the world and we remember how in faith we are united and stronger.



# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## 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'. 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

### 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

## POPE FRANCIS TWEETS...

Dear young people, as you pray the #HolyRosary for unity and peace, consider that in one of the rosary beads I too am with you!

18 OCT 2019

## TOP ATTENDANCE

**OUR TOP  
FORM GROUPS  
THIS WEEK**

1: 7W	99.3%
2: 8D	99.0%
3: 7M	98.3%
4: 11W	98.0%
5: 9S	97.9%

## WORD OF THE WEEK

*Lucid*

*adjective:*

Clearly expressed and easy to understand.

Literary use:

bright or luminous.

**Can you:**

Think of a synonym ?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling of the word?

## NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Here are the first few **square** numbers:

1	4	9	16	25	36	49
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Here are the first few **Fibonacci** numbers:

1	1	2	3	5	8	13
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**The square numbers are well in the lead. Do the Fibonacci numbers ever catch up?**