STUART BATHURST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

No. 19



I alone cannot change the world, but I cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. *Mother Teresa*

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having commenced on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd and concluded on Thursday 24th October the Governing Board conducted an interview process to appoint a substantive Headteacher.

I am delighted to inform you that having successfully completed tasks in budgeting, data analysis, safeguarding, discussions with students and with senior leaders from both secondary and primary phases, plus an intensive interview and presentation, that Mrs Bridget Morris has been appointed as Headteacher of Stuart Bathurst.

I'm sure you will wish to join the Governing Board in congratulating Mrs Morris and continue to be fully supportive of her and the vision she has in the improvement journey of the school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful half term.

Mr Paul Piddock Chair of Governors

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Newsletter.

It is with immense pleasure that I write the final newsletter of this half term having been offered the permanent position of Headteacher of Stuart Bathurst Catholic School. The letter from the Chair of Governors (on the left) explains the selection process which I can confirm was very thorough! I have of course accepted the role and feel very privileged to be leading such a wonderful community in the next phase of its journey.

I chose the quote above as I felt that actually it sums up my role a little but in honesty I think I have created waves in the eight months since my arrival and those waves have gone on to move the school forward. I am however not on my own in doing so, the students and staff of the school and you as parents have been key in ensuring that the school has regained its positive standing both locally and also across the diocese. Recently published figures confirm that the school reached national average with our GCSE results, a huge improvement from the previous year.

We have great hopes for this year's examinees too. Year 11 held a revision evening last night and I thank those parents who attended. I hope that parents can see that we as teachers are putting everything we can into ensuring your child succeeds. They now need to do their bit and use the half term break to revise for their first set of mocks.

I think we can also be proud of the opportunities we offer our young people. Last Sunday, Mr Virk led a Sixth Form visit to Krakow in Poland. There is a lovely article, written by one of the young people who went, later in the Newsletter. The itinerary of their visit included visiting Auschwitz where they all prayed together, a talk with a holocaust survivor and also a tour of Oskar Schindler's factory.

I studied "Schindler's Ark" by Thomas Keneally as one of my A' level English texts and I must say it still resounds with me to this day. It tells the story of a man determined to break the vile Nazi regime of the Second World War. My favourite quote from the book "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire", is a good mantra for living. Oskar Schindler saved the lives of 1200 Jewish people by employing them in his enamelware factory. Whilst we are not saving lives here on a daily basis, I am confident that we are changing them for the better.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents of the school uniform expectations? Please don't allow your child to have facial piercings or dye their hair with an unnatural colour. School shoes are a standard item of footwear and all children need to be wearing them on arrival and at all times of the day. Girls should not be wearing tube/lycra skirts and when wearing skirts, they should be wearing tights.

I am going to sign off now and wish you all a peaceful and restful break. Have a wonderful week.

God bless, Mrs Morris.

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you know, we are working hard to improve the learning environment across Stuart Bathurst Catholic School. In order to fund some of the added extras in our school we may sometimes have to reach outside the school for additional funding and each year we ask for some contribution towards this. I would like to thank those of you who have been able to support and contribute in the past, your donations have been incredibly helpful and have had a significant impact on the running of the school.

In the last few months, we have been lucky enough to secure external funding to turn the old staff room into an amazing library space. We want to instil a lifelong love of reading and learning and so, giving the young people in our care a fantastic place to read is a good start. The school also secured funding from Teach First to purchase the 'Accelerated Reader' scheme, this is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice whilst promoting reading for pleasure. It has been proven to boost literacy levels and encourage students to read a wide range of literature. Whilst we have the books to implement this scheme we do not have the funds to purchase all the books that the scheme requires and this will limit the choice that the students have on this scheme.

This is where you come in. We are asking parents and carers to contribute just £10 per child (or £12 per family) to school fund, which will go directly into funding books for the 'Accelerated Reader' scheme and if we are fortunate to have any additional money raised we will buy other books for our students to enjoy. Payments can be made by cash or cheque. Please place either in an envelope marked School Fund with your child's name and the amount you are donating. We will provide you with a receipt. Note that cheques should be made payable to 'Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School.' Of course, should you feel able to donate more, then you would not be limited to this amount, and equally we will be grateful for whatever help you are able to give us.

We really appreciate and rely on your generosity. Our priority is the education of your children and to support this, we are hoping that, where possible, our fantastic parent body may be able to make a further, significant contribution to maintaining our high standards.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs B. Morris Headteacher

REPLY SLIP – SCHOOL FUND OCTOBER 2019

Student Name	Year/Form
Amount Enclosed	
If making a family contribution, please name additional siblings below:	
Student Name	Year/Form
Student Name	Year/Form

KEYSTAGE 4 NEWS

YEAR 11

I was thrilled to see so many students and parents at our first 'Getting Mock Ready' evening on Thursday. Students gained valuable advice from their CORE subjects on how best to answer questions and it was also a chance for parents to see what exactly is required and what meaningful revision and homework should look like.

Each student was given a pack of resources to help them revise. When we return after Half-Term Year 11 will begin their first round of mock examinations. This can be a stressful period for students so please be mindful of the support they may need. Best of luck in your mock exams Year 11!

HARD WORK PAYS OFF WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Students also understand that they should be filling in their Self-Quizzing exercise books each evening.

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

Mr Connolly 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

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week: RAYYAN YAQUB AISHA JEEWA BENEDETTA BASSAN

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

KEY DATES

4th – 15th November Mock Exams

Thursday 28th November Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 20th December Christmas break

YEAR 10

To celebrate all of the hard work this half term, our assembly was for awards. Students were chosen for the awards per form and the awards were for those who have 'most improved' and are 'most consistent'. Form tutors really did have a tough decision this half term, but huge congratulations to all the winners, keep up the fantastic work.

On Tuesday 22nd October, I had the absolute pleasure of taking 12 year 10 students to Coombe Abbey Hotel in Coventry. The aim of the conference was to provide the young women of our diocese with the opportunity to explore the important theme of self-worth and the dignity that belongs to us as children of God. All students engaged in each of the sessions and were a credit to Stuart Bathurst, well done to you all.

On behalf of the Year 10 team, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy half term. Please ensure that when you return your standards remain high and you are prepared for all lessons with all Knowledge Organisers and homework completed to a high standard.

10th February 2020 Work Experience

5th June 2020 GCSE Mock Exams 1

Miss Adams Mrs Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week: MUBASHSHIRAH ASWAT ANJALI SONI BILAL BISMILLAH 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.

Learned & Wise: ANJALI SONI MUBASHSHIRAH ASWAT

KEYSTAGE 3 NEWS

YEAR 9

The first half term of being a Year 9 student is now over! Students across the year group have acclimatised well to the changes that this involves. I have seen a fantastic work ethic set in across the year group, with the Knowledge Organisers being used (and completed!).

We recommend that students should be spending at least thirty minutes per night using their Knowledge Organisers, to aid retention of information. However, can I also stress that a break is always needed! Solely concentrating on the Knowledge Organisers for long periods will make you fatigued and unable to process the information properly. Well done on a fantastic half term Year 9, I hope we continue to mature into young adults throughout the year and I am excited for what the rest of this year brings! Have a good break!

Mr Smith Miss Newel

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week: KAREENA DEO CRYSTAL STYLES SUMAYYAH MURTZA

Top 3 this half-term: DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL RALPH CASTRO CRYSTAL STYLES

VIRTUES AWARDS

Commenting students who demonstrate the Catholic Virtues, in their studies or their actions

Eloquent & Truthful: DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL Curious & Active: JOYEE ONIK

YEAR 8

We have finally made it to the end of a very long first half term! I hope that Year 8 spend the week ahead resting and recharging their batteries, in preparation for the continued hard work to commence on Monday 4th November. The year group are to be congratulated for their attendance in school. Punctuality has noticeably improved as well as standards of uniform.

This week's assembly was led by PC Blakemore, who spoke to the year group about their use of social media, online bullying and sexting. PC Blakemore explained to students that their social media presence cannot be deleted, that prospective colleges, universities and employers may all check their online profiles prior to interviewing them or offering places. She spoke about the legislation surrounding social media and the sharing of images online, and that if the police find it necessary, they can also retrieve deleted messages and photographs. PC Blakemore went on to recommend that pupils should spend time away from social media by switching it off earlier on an evening and not sleeping with mobile phones, tablets, laptops etc. in their bedrooms. I hope that pupils found the assembly informative and useful

Mrs McCallum Mrs Letford

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week: TAKIRA KELDO IMANI MURRAY AMY EKPA

TOP 3 this half-term: TAKIRA KELDO IMANI MURRAY GURSIMRAN BAJWA

VIRTUES AWARDS

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

Grateful & Generou OLIVIA MCGUIGAN ASHLEY PATEL

YEAR 7

We could not be more proud of our Year 7 cohort who have made the most incredible transition to secondary school. They have adapted to new routines, made new friends, and discovered an inbuilt resilience.

We have experienced ups and down within this settling in process. We hope that Year 7 spend the week ahead resting and recharging their batteries in preparation for the continued hard work to commence on Monday 4th November. Many thanks to all the Year 7s who have supported the wider school community in collective worship, liturgies, and open evenings. The year group are to be congratulated for their punctuality, attendance to school, and excellent standards of uniform. Could I please ask that over half-term students check that they have all of the required equipment and replenish anything that is missing.

This week, our PSHE sessions focused on personal safety in partnership with Network Rail who consistently see a spike in trespassing on railways during the holidays.

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

VIRTUES AWARDS

Catholic Virtues, in their studies or their actions.

Learned & Wise: TANIYA KAILEY DANIEL DOUGHTY

+ SIXTH FORM NEWS

KRAKÓW TRIP 2019

"The Trip to Kraków and the surrounding area was a phenomenal and intense experience that I consider to be life changing. Kraków is a location in Poland closest to the Auschwitz concentration camp, in which 80% of people who entered the camp were immediately sent to death, and those that survived were subject to experimentation, inhumane living conditions, desolate starvation and unimaginable suffering. Witnessing the place where so many innocent people needlessly died at the hands of the Nazi's cruel regime is truly heart-breaking, and something I will carry with me until the day I die. It's an experience that fills you with gratitude for everything you have and a sense of freedom that the poor people who were led to their deaths sadly never got to experience.

As well as visiting the two camps Auschwitz and Auschwitz Berkanel, we also met a survivor who was a child at the camp. The story she told was a chilling tale of starvation, cruelty and loss. What is particularly saddening is the story of how her mother stole food to give to her, and the hunger she experienced caused her to forget her mother's face, only remembering "her hands, and the food they contained". Her mother died in the evacuation march when the Soviet Union where taking back Poland, and she was left behind to starve to death. The Soviets liberating the camp was the only thing that prevented her from dying. The trauma didn't end there. The survivor was emotionally crippled by the horrible events that had occurred, causing difficulties in interacting with other people for many years throughout her life. She now tells her story to others in a solemn reminder that we can never let things like this happen again.

Despite the immense amounts of cruelty that occurred during wartime, there was hope for those in the Kraków ghetto. This hope was a man named Oskar Schindler, who risked horrible execution at the hands of the Nazis by helping Jews escape their fascist riddled homeland. These little acts of bravery saved many lives of Jews who would have suffered incredibly cruel conditions if not for Schindler, seeing his office and what was contained in the museum built out of the building will forever give me hope for humanity. One man was able to prove that humanity, even in its darkest moments, will strive to protect and help the weakest and most ridiculed of those amongst us. Kraków today is incredibly beautiful. A guided tour of the City showed us amazing feats of architecture and the acute artistic disposition of all the historic residents who reside within the city. Despite the cruelty of the war, the City remains attractive for its rich history, superb commercial wealth and wonderful culture.

The trip was an amazing experience that I was proud to have and would greatly recommend to anyone planning on going in the future. It is somewhere that everybody should visit at least once in their lives, and every second spent there is worth it."

Zac Sammut Year 12





DRIVE 2 ARRIVE WORKSHOP

The Drive2Arrive course was a great experience to have. It was an amazing opportunity that school provided to Year 12 students. Many would say it was a priviledge to be part of the day! We received lots of information from each of the public services involved, including: Police, Fire, Drugs and Alcohol teams, and the Highways Agency. We were also able to take part in the Young Driver practical. We were made more aware of certain aspects of learning to drive such as the insurance costs and the potential consequences of dangerous driving.





VIRTUES AWARDS

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

Generous & Giving HANNIYA NAQVI SIMRAN MAHEY

THE LIBRARY IS ALMOST READY FOR ITS GRAND OPENING!

We are excited to have a fully functional library back at Stuart Bathurst. Mrs Morris' vision for the Learning Resource Centre has become a fantastic actuality and will be of tremendous benefit to our pupils. I am very excited to be so involved in the project and am keen to tell you about some of what the library is going to offer pupils after half term.

Currently, we have over 1,000 books in the library. We will need more. Reading is not a finite experience and so we want to keep our library stock as up to date and as plentiful as possible; you have been asked for help with this. Of those 1,000 books, we have an excellent range of teen fiction that is ready for Years 7 and 8 to embark on Accelerated Reader journey after the October break.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been STAR tested this week. This test will provide a reading age and a ZPD. This ZPD number will guide your child toward a specific range of books that suit their current reading and decoding ability. They will be encouraged to check a book out of the library and complete a quiz when finished. The quiz score will tell me, the LRC manager, their English teacher and their form teacher how well they have understood the book. The more they read, the more proficiently they will be able to decode and comprehend. Success within Accelerated Reader has been proven to have a positive impact on reading habits and attainment in exams. Although this attainment is important, I am keen to encourage a culture of reading that has 'reading for pleasure' at its core.

The new library is a clean, smart and vibrant place where pupils can make contact with a wide range of books, collaborate in their book browsing and find something that will engage as well as challenge their interests. I want pupils to work towards becoming 'word millionaires'; to use the books they check out to expand their vocabulary range and thus their academic and life potential. The LRC manager will run competitions to encourage students to reach their 100% AR quiz result. Extra-curricular activities will be run. Staff all over the school will be keen to encourage pupils to read in their lessons and during form time.

In our striving to be word-rich and wordcurious, we will often position 'the book' at the core of learning. This week, I have told all staff that they are needed in the quest to drive reading forward. And I need you too.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR READING BY:

- Asking questions about the book that has been borrowed from the library; what is it about? Which characters do they like? Where is it set? What could happen next?
- Linking viewing habits to books; look for adaptations and encourage the reading of the book as well as a shared viewing of the film or series so that everyone can talk about the plot.
- Read the book your child is reading!
- Encouraging the quizzing. Ask your child about their quiz scores.

I hope all families enjoy the half term and some of the time can be spent immersed in a book to transport us from our own climate on the rainier days.



Miss Kerr Literacy Coordinator





UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Showcasing Student Excellence

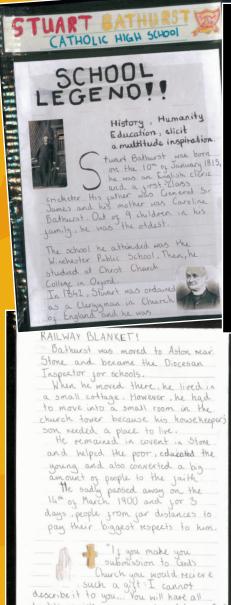
OUR PATRON, STUART BATHURST

Mr Thompson set 7A1 the challenge of writing an article about our Patron, Father Stuart Bathurst.

The whole class produced some fantastic work which was given to Mrs Pepper to select a short-list of 5. These were sent on to Mrs Morris to choose an overall winner to be published in the Newsletter. Following a difficult decision, Mrs Morris decided on two winners.

Congratulations to both Kirit Atkar and Khyan Anoya. House points and prizes on the way!





doubts vanish from you and shed tears of Joy.



appointed rector of the parish of Kibworth in Leicestershine. He fully put himself into the life of the parish, he also appointed inspector of schools for the diacese. The promotion of education was heartfelt through out Structs life. In the early 1850s, the Gorham Case finally convinced Struct to leave the Church of England. He was baptised on the 28th of August by Father Newman, John Henry Newman: The Leader of the movement. In Struct's letters to Catherine, his sister, he wrote how jay put and happa he was when he became a Catholic and wanted her to become one too. When Catherine soon became a

one too. When Catherine soon became a Catholic, she entered the Third Order

Latholic, she extered the Third Urder of Saint Dominic. ______Stuart then studied at Oscott College for the priest. In 1871 he became the parish priest at Saint Mary's Church. ______ Father Bathurst was always passionate the give a big hand to those who were he give a big hand to those who were he gives, he even gave his OWN BED to an ill person who was poor and had to she overson? (HAIRS with a had to sleep across 2 CHAIRS with a

Stuart Dathurst grew up to be a kind-hearted, selfless person who would help others. He is also an would help others. He is also an inspirational person who can show people the right thing to do. But, he still cares about discipline from other people and that you need to be grateful about everything you have been given.





RADIANT WOMEN

On Tuesday, 12 Year 10 students travelled to Coombe Abbey Hotel in Coventry for the Radiant Women Conference.

The aim of the conference wass to provide the young women of our diocese with the opportunity to explore the important theme of self-worth and the dignity that belongs to us as children of God.

CATHOLIC LIFE

DRESS UP FOR JOEL DAY

On Friday the sixth form celebrated their annual Dress Up For Joel day, which was started by Owen Richards and each year, students across Year 12 and Year 13 dress up as famous characters from their favourite films and TV shows to help raise money for our designated sixth form charity - Smile For Joel.

Smile ForJoel is a fundraising charity supporting shattered and broken families who are victims of traumatic bereavement through homicide. SmileforJoel welcomes your support with fundraising events and challenges.

If you wish to know more about SmileforJoel, or have any questions, please use the contact form which is available on the Smile for Joel website.

If you have any news or fund raising ideas to share then please send any letters or post to:

SmileforJoel, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 7DG

Remember they love to see your pictures supporting SmileforJoel, and your wristbands travelling around the world.



On the website for Smile For Joel, Suzy Richards explains why she and Owen have devoted themselves to fundraising and helping others:

"My son and I decided, we want to make a difference so SmileForJoel was set up as a fund raising charity to support and help shattered/ broken families who are victims of traumatic bereavement through homicide. We give directly to families the support that they desperately need. This support is very diverse, from time out for family breaks, special counselling, help with purchases of gifts or that special gift to a family to show them someone does care.

Not every family has the love and support we have had from our family and friends and even now we continue to have from our family, friends and our community."





+ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

WORD OF THE WEEK

Charismatic

adjective: to have a personality that charms and influences a great liking from others.

Can you: Think of a synonym ?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling of the word?

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Our Under 14 netball team remair undefeated in the Sandwell schools netball league!

This week our netball teams played against Phoenix School. This was a match the U14's were particularly looking forward to as in the Sandwell schools tournament this was the school that we beat to come 3rd. We knew the Phoenix team would be strong and at half time the score was 2-2. After a half time team talk and some substitutions the girls fought hard and came out with the win of 5-2.

Tayla Morris came on as goal shooter at half time and was awarded player of the match for her determination and movement in the circle. The U16's also played and demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership. Javina Gordon received player of the match. Javina is an extremely reliable player in defence who makes any shooters life difficult. She is an excellent role model to the younger players with her determination to try and intercept every pass and win every rebound she is a pleasure to take to every fixture.

Year 7 fixtures will start after half term so if you are interested in playing for the year 7 team then please attend netball club Thursday's after school. Football will still be on Thursday's after school even in cold and wet weather so please bring suitable clothing.



Pope Francis

During this missionary month, the Lord is also calling you: He is asking you to be a gift wherever you are, just as you are, with everyone around you. Courage! The Lord expects great things from you! #ExtraordinaryMissionaryMonth #MissionaryOctober **ATTENDANCE**

OUR TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1: 10S	99.2%
2: 9S	99.0%
3: 7I & 8D	98.7%
4: 11D	98.6%
5: 7S	98.2%

4.3K Retweets 21.8K Likes

NUMERACY CHALLENGES



Dr Simon Singh, author of the No. 1 bestseller Fermat's Last Theorem, and The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets, has created a set of weekly maths challenges – just 15 minutes of interesting,

fun and challenging material that goes beyond school maths: mystery and history, activities and oddities, puzzles and problems.



If there is enough interest, Mr Glover will set up a weekly lunch time hang out to work on these fun problems together.

Join the school team at www.parallel.org.uk and enter the school code: i8ksrv



6 is a very special number. The factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3 and 6.

If we add the factors other than 6 we get 1+2+3=6.

Can you find another <u>perfect</u> number?

Sandwell Police Partnerships West Midlands Police West Bromwich Police Station Moor St West Bromwich B70 7AQ Tet 101 Email: sandwel_partnerships @west-midlands.pm.police.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's that time of year again where communities will be enjoying celebrations including Halloween, Diwali and Bonfire night. These celebrations provide opportunities for us all to enjoy time with our families and friends.

Children and young people will break up from school this week and I want to remind you all to keep your child safe over this busy holiday period. The darker nights are now upon us, so do you know where your child is going, who they're with and what they're doing?

Fireworks provide wonderful emertainment when they are let off correctly at an organised display. They can, however, be very dangerous when used inappropriately. Remember that in order to buy lineworks you must be over the age of 18 and they can only be purchased from registered sellers. Please remind your child of this: any child or young person found in possession of, or letting off, fireworks in public will face legal action. They will also place themselves and members of the public in great danger.

Also, please be mindful of those vulnerable members of society who may be fearful at this time of year. I would ask you to ensure that your child does not cause unnecessary distress through their actions, whether by involving themselves in anti-social behaviour or associating with those engaging in such behaviour.

Any child or young person found to be involved in anti-social behaviour will face legal action.

I want to be clear that where legal action for anti-social behaviour is taken against any child, there may also be rependesions for parents/guardians and other members of the family.

Sandwell Police are very proud of our relationship with the young people of Sandwell and our wider communities. We encourage families to spend time with each other and enjoy this season of the year.

At the same time I would ask you, as parents/guardians, to ensure that the whole of Sandwell can enjoy this time together, and that the actions of a few do not spoil the enjoyment of many. If we all ensure our own child is safe, then we can be sure others are safe too.

Regards

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Inspector Colin Gellier Sandwell Partnerships Inspector

