



PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

A VOICE OF ONE CALLING: "IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD;
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD."
ISAIAH 40:3

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This weekend, we celebrated the second Sunday of Advent. We lit the second candle on our Advent wreaths across our Parishes. The Gospel this week concentrated on John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin. A miracle baby, born to Elizabeth, Mary's cousin; born to "prepare the way" for Jesus. Every Friday, our staff meet in the chapel to pray together at the end of the week. The prayers are read by form tutors and the Year staff for a year group and each week I am struck by the maturity, empathy and wisdom of our young people. On Friday, we heard the prayers of our Year 11 pupils. To the right, you will see a prayer written by one of them; it's beautiful in both its simplicity and its spirituality. Every line will mean something to someone reading it as it encompasses the insecurities we feel ourselves but also those felt by the pupils in our care, your children.

This week, we have seen our Sixth Form students at their very best raising money and collecting food for those less well off than themselves. To date we have over 40 hampers ready to go out to families in our community. They look absolutely wonderful and I would like to praise the Year 12 pupils who have collected their contents and made them into such beautiful gifts. They have been amazing. On Thursday, the Sixth Form held a Cinema Night for the lower school. There were over 80 pupils present and we are hoping to roll this experience out to our Primary schools. Once again thank you to the students involved. It also highlights how lucky we are to have such a strong presence of Sixth

Formers in our school who are excellent role models to our younger students.

On Tuesday we welcomed Jayne Lowe a national safeguarding expert into our school for the third time since February of this year. Her exact words to me were "Wow, I thought it was good last time but this time it's amazing". The physical changes as well as the increased awareness of key safeguarding procedures from the recruitment of staff, to Lockdown and in addition the staff training to name just a few improvements have enabled us to claim that we now have a strong safeguarding culture in our school. The pupil panel talked of feeling valued and cared for and were clear about the changes in behaviour. They said that parents trusted us and that means so much to me and the staff of Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School. If you do feel this way I would be grateful if you could let OFSTED know by filling out a questionnaire on ParentView. It was fantastic to get such a positive report from a highly respected safeguarding leader but would be an early Christmas present for all of us to get similar feedback from yourselves as parents via this vehicle.

I am going to sign off now. By the time you read this your child will only have 9 more get ups until they can have a well-deserved rest. Please keep sending them in. It's really important that we don't give them the impression early in life that the last two weeks of term don't count, they absolutely do! Every day is an experience and one that they will remember.

Have a lovely week.
God Bless,
Mrs Morris

A PRAYER OF HOPE AND CONSOLATION

For every pain
that you cannot explain;
For every worry
that consumes you;
For every fear
that overwhelms you;
For every loss
that hurts you;
For every anxiety
that takes over you;
For every broken heart
that silently kills you;
For every uncertainty
that scares you;
For everything that is
beyond your reach,
beyond your control,
beyond your means
and understanding.
For you, Our Lord, help us
throughout these hurdles.
Amen

Zara Ali
Year 11



YEAR 11

This week saw the close of our GCSEpod competition. As many of you know, GCSE pod is a superb app that allows students to download short subject summaries that they can then listen to wherever and whenever they want. I am pleased to announce that with over 270 pods, Olivia Lament is the winner and will win a Nando's lunch for her and a friend. Well done Olivia!

As we move towards the Christmas break, I would like to remind you about Year 11 homework. Each student has been given an exercise book along with a set of Knowledge Organisers. Students should be using these summaries to self-quiz for 90 minutes per night. I have given students a timetable showing what they should be doing each night.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all those who contributed donations for our Christmas Hampers. I know that these contributions will make a real difference to some of our families.

As always, if you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Booker

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Mr Connolly
Mrs Booker

**HARD WORK PAYS OFF
NEW 2 WEEK TIMETABLE
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PROM PASSPORT

Top 3:

AISHA JEEWA - 1150 miles
RAYYAN YAQUB - 1125 miles
BENEDETTA BASSAN - 1075 miles

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

JOSHUA WEBB
ZARA ALI
KEVIN TOGBA

Top 3 this half-term:

SABJOT SINGH
VIVEK BAINS
MOHAMMED SAJJAD

Top 3 since September:

KHADEEJAH KARA
SABJOT SINGH
AMANPREET KAUR

KEY DATES

Friday 20 December

Christmas break

Monday 6 January

INSET day

Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 January

French Speaking Exams

YEAR 10

During Tuesday's Assembly, 100 delivered an Advent presentation. We reflected on what we have been doing as school for '12 days of Christmas', and highlighted the importance of helping others at Christmas time.

A huge well done to 100 for delivering their assembly, and a big thank you to all those students who have made donations towards the Christmas hampers. You really will make a huge difference to families this Christmas.

On Tuesday 10th December, Year 10 will be taking part in an ASPIRE event called 'Making Informed Decisions'. The purpose of this is event is to provide information to support them for their future.

All arrangements for that day will be shared with Year 10 students.

As we have now reached the final 2 weeks of this term, can we please make sure that our standards remain high. Ensure that uniform is correct and in line with the school policy and that you are prepared for all lessons with all knowledge organisers.

Homework should continue to be completed to a high standard.

Miss Adams
Mrs Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

AMELIA CLARK
JAMES FORTUNE & ANJALI SONI
ANISA GATER

Top 3 this half-term:

ANISA GATER
AMELIA CLARK
JULIA CHOJNICKA

Top 3 since September:

AMELIA CLARK
ANISA GATER
ZAID MOLVI

KEY DATES

03 February 2020

Next Assessment Week

10 February 2020

Work Experience begins

15 June 2020

Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations



YEAR 9

This week, Year 9 have been working on Jekyll and Hyde, in Drama, which also links to their current studies in English. This has been met with a glowing reference from Mrs Pepper; well done Year 9! Jayden Clarke, Stefan Gayle and Bradley Clews are also working on a drama for our Advent liturgy, which I am sure will be fantastic. I am so proud that we have students who are willing to showcase their talents.

Behaviour across the year group has continued to improve. Our Internal Inclusion figures decreased for a second week in a row! This standard needs to be maintained as we continue towards the Christmas

holidays.

I would like to thank all of the students who have donated to our '12 Days of Christmas' charity event. The amount of items that have been donated from our year group, and the school as a whole, show the kind, thoughtful nature of our children.

As Mrs Morris mentioned last week, I would like to urge all parents to ensure that attendance to school is consistent as we head towards the end of term. There will be lots of things happening that students will not want to miss!

Mr Smith

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

BEN EASTERLOW
KAREENA DEO
ELLIE SAMMUT

Top 3 this half-term:

JONATHAN NALUTAMIO
CRYSTAL STYLES
BRANDON SHAUGHNESSY

Top 3 since September:

DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL
RALPH CASTRO
CRYSTAL STYLES

YEAR 7

Year 7 have had a busy week with lots of positive comments from subject staff praising Year 7 for their hard work in lessons. We have been focusing on preparing for the coming of Jesus this Advent and our form time and RE sessions have been on the importance of preparing. There has been a focus on preparation and creating 'promises' for the three weeks we have leading up to the end of term. This week's promise has been on how we can prepare our school for Christmas by going above and beyond for the people around us.

The huge number of students who have supported the hamper appeal has been wonderful and we are very grateful for the generosity of all of the families who have supported this cause.

Next week's focus is on the home and family environment. Students will take time to think about how they can give their time to support others during this busy period.

Finally, in the last week of term our promise will be to personally prepare, spend time with God, and apologise for the things we might have done wrong. This will be our focus to ensure the highest standards of conduct in the year group as students become excited about the coming holiday.

Thursday evening saw a huge number of students attend the Christmas Movie Night. It was lovely to spend time in fellowship with the students who also enjoyed time together with their friends.

Mrs Pepper
Mrs Bayley

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

MACIE DALE
ISMAEEL SUFYAN
PALIMA SINGH

Top 3 this half-term:

HANNAH MAINWARING
PALIMA SINGH
NYASHA BANZA

Top 3 since September:

MACIE DALE
MIA PROBERT-RICHARDSON
NYASHA BANZA



12 Days of Christmas

CHRISTMAS HAMPER CHARITY APPEAL

This week has been an extremely busy one for our Sixth Form students.

As we get closer to the end of this Autumn Term our Sixth Form have been busy collecting food items for our '12 Days of Christmas' Christmas Hamper initiative.

Loren Clinton and Danielle Whitehouse have taken charge of all the amazing donations that have been coming into school over the past two weeks and we have been overwhelmed at the generosity of our school community and families – you have been amazing, thank you!



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Charity Events and University Applications

Our Chaplaincy team, led by Paige Weston and Sydney Smith have been holding regular meetings with all lower school chaplaincy representatives and have supported our Charity initiative by being in form groups and encouraging our students to think of others this Christmas.

Year 13 students are continuing their university applications, and this has proven to be very fruitful with all medicine and dentistry candidates receiving interview offers – we wish them luck as they prepare for these challenging moments!

AFTERNOON TEA

Our theme of charity continues as our Year 12 students are working with the RE Department in preparation of our Afternoon Tea event for the elderly in our community and we look forward to welcoming our guests on 16 December.





Y11 - HARD WORK PAYS OFF

NEW 2 WEEK TIMETABLE

AUTUMN TERM 2	
WEEK 1	18 NOVEMBER
WEEK 2	25 NOVEMBER
WEEK 1	02 DECEMBER
WEEK 2	09 DECEMBER
WEEK 1	16 DECEMBER
SPRING TERM 1	
WEEK 2	06 JANUARY
WEEK 1	13 JANUARY
MOCK EXAMS	20 JANUARY
MOCK EXAMS	27 JANUARY
WEEK 2	03 FEBRUARY
WEEK 1	10 FEBRUARY
SPRING TERM 2	
WEEK 2	24 FEBRAURY
WEEK 1	02 MARCH
WEEK 2	09 MARCH
WEEK 1	16 MARCH
WEEK 2	23 MARCH
WEEK 1	30 MARCH
SUMMER TERM 1	
WEEK 2	20 APRIL
WEEK 1	27 APRIL
WEEK 2	04 MAY
GCSE EXAMS	11 MAY
GCSE EXAMS	18 MAY

WEEK 1		
DAY	LUNCH 1:45-2:15pm	AFTER SCHOOL 3:20-4:20pm
MON		
TUES		Art - DT1 , Interactive Media - CIE
WED		Business - CIE, PE coursework - PE1, RE - RE2
THUR	Food - HC1	Netball - Playground English - EN1-EN7 Geography - HUM2
FRI		French - MFL2

WEEK 2		
DAY	LUNCH 1:45-2:15pm	AFTER SCHOOL 3:20-4:20pm
MON		
TUES		History - RE4 Art - DT1 Interactive Media - CIE
WED		Psychology - HUM1 PE coursework - PE1 Maths - MA1-MA7 Drama - Studio
THUR	Food - HC1	Netball - Playground Science - SC4 & SC2 French - MFL1
FRI		French - MFL2 RE - RE2

**EACH 'HWPO' SESSION
YOU ATTEND EARNS YOU
25 MILES TOWARDS YOUR
PROM PASSPORT**



ADVENT WEEK 2

THE CANDLE OF PEACE

The angels proclaimed “Peace on Earth” when the Baby Jesus was born. Today we wonder as we listen to the evening news, is peace possible? We all need two kinds of peace in our lives. We need inner peace, but we also need peace with others. God can help us find both.

INNER PEACE

Inner peace begins with a relationship with God, and it continues as we focus on His strength and allow Him to fill us. We can exchange our weakness for His strength in any area of life. God’s Word says, “You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is focused on You because he trusts in You”(Isaiah 26:3).

Personalise those words with your own name in it: “God will keep me in perfect peace as my mind focuses on Him and trusts Him.” Inner peace hinges on your trust in God.

If finding inner peace is hard, and anxiety is spilling over in your life, choose to trust God. You can choose to put your hand in His and draw from His patience and wisdom as you take each step. He will guide you through the maze of life if you ask Him. Choosing to trust God with those blind corners in your life will take you down the road to inner peace.

Choosing not to trust Him will take you down the road to stress and worry. Inner peace is there for the choosing.

PEACE WITH OTHERS

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

Peace with others begins as we understand that God has called us to be peacemakers in our world. Is there somewhere in your own world where you can be a peacemaker this Christmas? Is there an invitation that needs to be extended to smooth over a fractured family relationship?

Is there an apology to be made or a silence to be broken that has stood as a barrier for too long? Don’t miss the blessing God promises in your life as you respond to His call to be a peacemaker in your own circle.

We can help bring peace to our world one heart at a time.

Mrs Jordan

Assistant Headteacher



WEEKLY VIRTUES AWARDS

Certificates recognising students’ words and actions.

YEAR 7	FRANKIE DOHERTY SUMMER QUARRY	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
YEAR 8	LILY ANN MELIA OLIVIA MCGUIGAN	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
YEAR 9	PRABSIMRAN SIRAN AMAANI DULA	COMPASSIONATE & LOVING COMPASSIONATE & LOVING
YEAR 10	ANISA GATER MUBASHSHIRAH ASWAT	COMPASSIONATE & LOVING COMPASSIONATE & LOVING
YEAR 11	AISHA JEEWA RAYYAN Yaqub	ATTENTIVE INTENTIONAL
YEAR 12/13	MUKTI RANA PREETI VIRK	CURIOUS & ACTIVE CURIOUS & ACTIVE

A Prayer for Peace

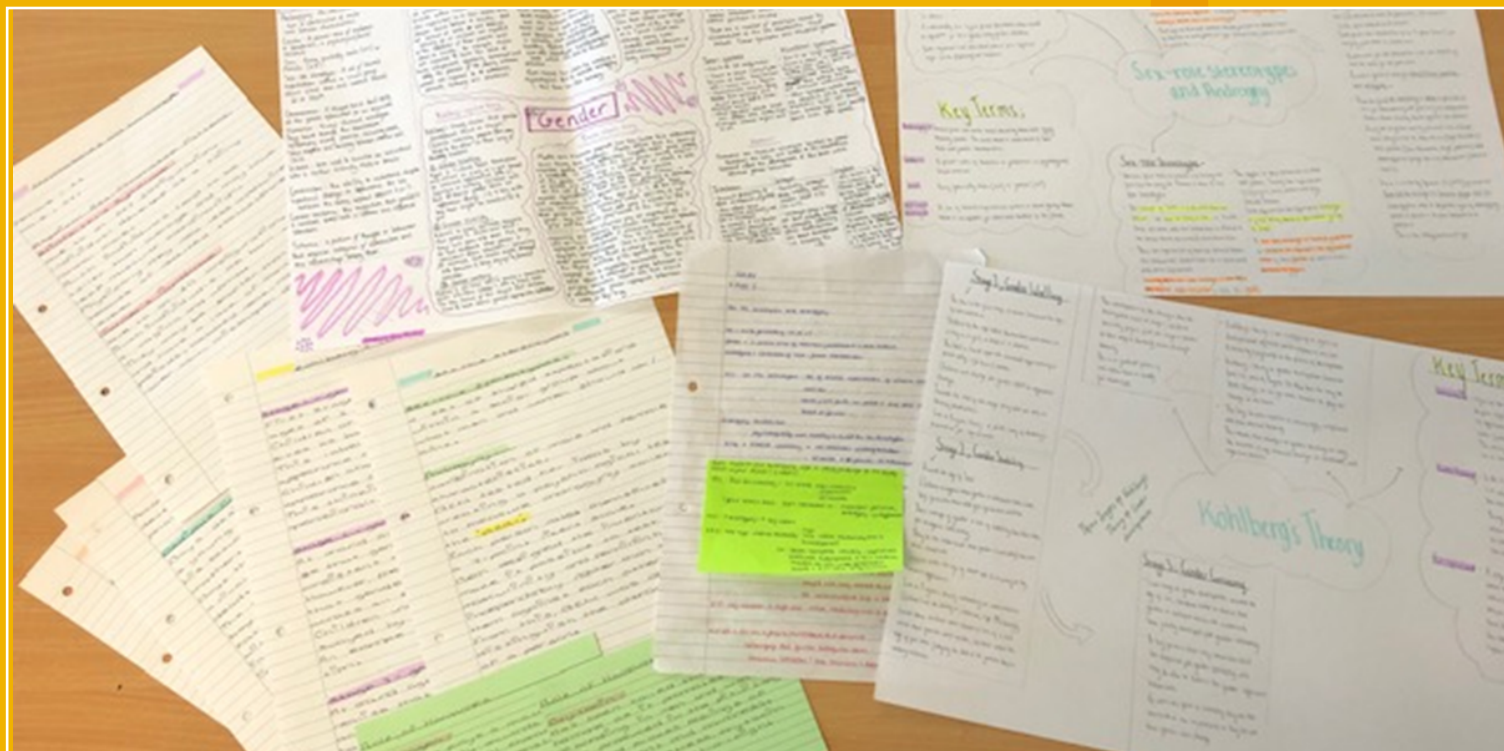
from St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and Where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.
Amen.



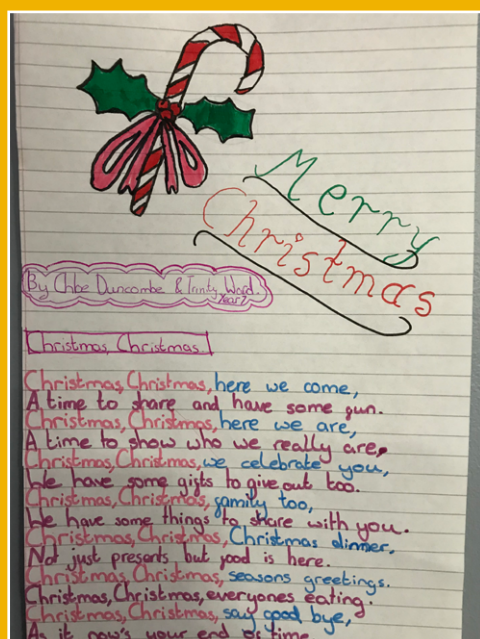
Showcasing Student Excellence



Y13 PSYCHOLOGY

Year 13 have been investigating the topic of Gender and were asked to complete some independent study and produce revision evidence- this is what they came up with!

Mrs Taylor



Y7 XMAS POEMS

Some of my Y7 English and RE students have written Christmas poems in their own time.

Miss Dixon



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School Golden Ticket Attendance Competition

The attendance team are running a competition for one lucky student with 100% attendance for the last week of term – 16th-20th December 2019 to win a £50 gift voucher! You must attend school every day, on time to be in for a chance to win this competition. There will also be some runner up prizes available! The winner will be announced on the last day of term – Friday 20th December 2019. Good luck!



ATTENDANCE

OUR TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1: 11D	98.6%
2: 11W & 8O	97.7%
3: 7W	97.3%
4: 9I	96.8%
5: 7S	96.7%

WORD OF THE WEEK

Trepidation

A feeling of fear or anxiousness about something that may happen,

Can you:

Think of a synonym?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling of the word?

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

I am thinking of one of these five cards:



You have to try to find out which one I am thinking of.

Here are some clues:

- i) The value of my card is a prime number.
- ii) The values of my two neighbours add up to a multiple of 3.
- iii) My card is next to a card which is next to the 2 of hearts.



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour.

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**HO HO
HO!**

Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

Roast Turkey (NH & H)

or Roast Quorn Fillet

Pigs in Blankets

Veggie Stuffing & Veggie Gravy

Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes,

Carrots, Peas, Sprouts

Christmas Yule Log

Selection of Festive Christmas Cakes

Vanilla Custard

Pupils 2.30

Staff 2.70

**DID SOMEONE
SPY LUNCH?!!**



**a Selection of cold Sandwiches,
Baguettes & Wraps also available**

