



**Follow Me, and I will  
make you Fishers of Men**  
**Matthew 4:19**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I love going to Mass. For us, as Catholics, Mass should be a weekly occurrence, on a Saturday evening or on Sunday. I have been to Mass in many different locations across Europe and this summer I went to Mass in St Patricks Cathedral in New York. I went to remember my mum on the anniversary of her death and was completely absorbed by the grandeur of the building itself and the beauty of the music. But most of all what I found was that God's word is the same wherever you hear it and that's because His Truth never changes and in His Truth there is comfort and peace.

This Monday marks **Holocaust Memorial Day**. Each year we stop and remember the millions killed by the Nazi regime led by Adolf Hitler. The barbarity and inhumanity endured by so many, persecuted for their faith, their sexuality, for being disabled and sometimes for refusing to tolerate the unthinkable happened just 75 years ago is, at times, beyond. So, on this day I will be reflecting and thanking God that we live in a society that allows people of all faiths to practice and celebrate their faiths openly and with joy.

This week our **OFSTED Monitoring Visit Report** was published. There are many positives in there; for example the Science department is identified for it's strong leadership and curriculum, and the Sixth

Form is congratulated for being revitalised, offering our post-16 students opportunities that will enable them to . There are three questions that this visit had to answer and for us all three were affirming:

Is safeguarding effective? - **Yes**.

Do the leaders and Governors of the school have the capacity to move the school forward and ensure that students get the education they are entitled to? - **Yes**.  
Can the school support the development of Newly Qualified Teachers? Again, **yes**.

I was particularly pleased to see that my own leadership was given the stamp of approval too. This is not because I have a massive ego but because a school without strong leadership from the top descends very quickly, failing children on its downwards trajectory. Schools with strong leadership tend to find the opposite. I have often thanked you as parents for trusting me to steer staff and students through what has been a rapid programme of improvement. The driving factor for all staff here at Stuart Bathurst has consistently been the safety and outcomes for your children. It is always good to have external scrutiny and for that scrutiny to say that what you are doing is having the right impact, is more than reassuring. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

There are also key areas for improvement identified in the report, most of which we were already working on, however change has to be prioritised and we ran out of time before the inspectors. Please be assured

that leaders are already in the process of planning and putting structures in place to ensure that those concerns mentioned are fully addressed before OFSTED returns again. Change is never easy and I would ask that no matter how frustrated you may feel, that you do not take this out on the staff of the school. We are all human and when you raise your voice or use poor language towards school staff. I ask you to remember that they too have a family to go home to, as do I. It is never acceptable to behave in an aggressive or disrespectful manner but I hasten to add that we are always ready to listen to anyone behaving in a reasonable manner.

In other news, **Year 11 and Year 13 are in mocks** so please keep them in your prayers. The predictions for the last mocks show an improvement on last years results so fingers and toes are crossed for our wonderful students success this summer. The next batch of **star badges** will be given out in the coming week as well as **headteacher's award badges**. I will give you more details of this next week.

We have sent out a text to tell you that we are **closing early on Friday 7th February**, this is to consult with staff on academisation. The following Friday we are holding a Staff Training day where we will be concentrating on SEND and various teaching techniques to ensure that all our learners have equal access to education.

Wishing you a lovely week.  
God Bless,  
Mrs Morris.



## YEAR 11

I have been really impressed with how the vast majority of students have managed the first week of Mock Exams. Students are making clear progress towards their targets and I was thrilled to see over 90% stop for Maths revision this week. Please see the mock timetable for the examinations that will be held this week and encourage your child to attend the morning/afternoon HWPO sessions.

To help support students with what can be a stressful period, we will be working with an external provider to run a number of workshops on 'Coping with Exams'. Details to follow.

I would also like to celebrate the achievements of two Yr11 student who have truly gone above and beyond. Aadam Motora in 11D had been rewarded with the opportunity to represent the Scouts at their annual gathering in Iceland! Kian Soulsby in 11W has been quietly raising a considerable amount of money for The Edward's Trust, a charity that supports parents who have suffered a bereavement. Kian has raised over £1000.

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

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

**MOCK EXAM  
TIMETABLE**  
**SEE PAGE 3**



## PROM PASSPORT

*Top 3:*

**FAHEEMAH PATEL - 1175 miles**  
**ANITA CZACHAROWSKA - 1175 miles**  
**ALIYAH KHATUN - 1150 miles**

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**YOOSUF PERAGER**  
**ISABEL TAYLOR**  
**AMANPREET KAUR**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**SABJOT SINGH**  
**SHANNON LODGE**  
**JACK ROSE**

*Top 3 since September:*

**SABJOT SINGH**  
**KHADEEJAH KARA**  
**AMANPREET KAUR**

## KEY DATES

**Thursday 27th February 5.00pm**

Mock Results Collection

**Thursday 27th February 5.30-7.30pm**

Yr11 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 12th March 5.30pm**

GCSE launch!

## YEAR 10

On Tuesday 21st January, a representative from SIPS came to speak with Year 10 regarding their work experience placement. Students learnt about the value of work experience and how it can support them with their future. It was also highlighted the importance of students ensuring that all relevant assessments and procedures have been address at the start of their placement e.g. health and safety. If students have any further questions please come and speak to a member of the Year 10 team.

This week, there was a noticeable increase in the number of students being late to school, to lessons, and to form time. Can we please have a huge push on ensuring that we are arriving on time to school and to every lesson, including form time.

Assessment week is now only 2 weeks away. Please ensure that you have all relevant revision resources that you need. We would certainly recommend a revision timetable to ensure that student's revision is manageable and effective.

This week, Year 10 French students have taken a mock French speaking examination. A huge well done to all of these students and I am looking forward to hearing about your results.

Miss Adams  
Mrs Newell

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**DYLAN UPPAL**  
**HABIBAH JAVED**  
**ABDULLAH BISMILLAH**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**AHMED PATEL**  
**ZUZANNA OPALKA**  
**DYLAN UPPAL**

*Top 3 since September:*

**AMELIA CLARK**  
**ANISA GATER**  
**AHMED PATEL**

## KEY DATES

**03 February 2020**

Next Assessment Week

**10 February 2020**

Work Experience begins

**15 June 2020**

Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations



# Y11 - MOCK EXAM TIMETABLES

## MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE WEEK 1



	Monday 20th January	Tuesday 21st January	Wednesday 22nd January	Thursday 23rd January	Friday 24th January
Morning Revision	English	Buisness Maths	Science	History	Science
	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam
P1	Geography Paper 1 (1hr 30min)	GCSE PE (1 Hr 45 mns) Food Tech (1 Hr 45 mins) Buisness (1 Hour 30 mins)	Biology Paper 1 Combined Science (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Biology Paper 1 (1 Hr 45 mins)	History Paper 1 (2 HR)	Chemistry paper 1 Combined Science (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Chemistry Paper 1 (1 Hr 45 mins)
P2					
P3	English Literature P1 (1 Hr 45 Mins)	Maths Non Cal (1 Hr 30 mins)	Geography Paper 2 (1hr 30min)	French Listening (35 mins) F H (45 mins) French Reading Foundation (45 mins) French Reading Higher (1 hour) Computer Science (1 Hr 30 Mins)	Psychology (1hr 45 min)
P4					
After school Revision	Maths			Science	

## MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE WEEK 2



	Mon 27th Jan	Tues 28th Jan	Wed 29th January	Thurs 30th Jan	Friday 31st Jan
Morning Revision	RE	English	Maths	Computer Science Science	Maths
	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam
P1	RE Paper 1 (1 Hr 30min)	English Literature P2 (2 Hr 15 mins)	Maths Calculator (1 Hr 30 mins)	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Biology Paper 2 (1 Hr 45 mins)	Maths Cal (1Hr 30 mins)
P2					
P3	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Physics Paper 1 (1 Hr 45 mins)	Geography Paper 3 (45 min)	RE Paper 2 (1hr 30 min)	Maths Statistics (1hr 30min)	English Language P1 (1 Hour 45 mins)
P4					
After school Revision		RE		Maths	

## MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE WEEK 3



	Mon 27th Jan	Tues 28th Jan	Wed 29th January	Thurs 30th Jan	Friday 31st Jan
Morning Revision	RE	English	Maths	Computer Science Science	Maths
	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam	Exam
P1	RE Paper 1 (1 Hr 30min)	English Literature P2 (2 Hr 15 mins)	Maths Calculator (1 Hr 30 mins)	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Biology Paper 2 (1 Hr 45 mins)	Maths Cal (1Hr 30 mins)
P2					
P3	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 (1 Hr 15 mins) Triple Physics Paper 1 (1 Hr 45 mins)	Geography Paper 3 (45 min)	RE Paper 2 (1hr 30 min)	Maths Statistics (1hr 30min)	English Language P1 (1 Hour 45 mins)
P4					
After school Revision		RE		Maths	



## YEAR 9

Last week, a number of our gifted and talented students took part in a workshop led by the internationally renowned theatre company, Splendid Productions.

This was a fantastic opportunity for all who took part and the students really rose to the occasion, with exemplary attitude and full participation.

During assembly, students were introduced to some of the subject pathways that will be available to them when they choose their options this year. We are offering a wide choice of academic and vocational subjects and it is important that students understand the details of each before making their

choices. To support their decision-making, the **'Try Before You Buy' week - 10th February** will give them a timely insight into the content of subjects at Key Stage 4.

This is followed by our **Options Evening - 19th March**, to which all parents/carers are invited to attend. The event will feature stalls from all the subject areas with staff on hand to answer your questions and provide further details of appropriate pathways and courses for your child. We hope to see you all there!

Mr Smith  
Miss Newell

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**TYLER HACKETT**  
**KAYDEE JAUNDRILL**  
**KAREENA DEO**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**KAYDEE JAUNDRILL**  
**SULAIMAN RAVAT**  
**DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL**

*Top 3 since September:*

**DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL**  
**RALPH CASTRO**  
**PRABSIMRAN SIRAN**

## YEAR 8

Splendid Productions presented a new creative adaptation of an all-time classic to Year 8 this week. The brilliant scholar Dr Faustus, uses his fabulous intellect to summon the devil to grant his every wish! But the devil has a price: it will cost Faustus his soul. Is this the best deal in history – absolutely everything for absolutely nothing? Or is it perhaps the other way round?

Splendid's devilish cast of three, packed a timeless tale into a thrilling hour of laughter, music, magic and amazement. Morality met

mortality in the ingenious reinvention of an Elizabethan drama that couldn't be more contemporary.

It was an incredibly engaging experience for all involved. The energy from the performers was electric. Student feedback has suggested that all involved gained a valuable insight into professional theatre performer. In addition to this, a number KS3 and KS4 Students took part in a Brechtian theatre workshop and developed some excellent ensemble performance skills.

Mrs Pepper

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**RYAN EVANS**  
**DAVID BASSAN**  
**CODY BAINBRIDGE**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**MOHAMMED ISLAM**  
**ASHLEY GREENAWAY**  
**CODY BAINBRIDGE**

*Top 3 since September:*

**TAKIRA KELDO**  
**GURSIMRAN BAJWA**  
**SANIA BAINS**

## YEAR 7

I am very impressed with the focus and level of commitment I have seen when visiting Year 7 lessons this week. As there has been movement in the classes for some sets, it is excellent to see the standard of behaviour has continued to be exemplary. Working hard and being there for the people around you is something that we have been working on, and Year 7 are clearly developing their skills in this area.

There has been some lovely singing being produced in Music where Year 7 are studying Musical Theatre. There is also a lot of excitement about the upcoming theatre trip to The Boy in the Dress, at the RSC on Thursday 13th February. We will be taking 70 students to watch this performance and this will lead into their studies in Drama and Music this term.

A number of students are still not bringing a coat with them and, as the weather is still very cold, I would ask parents to ensure that this basic need is being met. Hoodies underneath blazers are not appropriate as this is not part of the school uniform.

Please ensure students have full equipment and are working hard on their knowledge organisers to complete 30 minutes homework in 3 subjects per evening. We have had interesting assemblies from Miss Randi about how we can develop our knowledge organiser revision so that we are making the best use of the knowledge we are gaining and retaining this.

Mrs Pepper  
Mrs Bayley

## CLASS CHARTS

*Top 3 this week:*

**TIA WATSON**  
**TANVIR SINGH**  
**GRACE GLOVER**

*Top 3 this half-term:*

**GRACE GLOVER**  
**HAYYAN MASOOD**  
**FIZA AKRAM**

*Top 3 since September:*

**NYASHA BANZA**  
**MIA PROBERT-RICHARDSON**  
**SASHA DAVIES**





## YEAR 12 PLACEMENTS

Year 12 have been busy on their work experience placements this week and have enjoyed learning about various professional working environments. Giving of their time to gain invaluable experience in the work place, will enable our year 12 students to prepare for working life and will undoubtedly support them as they progress on their journey towards university and beyond.

Our mock examinations continue this week and we have been impressed by the conduct and behaviour of our students and we look forward to seeing their results!



## MEDICINE HOPEFULS

On Monday morning this week we were very lucky to have a fourth year medical student give up their precious time to coach our Year 13 medicine hopefuls in preparation for their forthcoming medicine and dentistry interviews. Our Year 13 candidates feel ready for the challenges ahead and are excited by their future prospects.

## CONSENT ASSEMBLY

This week saw PC Shendy deliver an important assembly to our Year 13 students on the issue of consent. We are very fortunate to have an excellent relationship with our local PC's and our students appreciated the time given and recognized the important message being delivered.

## DRESS CODE REMINDER

We would remind all our year 13 students of our dress code which is smart office wear. The winter months can be challenging but our dress code remains constant and we ask all students to ensure that they are in full Sixth Form dress every day.



## PE & SPORTS UPDATE

### UPCOMING NETBALL FIXTURES

The year 7 netball fixtures commence this week. The fixtures are as follows:

DATE	HOME		AWAY
28th Jan 2020	Q3 Tipton	V	Stuart Bathurst
4th Feb 2020	Q3 Great Barr	V	Stuart Bathurst
11th Feb 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	RSA
25th Feb 2020	Phoenix	V	Stuart Bathurst
3rd Mar 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	George Salter
10th Mar 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	Wood Green
17th Mar 2020	Wodensborough	V	Stuart Bathurst

### PE KIT NOTICE

Pupils will continue to have lessons outside while the mock exams are taking place. Please ensure pupils wear the correct kit so they do not get cold during lessons.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### Why Today Matters...

"Today is not just any ordinary day.  
Today is a day that matters.

Today you will have the choice to make a difference in your life and those around you. Today you will have the choice to smile rather than frown, be grateful rather than selfish, lift up rather than put down, accept rather than reject and love rather than hate.

Today you will have the choice of seeking hope for the future or remain in the hopelessness of the past. Today you have the choice to laugh or cry. Both will make you feel better. Today you will have the undivided attention of the King of the Universe. At that time you can ask Him anything you want.

You can ask for help, plead for a friend or just enjoy His presence. It all depends on you. Whichever you choose, today matters. Make the choice to make it a day worth living. And don't forget, tomorrow is another day."

Tom Krause

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint Francis de Sales

Bishop and Doctor  
1567–1622

Feast Day: January 24  
Liturgical Color: White  
Patron Saint of writers and journalists.



## PEACE GARDEN PROJECT AND COMPETITION

This coming week will see our Chaplaincy Team visiting year group assemblies to deliver talks on the our exciting and ambitious project to transform our Peace Garden into a space of tranquility and beauty.

Seeking to provide an environment which allows our students and wider community to reflect and develop spiritual awareness, is very much part of our vision for this project.

Our students are busy working on creative and inspirational designs in their art lessons to put forward for the final design of our Peace Garden, and Mrs Morris is eager to see the gifts and talents of our students reflected in their entries for the Peace Garden Design competition. Fundraising ideas to support this project are very welcome and we will be inviting volunteers to join us in developing the space – we will keep you posted!



## WEEKLY VIRTUES AWARDS

Certificates recognising students' words and actions.

YEAR 7	GRACE GLOVER MITCHELL COLLINS	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 8	SAVANNA BOUGHTON TAKIRA LOUISE KELDO	CURIOUS & ACTIVE CURIOUS & ACTIVE
YEAR 9	STEFAN GAYLE AMIE ATKINS	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
YEAR 10	HABIBAH JAVED ABDULLAH BISMILLAH	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 11	KIAN SOULSBY SHANNON LODGE	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
YEAR 12/13	JOSH MURRELL PAIGE WESTON	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

## BLESSING OF BIBLES

This coming week we invite our students and families to bring in their Bibles to have them blessed by Father Roger at our weekly Mass on Thursday.

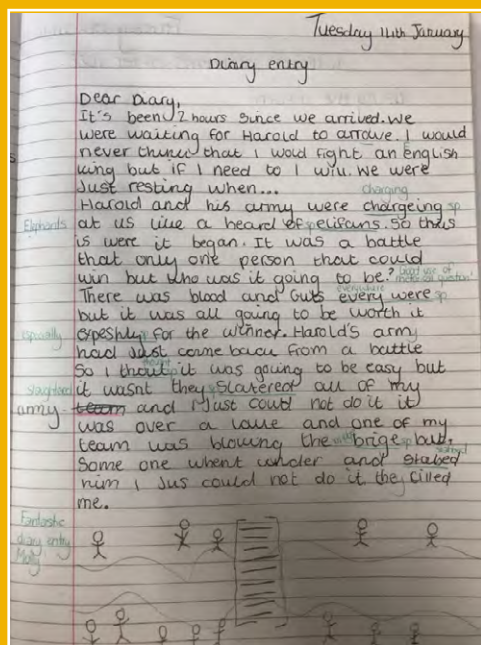
Our Thursday Mass is led by a different form group each week who prepare readings and bidding prayers as part of their offering to God in worship. Celebrating Mass is a very special way that we as a community, can get closer to God and each other and through communion share in God's Grace.

We warmly invite all families to take time each week to reflect on your relationship with God and each other through prayer and quiet contemplation.





## Showcasing Student Excellence



Miss Hall has nominated this piece of work which was created by Year 7 students, Molly-Jo Boxold and Jessica-Mae Maton-Challenor, imagining they were Harald Hardrada after just losing the battle of Stamford Bridge!



### FABULOUS FUNDRAISER!

Kian Soulsby, one of our Y11 prefects, has raised a staggering £1500 for Edward's Trust!

Edward's Trust is a bereavement charity that supports children and families dealing with grief and loss.

Kian raised the money by organising a football tournament; arranging a 'dress-down' day for airport staff; and baking over 100 cakes for a bake sale.

Kian even received an award for his fundraising efforts. Well done Kian!



### SPLENDID THEATRE PERFORMANCE AND WORKSHOP

The following students took part in the annual 'Routes into Languages' Christmas Card Competition. The theme this year, was 'Christmas Traditions Around the World'. The competition was open to all students in the UK from Reception to Y10. The winning entries have been displayed around the Departments in Aston University and featured on its website.

Lanette Harris  
Grace Glover  
Daniel Doughty





# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## NUMERACY CHALLENGE

I have a 4 volume encyclopaedia. Each volume is 4cm thick and they are arranged as below. As a fan of wildlife, I have marked the entries for Aardvark and Zyzzyva (it's a real thing!)

Approximately, how far apart are my markers?

A-F	G-L	M-R	S-Z
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## WORD OF THE WEEK

# Plethora

*noun.*

*A large amount of something, normally more than is necessary.*

**Can you:**

Think of a synonym?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling of the word?



**STEM SPELLING BEE**

Which house will have the best spellers?

Have you got what it takes to represent **Stuart Bathurst** at the STEM spelling bee competition?

During your science lessons you will be competing against each other to spell as many science keywords correctly as possible.

The top 3 spellers will go and compete in the regional competition against other schools on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. They will also receive a star badge and points for their houses!

**Check Class charts for your word lists!**

 ClassCharts



**Pope Francis** ✓

@Pontifex

Envy and jealousy are seeds that generate war. Let us ask for the grace to have a transparent heart, like that of David, a transparent heart that seeks justice and peace. [#SantaMarta](#)

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## ATTENDANCE

OUR TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1: <b>9S/80</b>	100%
2: <b>10I</b>	99.1%
3: <b>11S</b>	98.6%
4: <b>10S</b>	98.3%
5: <b>8D</b>	98.1%