



**“We need to see
each child as a gift
to be welcomed,
cherished and
protected...”**

Pope Francis, in his homily during the Concluding Mass of his Apostolic Journey to the Philippines.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week I wanted to talk about the privileges that we have, as teachers, working in our school. I am not talking of the material benefits we may be lucky enough to enjoy (and also I must add hard earned). This week, we have seen some of our students at their best. Year 11 have been exemplary in their behaviour and attitude towards their mock exams. They have really applied themselves well to afterschool support sessions and embraced the additional help that our teachers offer so willingly. I am really looking forward to sharing some positive news with their parents when the papers are marked and the data is entered.

It is not only in sharing these positive interactions that we are privileged in seeing our students it is also sometimes when things haven't gone quite to plan or when a child has made the wrong decision that we are blessed to be able to guide them in their thinking. One useful fact that I keep in mind when children lose their tempers, for example, is that the hormones it takes to produce an outburst, take at least thirteen minutes to leave their

system. So very often, just leaving a young person to calm down before we talk to them is actually the very thing they need.

It is also important that we all take heed of Pope Francis' words above and remember that each child is a gift.

In other news, since my arrival I have been really impressed by our students in Sixth Form. I have also been impressed by the leadership that Mrs Jordan has given in terms of supporting students and staff. However, as our Sixth Form grows and the demands on your children increase in so many ways I have seconded Mr Barrett to take on the role as Head of Sixth Form. Please be assured that this is an expansion of the academic staffing within the Sixth Form, meaning that when our young people come to apply for university or apprenticeships the team involved in advising will be strengthened. Mrs Jordan continues to be the strategic lead in Sixth Form - she is going nowhere!! In light of this I have asked Miss Kerr to step up to the role of Head of English so any queries regarding English should now be addressed to her.

Upcoming events for you to be aware of: Today I am meeting with the local Rotary club to try and coordinate a joint project to transform our Peace Garden

into a lovely area for pupils to sit and reflect, for us to carry out collective worship when the sun is shining, and we are hoping to be able to host some community events, inviting some of our more senior citizens to school perhaps to enjoy a nice afternoon tea in our garden.

In addition on the 25th February, we are delighted to be hosting Jose Nava and Monika Schaller – Executive Vice President of Corporate Communications & Responsibility at Deutsche Post DHL Group, who are coming to see the excellent partnership that has been formed with the Teach First organisation and the positive impact it is having in our school.

Finally, this Friday is an early finish. Students will be dismissed at 1.15, to enable us to hold a staff meeting. There will be the opportunity for students to purchase lunch before they leave and the buses have been asked to arrive early.

Have a great week.

God Bless,
Mrs Morris.



YEAR 11

On Monday, Year 11 took a moment out of their Mock Exams to remember those who lost their lives during the Holocaust. A poignant message that the year group reflected on, was the power our voices have to bring both hope but to also stand up for those more vulnerable members of society. The end of the Mock Exams are well within sight and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work I have seen over the past few weeks. The Learning Resource Centre has been dominated by Year 11's revising.

Staff are currently working hard to prepare for GCSE Launch Evening on Thursday 12th March 5.33-7.30pm. We have booked a highly rated motivational speaker and all departments will be on hand to offer resources in a market place style carousel. Students will also receive their own gift bag full of useful resources to help them achieve their potential.

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

PROM PASSPORT

Top 3:

MOHAMMED DULA - 1575 miles
AISHA JEEWA - 1525 miles
HEMISHA PATEL - 1142 miles

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

ZARA ALI
KARINA PAWANA
ALICE YOUNG

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

As work experience approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the expectations while on placement. Please ensure you are displaying the kind, friendly and hardworking attributes that you all possess. If a student is unable to attend a day of placement, please ensure you contact both the school and work placement.

In addition, if there are any issues during placement then they will be dealt with by the school. Remember you are not only representing yourself but Stuart Bathurst too, so it is important to 'do and be of our best'.

Miss Adams
Mrs Newell

ASSESSMENT WEEK SCHEDULE STARTING MONDAY 03 FEBRUARY

A Band	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	French 10A1 Listening and Reading	English Language	Computer Science		Maths
Period 2	French 10b1 and 10b2 Speaking and writing				
Period 3				English Literature	RE
Period 4		Drama - Filming TEACHERS Script Business		Science	
Period 5			Psychology GCSE PE		

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Period 2		English Language			RE
Period 3					
Period 4		Drama - Filming TEACHERS Script Business		English Literature	French 10b1 and 10b2 Speaking and writing
Period 5			Psychology GCSE PE	Science	

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

FARIHA RAHIMA
ANISA GATER
ABDULLAH BISMILLAH

Top 3 this half-term:

FARIHA RAHIMA
DYLAN UPPAL
ZUZANNA OPALKA

Top 3 since September:

ANISA GATER
AMELIA CLARK
AHMED PATEL

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 has been assessment week for Year 9. These results will begin to give the students and teachers a good idea of which subjects will suit them as they progress into Year 10 and their GCSE studies. Overall, the week has been a success, with the students working hard to revise and be prepared for the assessments.

During assembly this week, Miss Raindi explained to the students how flashcards can be used as a revision technique. Understanding different revision techniques will be key for the students to be able to retain the information that they are learning during lessons. All students have been given flashcards to use and the tutor team will be checking that the students are using these over the next few weeks.

Just a reminder that from the 10th February – 13th February the year group will be experiencing a ‘Try Before You Buy’ week. This is a fantastic opportunity to understand what each subject consists of and will allow the students to grasp an understanding of what they can expect. There is also the Options Evening on the 19th March where more information will be provided.

To finish, I would like to congratulate our Brilliant Club students who all passed their assignment through Warwick University. A special mention to Ava Clark, who got a 1st in her assignment! Well done!
Mr Smith
Miss Newell

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

**SHRIYA PATEL
JULIA SIENKIEWICZ
SARAH PERRY**

Top 3 this half-term:

**KAYDEE JAUNDRILL
SHRIYA PATEL
SULAIMAN RAVAT**

Top 3 since September:

**DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL
RALPH CASTRO
KAYDEE JAUNDRILL**

YEAR 8

Outside of our school community, Year 8 is sometimes labelled ‘the forgotten year’. Whilst this label is inaccurate, it does reflect some of the difficulties of navigating a successful course through high school.

Year 8 students are no longer ‘brand new’ Year 7s settling in, nor are they choosing their options like the seemingly more grown-up Year 9s.

So what is the identity of Year 8? Year 8 is defined by ‘consolidation’; a time to deepen learning, and develop an appreciation of the nuances of individual

subjects. The groundwork done during this year, lays the foundation upon which successful futures can be built.

It is a time to embrace school life and everything it has to offer. Sports clubs, artistic opportunities, chaplaincy, trips, charity, and of course, knowledge, are all here to be experienced and enjoyed!

REMINDER: Can all outstanding payments for the Dr Faustus performance be made before the half-term break. Thank you to all parents who have paid promptly.

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

**OLIWIA WRUKOWSKA
JESSICA DAWKINS
SANIA BAINS**

Top 3 this half-term:

**MOHAMMED ISLAM
FAYAAZ PERAGER
CODY BAINBRIDGE**

Top 3 since September:

**SANIA BAINS
TAKIRA KELDO
GURSIMRAN BAJWA**

YEAR 7

This week, Year 7 have been studying and focusing on Holocaust Memorial Day. We were treated to an outstanding assembly by 7W and Mr Warner. I am always so proud of seeing our students stand up in front of a crowd of people and speak with confidence about the dignity of the human spirit.

I am reminded of the words of a poem, Human Family, “We are more alike than we are unlike”. This is something we are striving to instil in Year 7. We also had many visitors in our assembly when we heard from Mrs Bates about our projected flight paths and understanding our ‘working at’ levels.

Also, Josh and Paige from Sixth Form shared with us their ideas for regenerating the peace garden.

If you would like to support our students in this please get in contact with the Sixth Form student leadership team. We are going to be collecting silver coins for a charity trail to raise money for the Birmingham Children’s Hospital. Please start to bring these coins in. Each form will be collecting as many as they can and we will give a special reward for the longest line.

Mrs Pepper
Mrs Bayley

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 this week:

**HAYYAN MASOOD
HAYDEN MARSTERS
MORGAN PROBERT-RICHARDSON**

Top 3 this half-term:

**FIZA AKRAM
GRACE GLOVER
HAYYAN MASOOD**

Top 3 since September:

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



THE TIMOTHY PROJECT

Chaplaincy Team Training Certificate

The Timothy Project is an initiative that aims to identify and train young people in chaplaincy teams aged 11 to 17 to lead projects in their schools, parishes and local communities.

Exploring what leadership is, uncovering their own strengths and developing key skills, the Timothy Project invites young leaders on a noble adventure to become the future leaders of our communities. The program is lead and delivered by the Kenelm Youth Trust.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM LEADERS

Archdiocesan training for Y12

This coming week sees our Chaplaincy Team leaders in Year 12 continue in their training with the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

On Wednesday, four of our students will meet with the chaplaincy coordinator and present their project findings. They will also receive further training and development to support them in their role as Chaplaincy Team leaders for the whole school community.

Each week Paige Weston leads a Chaplaincy Committee meeting and discusses issues of faith, spirituality and morality with all chaplaincy captains from the lower school. This enables our young people to explore their faith in an inclusive and encouraging environment.

YEAR 13 NEWS

On the 5th March we will be holding our Year 13 Exam Launch Evening as part of our Parents Evening event. It is essential that all parents attend with Year 13 students. You will have the opportunity to attend a training session on how best to support your son/daughter in the coming months and to meet with key staff to discuss progress and needed interventions. Please do make sure that you can attend!

LEAVERS' BALL

On Friday 26th June 2020 we will be celebrating with our Year 13 cohort as they complete their final examinations and ready themselves for the next stage of their journey.

Can I please ask that ALL students who booked a place on this event make final payments so we can press ahead with the arrangements for what will be an amazing evening at a stunning venue – New Hall Spa and Hotel in Sutton Coldfield.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

by *Takira Keldo - Y8*

The chaplaincy team have established that students in our school would like to develop knowledge about current affairs and politics in younger students.

So, we have decided that it would be beneficial to investigate a debate team and discuss current affairs.

We also would like to include a Catholic opinion on what is currently going on in the world and our community.

MULTI-FAITH

As a chaplaincy group in a Catholic school we are really eager to have all faiths represented in our Chaplaincy team ,so please do come and speak to us

In our group we all have different types of faith so if you are confused or in need of help then we are here to support you.

DISCUSSIONS

In chaplaincy meetings we discuss what it means to be part of the chaplaincy team and how we could impact the school in a good way. We also talk about recent religious news and the group's opinions towards it.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

by *Lewis Parker - Y11*

Saint Chad of Mercia

St Chad of Mercia was local to the Birmingham area, he was bishop of Mercia and his cathedral to this day is still there and is located in Lichfield, a 3 spired cathedral. St Chad was also an Abbott (a man who is the head of an abbey of monks) for several Monasteries and one famous one is at Lindisfarne where he was taught by Saint Aidan. He was born into a family and was one of four brothers which all was ordained a Priest, His brother also became a Saint and his name is Saint Chad.

St Chad of Mercia is also known as the Apostle of the Midlands and some of his remains are being kept at the Cathedral of Saint Chad in Birmingham which is run by the Archdiocese of Birmingham



CHAPLAINCY TEAM QUESTION TIME

by *Harrison McCarthy - Y8*

Have a think about these questions, discuss them with your friends and come up with some answers for us.

1. What does the Catholic Church teach?
2. What do Catholics believe about Mary?
3. Who do Catholics worship?
4. What is purgatory in Catholic belief?
5. What is the difference between a Catholic and Christian?

PEACE GARDEN COMPETITION

Don't forget! ALL students are invited to take part in a competition to redesign the peace garden from scratch. The winning design will be the final design that we use.



WEEKLY VIRTUES AWARDS

Certificates recognising students' words and actions.

YEAR 7	JAYDEN ROWE CAITLIN TERRETT	CURIIOUS & ACTIVE CURIIOUS & ACTIVE
YEAR 8	FREYA KEEN TAKIRA LOUISE KELDO	INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC
YEAR 9	AVA CLARK DANIEL N'DOU	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 10	OLIVER LINFORD JUSTINE EZEIGWE	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 11	ZARA ALI KARINA PAWANA	ATTENTIVE DISCERNING
YEAR 12/13	JOSH MURRELL PAIGE WESTON	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

WEEKLY PRAYER

chosen by *Freya Keen - Y8*

Dear Heavenly Father,
We pray that people learn to accept each other,
No matter their gender, race or sexuality.
We pray that people may learn from the consequences of events like the Holocaust,
And the other genocides that have happened around the world.
We pray that persecution can be eventually stamped out of our lives,
And that we can enjoy and accept who we are.

Amen.



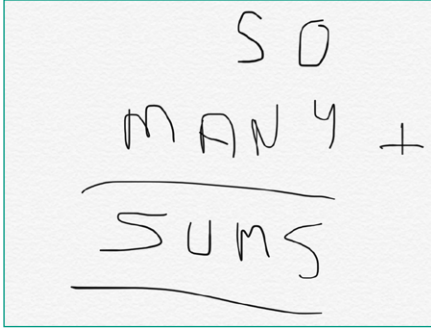
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Each letter has a unique value between 0 and 9.

The only clue is that S = 3.

Can you find the values of the other letters?



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 12th March. They will also receive a star badge and points for their houses!



Check Class charts for your word lists!

WORD OF THE WEEK

Flummox

informal verb.

To confuse or bewilder someone so that they are unable to think straight or respond.

Can you:

Think of a synonym?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling?



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

May the holiness of Saint [#JohnBosco](#), who we remember today as a father and teacher to youth, be a guide, especially to you dear young people, in achieving your future projects, as you welcome the plan that God has for each of us.

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ATTENDANCE

OUR TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1:	10S	99.6%
2:	11S	99.3%
3:	7I	99.2%
4:	11I/11D	98.5%
5:	7S	98.3%