



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Newsletter.

It gives me great pleasure to write to you this week as I celebrate my one year anniversary of leading Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School. I feel truly blessed to work in this faith-filled community with students and staff who look out for one another, try their best at all times and are starting to truly reap the benefits of all the hard work they have put into their studies. Recent mocks suggest that our Year 11 students are on track to achieve even better results than last year and we envisage a similar picture in Sixth Form. However, we are not there yet and students need to continue focussing on those areas identified by their teachers this week at parents evening.

This week's Gospel reading asks us to remember that we need to feed not only the physical side of our being, but also the spiritual. As we entered the liturgical season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we recalled that we are ash and unto ash we would return. A sombre message perhaps and we do view Lent as being rather sombre; a time for fasting and reflecting on our faults and inadequacies. Actually, Lent is more than that, it is a time for cleansing ourselves spiritually and preparing ourselves for the celebration of celebrations – Easter!

We returned to school this week with a few challenges on our hands. On Monday and Tuesday we welcomed two local authority officers into our school to review our SEND provision. This review was initiated by the school in response to SEND provision being one of the areas for development identified in our recent OFSTED monitoring visit. I am awaiting the written report and will share with you the outcome of that visit as soon as I can.

In addition, we have the spectre of Coronavirus worrying us all at the moment. We have texted out government guidelines to you, so do please take the time to read these.

On a more positive note we have received confirmation from the local Rotary Club that we have been awarded £1000 funding for our Peace Garden project. This initial sum will be spent removing overgrown trees and opening up the garden itself, removing fences etc. If you would like to make a donation to this, then it would be very gratefully received. Morrisons have very kindly allowed us to do some bag-packing to boost funds so we will be asking for student volunteers to help us with our fundraising efforts.

I am also very excited to announce that Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School will be embarking on a brand new adventure. We are offering your child the chance to join an exciting trip to Kenya in March 2021, to spend time volunteering at schools in a developing area of Nakuru.

The trip is organised by African Adventures, who specialise in educational trips for young people in the UK. African Adventures' partner schools provide an education for children from underprivileged backgrounds and volunteers support the long-term development of the schools. Your child can choose either a teaching and sports coaching role or a building/renovation role. Whilst they will undoubtedly make a difference, your child stands to learn so much about the wider world during this challenging and exciting experience.

Students will be expected to fundraise towards the cost of their trip to develop their enterprise skills, which the school will support and more will be explained at the information evening.

African Adventures provides an excellent online facility called My African Adventure that contains a wide range of support tools, which they will also explain more about at the information evening.

The 10-night trip will depart on 27th March 2021 and costs £1845.00. This includes return flights, accommodation, food, transport, project costs, travel insurance, ATOL protection and a Rift Valley Adventure Day tour that encompasses a game drive in the famous Lake Nakuru National Park, a stop at the Earth's equator and a visit to Thomson Falls. The only costs not included are any UK medical expenses, a visa and a small amount of spending money for the trip.

We would like to invite you to an information evening at 6pm on Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7pm, where parents and students will be able to find out more and ask any questions about this exciting opportunity.

Places on the trip will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a deposit of £195.00 required by 16th April 2020 to secure your child's place and this can be accepted online after the information evening. We would love to see you there on the night.

For more information about the trip and to confirm that you are coming to the information evening, please visit <https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/stuartbathurst> and click 'Register Your Interest'. I will leave you with this exciting opportunity and I look forward to meeting with some of you soon.

God Bless,  
Mrs Morris.

## YEAR 11

It was highly rewarding to see our young people celebrating their Mock results on Thursday night. So many have improved on the November set of results and I would like to congratulate all of Year 11. We are now in a position where Year 11 are predicted to surpass the 2019 cohort. Importantly this means that students will have more doors open to them as they embark on their next steps into further education/employment.

The Parents' Evening that followed was categorised by constructive conversations about what students need to do between now and the start of the formal GCSE exams in just 6 school weeks!

The new HWPO (Hard Work Pays Off) timetable is live, please support your child in attending these sessions, especially now it is much lighter at the finish time of 4.15pm. Each day myself and Mrs Booker will be contacting home

for those students who must attend sessions, we will then collect them from their period 5.

Finally, this week will see the last of our Connexions interviews. Since November students have been working with Connexions to help them achieve their aspirations. If you still feel as though your child needs careers support then do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Connolly

Mrs Booker

### PROM PASSPORT

Top 3:

MOHAMMED DULA - 1675 miles

AISHA JEEWA - 1625 miles

HEMISHA PATEL - 1575 miles

### KEY DATES

Thursday 12th March  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
GCSE launch!



### HWPO TIMETABLE - WEEK 1

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday		
Tuesday		History (MC) RE4 French Listening and Reading (DA) MFL2 Art (FW) AR1 Business (NM/PM)-Media Interactive Media (JBr)-CIE PE (RW, TS)-PE1 & Ar1 Music (AP)-MU4 Drama (CP) Studio
Wednesday		RE (AV, YI, CB) RE2,3,4
Thursday	Food (TM) HC1	English (EN1-7)
Friday	Computer Science (SC) Media	French Writing and Grammar (GR) MFL1 ART (FW) AR1

### HWPO TIMETABLE - WEEK 2

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday		
Tuesday		French Listening and Reading (DA) MFL2 Art (FW) AR1 Business (NM/PM)-Media Interactive Media (JBr)-CIE Psychology (HTa)-HU1 PE (RW, TS)-PE1 & Ar1 Music (AP)-MU4 Drama (CP) Studio
Wednesday		Science (FH-Invite, JB) SC4 & SC2
Thursday	Food (TM) HC1	Maths Ma1-7
Friday	Computer Science (SC) Media	French Writing and Grammar (GR) MFL1 RE (AV, MT, CB) RE2,3,4 Art (FW) AR1

## YEAR 10

On behalf of the Year 10 team, we would like to say huge congratulations to the following 'Brilliant Club' students for their amazing results for their recent assignment.

- Betsy Pender
- Mubashshirah Aswat
- Aadil Ahmed
- Alyana Fernandez
- Aaron Dixon
- Ellie-Mae Jones

A special mention goes to Mubashshirah Aswat and Alyana Fernandez for achieving an outstanding first. The feedback from the tutors stated that all students were engaged throughout the programme and all work was submitted on time. A huge well done to you all.

Before half-term, Year 10 completed their work experience placements. Members of staff had the pleasure of both going to see students on at their placements and also making phone calls. So many students received excellent feedback from their employers, many commenting on their work ethic and application to working life.

During assembly this week, Mrs Morris awarded the 5 star badges to Year 10. Students received a star badge for being in the top 20 students in the school for positive points on class charts. The Year 10 team are so proud to announce that 20 out of the top 21 in the school are from year 10.

Huge well done to all those students but a very special mention must go to Anisa Gater who tops class charts for the whole school. She has now received the head teachers award; congratulation Anisa.

Miss Adams

Mrs Booker

### KEY DATES

11 June 2020  
Year 10 Stats GCSE Exam 1

16 June 2020  
Year 10 Stats Exam 2

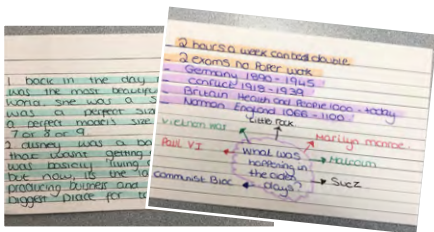
15 June 2020  
Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations



## YEAR 9

**J**ust before half-term, the year group took part in their 'Try Before You Buy' taster sessions, giving them an opportunity to sample the subjects that they could potentially take for their GCSEs. This was a fantastic opportunity for the year group, and helped inform their decisions over what they want to study.

I had the pleasure of helping 9S and 9D to use the knowledge that they learned during some of their taster sessions to create some flashcards.



Year 9 students also had a session with DHL, finding out about all the careers on offer with their company:

*"The DHL experience, was informative; especially in terms of future careers. We began by learning about a typical worker's day at DHL, followed by a quick quiz of "Guess the brand", whom DHL work with. This was fun as it was engaging and competitive. After that, we watched a video based around DHL and how they provide supplies for multiple companies such as NHS, BMW and Cadbury.*

Furthermore, we identified which qualifications were needed for specific jobs: academic, non-academic and personality traits. Overall, we had a very knowledgeable and intriguing time with Dan, teaching us about DHL.”

Written by Ava and Julia.

Mr Smith  
Miss Meacham

## YEAR 8

**M**rs Meacham and I held our first assembly with Year 8 this week. In the assembly Year 8 were reminded of the standards that they should be adhering to on a daily basis and were encouraged to make use of this new fresh start. Mrs Morris also attended assembly this week and awarded stars to Year 8 students; congratulations to those who were rewarded!

8S led Mass on Thursday and it was fantastic to see the respect and reverence during the Mass. All of the readers were excellent and they have all been rewarded in class charts.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 8 on their conduct during their Ash Wednesday service as well as the Fire Drill on Friday and the early closure.

Below, you can see the Assessment Week timetables for Year 8.  
The timetable is different for A Band and B Band students.

Mr Begley  
Miss Meacham

## ASSESSMENT WEEK TIMETABLE - A BAND

A Band	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1		8A1 FRENCH		8A2 RE 8A ENGLISH	8A1 FRENCH 8A2 FRENCH
Period 2	8A1 DRAMA 8A3 FRENCH	8A3 MUSIC	8A3 DRAMA	8A2 MUSIC	8AFR3 (IT)
Period 3				SCIENCE	8A1 MUSIC
Period 4				8A ENGLISH 8A3 FRENCH	RE 8A1
Period 5			8A2 FRENCH	8AFR2 (IT) 8AFR1 (IT) 8A3 RE 8A ENGLISH	8A2 DRAMA
	PE Assessments have already been completed				

## ASSESSMENT WEEK TIMETABLE - B BAND

B Band	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	8B1 MUSIC 8B2 DRAMA	RE 8B2		SCIENCE	RE 8B3 ENGLISH 8B
Period 2					RE 8B1 8B2 FRENCH
Period 3		8B1 FRENCH	8B3 FRENCH	8B3 DRAMA 8B ENGLISH	8BFR3 (IT)
Period 4	8B3 FRENCH	8B2 FRENCH	8BFR2 (IT)		
Period 5	8BFR1 (IT)		8B1 DRAMA 8B1 FRENCH	8BMU3 MUSIC	8BMU2 MUSIC
PE Assessments have already been completed					

## 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 some movement in the classes for some sets, it is fantastic to see the standard of behaviour in Year 7 has been excellent. Working hard and being there for the people around you is something that we have been working on and Year 7 seem to be making tremendous roads in developing their skills in this area.

A selfless attitude ties in nicely with the message of our Ash Wednesday service, which encouraged all students to 'Be Kind'.

There has been some lovely singing being produced in music where Year 7 are studying Musical Theatre. To fit in with this, our theatre trip to The Boy in the Dress at the RSC on Thursday 13th February was fantastic!. The 70 Year 7 students who came to watch this performance were beautifully behaved and everyone really enjoyed the show. This experience will also fit in with the content of Drama work this half-term.

A number of students are still not bringing a coat with them, despite the cold and wind. I would ask all students to bring a coat with them, and remind parents that a hoodie is not appropriate as part of 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 Raindi about how we can develop our knowledge organiser revision so that we are making the best use of the knowledge we are gaining.

Mrs Pepper  
Mrs Bayley

## 6<sup>th</sup> FORM

The time in the lead up to Year 13's final exams is perhaps one of the most difficult times you as parent and carers may face in terms of knowing how to support them.

In order to enable you to feel confident and informed as to how to do this, we have organised a focused and engaging evening on Thursday 5th March.

We have arranged this alongside the Year 13 Parents' Evening so that you also have the opportunity to meet with teaching staff, discuss the progress of your son/daughter and learn what final steps need to be made in order for them to move on to the next stage of their lives with the best grades possible.

The evening begins at 5pm on Thursday 5th March and the exam launch session will be held at 5.45pm by Mr Barrett and Mrs Jordan – resource packs of invaluable information will be distributed by staff and these can only be collected on the night.

Your attendance at this event is vital in enabling yourselves and your children to move forward and meet the weeks ahead with energy and focus. Year 13 students have letters for you to sign in order to let us know you are attending. Please return these at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Barrett  
Head of Sixth Form

## YEAR 13 EXAM LAUNCH & PARENTS EVENING



Thursday 5  
March  
5:45pm

### CLASS CHARTS - TOP 3 LISTS

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
THIS WEEK	MUHAMMAD SAIF-ULLAH SUFYAN PATEL RAYHAAN PATEL	MUHAMMAD IMRAN HAAFIZAH HUSSAIN HASEEB SAJJAD	VINAY RANA SIENNA DAWSON LYLA DAVIS	AMAR SAEED GURKEERAT SINGH HAJRAH MEHMOOD	JASKARAN MANDIAR JOSHUA GREEN MEGAN STOKES
SINCE SEPT	MIA PROBERT- RICHARDSON SASHA DAVIES NYASHA BANZA	SANIA BAINS SAFIYYAH BISMILLAH TAKIRA KELDO	DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL RALPH CASTRO PRABSIMRAN SIRAN	ANISA GATER AMELIA CLARK AHMED PATEL	SABJOT SINGH KHADEEJAH KARA AMANPREET KAUR



## LIBRARY

Last term quizzing on Accelerated Reader books was well underway with Year 7 and Year 8 students.

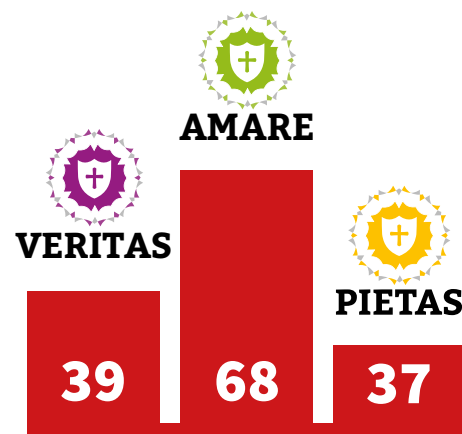
To encourage consistent reading and thus improved comprehension and literacy, we have devised a competition between the Houses, Amare, Pietas and Veritas.

I am pleased to announce last terms winners for the most points accrued for passes in their reading quizzes at 70% - 100% are:

First - Amare with 68 points  
Second - Veritas with 39 points  
Third - Pietas with 37 points

The competition has begun once more between our Houses, so begin reading those books and start quizzing!

Mrs Finch  
LRC Manager



## SPORTS CLUBS

The Girls' Netball Team has been working and training really well and it's fantastic to see their hard work paying off in matches. There are still a few matches left to play this half-term, fingers crossed for the win!

A special mention is deserved by the Boys' Handball Team too who have also been making excellent progress.

DATE	HOME		AWAY
Jan 28 2020	Q3 Tipton	V	Stuart Bathurst
Feb 04 2020	Q3 Great Barr	V	Stuart Bathurst
Feb 11 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	RSA
Feb 25 2020	Phoenix	V	Stuart Bathurst
Mar 03 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	George Salter
Mar 10 2020	Stuart Bathurst	V	Wood Green
Mar 17 2020	Wodensborough	V	Stuart Bathurst

## CAREERS

### Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE REVIEW

Last half term was been very busy in terms of careers. Year 10 have completed their work experience where they have gained an insight to the world of work and have experienced the essential skills employers are looking for from an employee.

There have been a number of success stories especially for Amelia Hollingsworth who has been given part time employment following her successful placement. For some students, their Work Experience placement will have enhanced the desires to pursue their chosen career choices, for others it will have been just as valuable helping them decide that this choice is no longer of interest to them.

### Y9 TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Year 9, in preparation for their option choices, have completed a 'try before you buy' week of lessons at GCSE level to help them decide if the subjects are the right choice for their needs and aspirations.

A class of Year 9 students have also had a careers session led by DHL, looking at the range of job roles within the company and the key skills that are needed.



### NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week 2020 is this week (2nd -7th March) where all students across the Key Stages will be completing some careers based learning as part of their form sessions. Speakers' Trust have spent a day with Year 10 students focusing on the importance of communication and raising their confidence presenting to their peers.

Other Year 10 students have visited the Careers Expo at Millennium point Birmingham where they spoke to companies such as Vodafone, PWC, Deloitte, and found out more about careers and the world of work. They met even more companies as they moved through the stalls in the traditional careers fair format.

Mr Summers,  
Careers Lead.



## OBSERVING ASH WEDNESDAY

### THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 26th February, it was Ash Wednesday, which marked the start of the next 40 days of Lent, whereby Christians globally will devote themselves to prayer, fasting and helping other people.

## POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT

During Lent, Catholics are called on to give up something. We focus on three things during Lent, fasting, charitable works and spending more time in prayer.

On Wednesday, Pope Francis added a modern twist to the list of things to quit during the season and beyond: insulting people on social media. The Pope made his appeal to tone things down while speaking to tens of thousands of people in St. Peter's Square for his general audience on Ash Wednesday, the start of the 40-day season that leads up to Easter.

Lent, he said in partially improvised remarks, "is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumours, tittle-tattle and speak to God on a first name basis." "We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words, which are amplified by the internet," he said. "Today, people insult each other as if they were saying 'Good Day.'"

We can learn a lot from Pope Francis and how we can focus on treating each other more kindly and thinking before we speak and act. Lent is a time for giving things up but it is also a time for taking action and doing more positive actions, however small, each and every day.

We introduced the start of Lent by holding a small liturgy throughout Wednesday morning, along with the help of Miss Burns and some fantastic members of our Sixth Form. The day was planned and delivered by Miss Burns, Sydney Smith, Zac Sammut, myself and Josh Murrell. We also had some fantastic musical performances from Charlotte Bromley and Jayden Falls.

For me, the most moving part of our service was the fact that we acknowledged the quote "In a world where you can be anything; be kind". It was explained that the only time we are encouraged to act kind is after any tragedy which really did become more prominent as an idea for me.

Lent is all about giving, especially to people who need it whether that is helping someone who is struggling with their studies or whether its someone who doesn't have much food or money, helping people that are less fortunate than yourself is the essential part about Lent.

I believe that we at Stuart Bathurst are very good at doing this as we often help many who need it, thinking about others before ourselves. I am very proud to be part of such a loving, caring and selfless community.

**Paige Weston**  
(Head of Student Chaplaincy Team)

## WEEKLY VIRTUES AWARDS

Certificates recognising students' words and actions.

YEAR 7	XIANG JU CHEN LAIBA YOUSEF	CURIOUS & ACTIVE GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
YEAR 8	CODY BAINBRIDGE ZINEDINE BANARAS	TRUTHFUL & ELOQUENT TRUTHFUL & ELOQUENT
YEAR 9	PRABSIMRAN SIRAN DANYAAL YASAR	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 10	ZUBAIR MAHMOOD GURKEERAT SINGH	LEARNED & WISE LEARNED & WISE
YEAR 11	AISHA JEEWA MUHAMMED DULA	COMPASSIONATE ACTIVE
YEAR 12/13	ZACHARY SUMMAT SYDNEY SMITH	GRATEFUL & GENEROUS GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

### NUMERACY CHALLENGE

You are creating a new coin system for your country.

You must use only four coin values and you must be able to create the values 1 through 10 using one coin at a minimum and two coins maximum.

What 4 coins do you choose?

### WORD OF THE WEEK

## Facetious

*adjective.*

*To be flippant or deliberately inappropriate in an attempt to make light of a negative situation.*

**Can you:**

Think of a synonym?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling?

### EASTER ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The attendance team are running a competition for you to win some prizes at the end of the term.

The winners will include 100% for the half term, 100% for the last week of term and most improved attendance. There will also be some runner up prizes available!

The winners will be announced on the last day of term - Friday 3rd April 2020. Good luck!



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

#Lent is a time of grace, a time for recognizing that our lowly #ashes are loved by God and for letting God gaze upon us with love, and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life.

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### ATTENDANCE

TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1:	<b>80</b>	98.4%
2:	<b>10I</b>	97.8%
3:	<b>8M</b>	97.4%
4:	<b>10W</b>	96.7%
5:	<b>90</b>	96.3%