

NEWSLETTER #30

THERE IN THEIR PRESENCE, JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED: HIS FACE SHONE
LIKE THE SUN AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME AS WHITE AS THE LIGHT

MATTHEW 17:2



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week's Gospel is beautiful. The words when I read them made me smile. The vision of Our Lord being transfigured, with His face shining like the sun, is an image which must have been something to behold. The Transfiguration of Jesus provides us with further evidence that Jesus was the divine son of God. This scene on a mountain is a representation of His kingdom, it is significant because it was the glorification of the body of Jesus. Those with Him saw Jesus in His glory. Over Lent, we contemplate this and reflect on it.

The week, as always, has been a busy one. Many thanks to those parents and students who attended the launch event for Sixth Form exam season. Here, families were provided with useful information on how to support their children in the upcoming exam season. Most importantly, in some ways, was advice on how to deal with the stress and anxiety taking exams brings to our young people.

This week, on Thursday, there will be a similar event for Year 11 and I will be pleased to welcome David Hyner, a motivational speaker who again, will deliver a session to our parents and students that will send them away aiming to do and be of their best.

On that note, I am very proud to inform you that all of our students who have applied to study Medicine and Dentistry have now received offers from extremely reputable universities such as Birmingham and Manchester. The level of competition involved at this stage to secure offers is immense and our students have excelled in securing these offers. In addition, a number of our students have secured Financial and Business placements on apprenticeships with Price, Waterhouse Cooper. Once again, a marvellous achievement and one to be truly celebrated. All of this would not be possible, of course, without the excellent pastoral and academic support provided by Mrs Jordan, Mr Barrett and their team of tutors in Sixth Form and I am sure the students will join me in thanking them for all their efforts and support.

The new toilets in the tower block should be ready in a week's time. There have been some problems with the pipes in the building and we are applying for funds to help us with this issue, hence the delay. I know the children are looking forward to having these brand new facilities and I also know that we can trust them to take care of them.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents that the school behaviour policy states that pupils should not, under any circumstances, use their mobile phones in school. This rule is in place to ensure the safeguarding of pupils and staff, all of whom have a right not to be filmed without their knowledge or permission. I am aware of TikTok, where users film brief excerpts and post it. This, admittedly, can be quite amusing but should not be produced in school. Anyone found with their phones out filming, or if there is evidence that they have done so, will be dealt with appropriately. I know that we can rely on your support in this matter.

We are all keeping a close eye on the news regarding Coronavirus and we will keep you up to date with Government advice as it comes to us. In particular though, can you remind your children that they should be washing their hands regularly and thoroughly. In addition, they should try not to touch their faces. Please keep those who have contracted the COVID 19 virus in your prayers. For the elderly in our communities, this is a very frightening time.

God Bless,
Mrs Morris

A large, expressive yellow brushstroke graphic that sweeps across the upper half of the poster, partially overlapping the purple background and the central hexagon.

GCSE LAUNCH NIGHT

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

5:30pm - 7:00pm

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

David Hyner

Huge
discounts
on revision
guides and
resources!

Collect your
personalised
revision bag!

YEAR 11

Preparations are well underway for the GCSE launch night. This promises to be a fantastic evening during which our young people will not only have the chance to collect valuable resources but also listen to and meet Motivational Speaker, David Hyner. All students will be given a goody bag and have the chance to win £50.00 in the raffle. I have also negotiated some big discounts off revision guides and resources that will be on sale. I hope to see you there.

All Year 11 students have now been issued with the Mock timetable that will consists of exams in Maths, English and Science. Students understand that the aim behind these is to help them identify areas to focus their revision on and gain more exam practice. I will shortly be writing to all Year 11 parents and carers about the Easter revision sessions that will be on offer, however in the meantime the date for your diaries is Monday 6th-Thursday 9th April.

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

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

PROM PASSPORT

MOHAMMED DULA - 1850 miles
AISHA JEEWA - 1800 miles
HEMISHA PATEL - 1750 miles



GCSE LAUNCH!

Thurs 12 March 2020
5:30pm - 7:00pm



YEAR 10

On Monday 2nd March, the Year 10 Handball team took part in the Sandwell School Handball tournament. The students managed to win 3 games, draw 1 and lost 1. Fantastic performance by the whole team but a special mention goes to Lewis Senior for his excellent performance in goal.

On Tuesday 3rd March, 30 Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in a whole-day workshop at school with a trained Speakers Trust facilitator who supported the students to develop their own speeches about topics they are passionate about. Students then presented their speeches back to the other participants and teachers from the school.

At the end of the speeches a winner was selected who will now be invited to the Aspire to Higher Education final at the University of Wolverhampton in April. Well done to all students involved. A special mention goes to Megan Timmins who was crowned the winner from our school.

Also on Tuesday 3rd March, 14 students from year 10 were invited to attend a Careers Event in Birmingham. This event provided students with the opportunity to actively engage with a number of employers from a variety of employment backgrounds. Well done to all students who attended the trip and for their engagement and conduct during the trip. We do hope you gained some valuable information that could support your future career path.

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

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

This week, during form time, the year group have been working to gain an understanding of what they are looking to do as a career when they get older. The work allowed them to understand what skills and qualifications are needed for different job roles, so they can understand the suitability of different roles to their own current skill set. This is particularly relevant for the year group with their upcoming Pathways Evening, as they can make an educated decision on the GCSEs that they will be choosing.

In assembly, Mr Walker showcased what a Geography GCSE will look like, if they choose that subject for their future studies. The students have now experienced the majority of subjects that can be offered at GCSE level in

our school, so if they, or yourselves, have any questions from this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I have witnessed around the school that the year group are beginning to mature into fine, young adults. The vast majority of the year group are showing that they are keen to work hard and be inquisitive in regards to the studies and I am proud to be overseeing a year group with these traits.

Just a reminder regarding the school uniform policy. Students should not be wearing trainers around school. If there is a need for the students to be wearing something other than their school shoes please write a note for your children explaining why, or

phone in and speak to myself or Miss Meacham. Furthermore, there should not be any nose piercings in school. The students will be asked to remove these as they enter the school site.

Mr Smith
Miss Meacham

PATHWAYS EVENING

March 19 2020,
5:30 - 7:30pm



YEAR 8

Year 8 have had a fantastic start to the week with a rapid decline in negative points accumulated around the school. On Wednesday, during assembly, the Year group were reminded of the high standards that Miss Meacham and I expect at all times during school.

The acronym which we want students to adhere to is:

PUNCTUAL
LISTEN
EQUIPMENT
ASK & ANSWER
SIT UP
EXCEL

8D had Mass on Thursday and I was extremely impressed with the importance they placed upon the service and the reverence they showed throughout. I have been into some fantastic lessons this week across the school and can see how focused are

students are and this is particularly important this week during Year 8 Assessment Week.

The Year group will be inspected next week for equipment. Can you ensure that students have the following pieces of equipment: 2 pens, purple pen, pencil, ruler, casio calculator. There will be a stationary shop in EN5 from Monday morning if any students need any equipment.

Mr Begley
Miss Meacham

YEAR 7



Year 7 have been sharing ideas and raising money for the CAFOD 'Defend the Defenders' campaign to help fight climate change and raise money for

some of the world's poorest countries. This has been our focus through family fast day and I would like to thank the students for their generosity. Students are welcome to bring in more donations before we make our presentation to CAFOD.

We have been delighted with some excellent results with the Year 7 sports teams. The Year 7 netball team had a wonderful result at home.

We have been studying the effects of tobacco and second-hand smoke. There are two sessions this week, and a competition to produce a poster that will be displayed in Sandwell. This needs to be completed by the 1st April 2020.

Mrs Pepper
Mrs Bayley

Join Stuart Bathurst's AFRICAN ADVENTURE!

We are offering students the chance to join an exciting trip to Kenya in March 2021, to spend time volunteering at schools in a developing area of Nakuru.

Students 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, exciting experience.

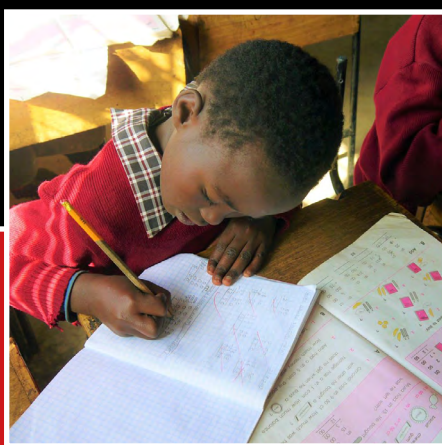
Students will be expected to fundraise towards the cost of their trip to develop their enterprise skills, which the school will support and more will be explained at the information evening.

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.

TO FIND OUT MORE, JOIN US AT OUR INFORMATION EVENING.

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'.

You can also get a flavour of the African Adventure experience by watching this video: <https://vimeo.com/302100178>



**AFRICAN
ADVENTURE
INFORMATION
EVENING**



**Thur 19
March 2020**

7:00pm

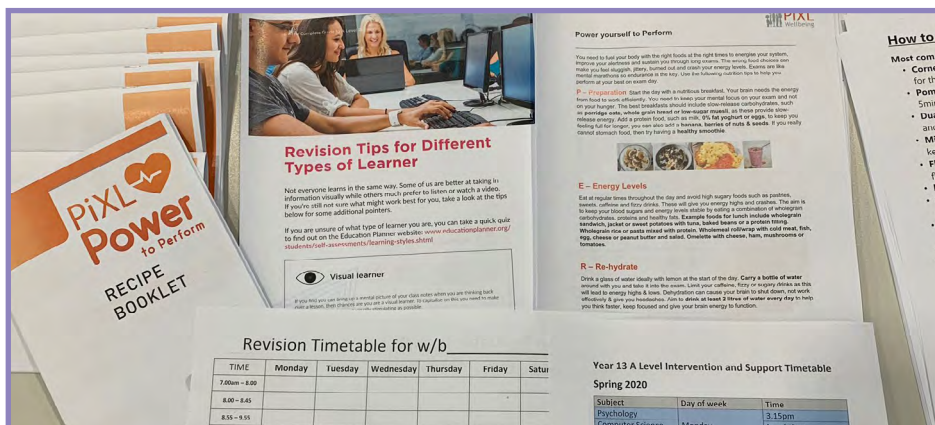
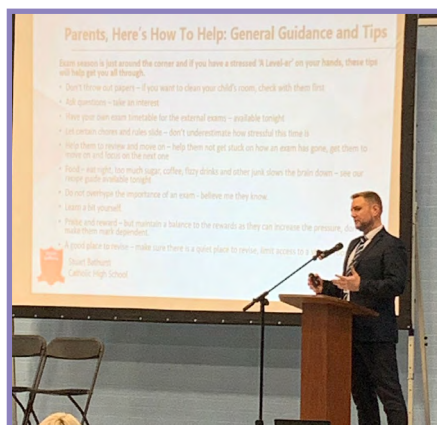
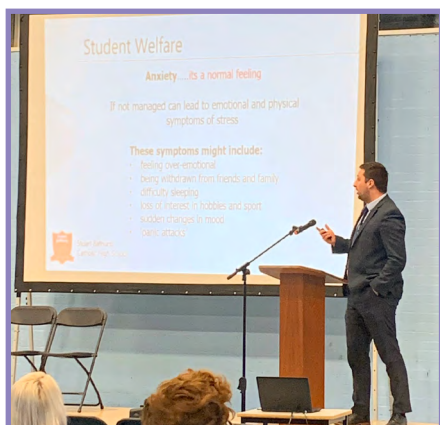
6th FORM

On Thursday 5th March, we hosted our A level Exam Launch Night and Parents' Evening where students and parents were talked through how best to prepare for the final build up towards the exams; how to construct a revision timetable; how to deal with the pressure of this period and how to fuel the body during long periods of study and examination.

Students and parents left with ideas and resources to steer them through this time.

We thank those who attended, especially the staff who gave up their time in order to provide that final words of feedback and encouragement to the students. We offer all of our Year 13 students our prayers as they enter these final few months of their time here at Stuart Bathurst.

Mr Barrett
Head of Sixth Form



KEY DATES



AFRICAN ADVENTURE INFORMATION EVENING

March 19 2020
7:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Should your son or daughter be absent from school on any day please leave a message:

CALL:
0121 556 1488 ext. 119

EMAIL:
attendance1@
stuart-bathurst.org.uk

CLASS CHARTS

TOP 3 LISTS



	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
THIS WEEK	IZABELLE MCGUIGAN SUFYAN PATEL RAYHAAN PATEL	SAFIYYAH BISMILLAH ZINEDINE BANARAS HASEEB SAJJAD	KAREENA DEO HASEEB ANWAR TIAH MUTAMBIRA	SHYANNE ALMEIDA MILES JOHNSON AMELIA LEWIS	ABBY-MAI EDWARDS AMANPREET KAUR JAVINA GORDON
SINCE SEPT	IZABELLE MCGUIGAN SASHA DAVIES RAYHAAN PATEL	SANIA BAINS SAFIYYAH BISMILLAH TAKIRA KELDO	DESTINI DAVIS-MITCHELL RALPH CASTRO KAYDEE JAUNDRILL	ANISA GATER AMELIA CLARK AHMED PATEL	AMANPREET KAUR SABJOT SINGH KHADDEEJAH KARA

RETURNING SOON! THE GCSEPOD LEAGUE



How to support your child using GCSEPod



What is GCSEPod?

GCSEPod is an award-winning expert in subject knowledge. We provide 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, teacher written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics covered in lessons.

Experts read and explain everything clearly including all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and diagrams on screen.

Tips and Tricks



Watch online or offline

Ask your child to download Pods to their mobile device so they can learn on the go!



Favourites

Challenge your child to 'favourite' 10 Pods on topics they find difficult. Watch the Pods together and use one of our other suggested learning techniques to help simplify what it is they're struggling with.



Personalised Playlists

Use the My Playlists area to create bespoke playlists. Having personalised playlists means your child has fast access to Pods that will help fill knowledge gaps.



Support Homework

GCSEPod isn't just for revision, it's to help expand your child's subject knowledge. If your child is struggling with a piece of homework, you can search for the topic on GCSEPod and use the Pods as an additional resource.



Quizzes

Turn it into a competition and reward your child for correctly answered questions. If you're stuck on what questions to ask, head over to our 'Quiz Your Child' crib sheet!



Memory Cards

Watch Pods together and then write down key facts, dates, diagrams and quotes. Test their knowledge to see how much they remember.

How does your child access GCSEPod?

If your child has already activated their account, they simply need to log in with the username and password they've created.

If they've not yet activated their GCSEPod account, simply follow these simple steps.

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com
2. Click 'Login'.
3. Click 'New Here? Get Started'.
4. Select 'Student'.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to create a username and password.



LOG ON NOW @
www.gcsepod.com



'WALK WITH ME' CALENDAR

Each Lent we are called to make our journey towards God and the celebration of The Resurrection at Easter. To help us observe this special period we can look to our Walk With Me calendar which has lots of helpful suggestions as to how we can be active in our faith and use our time to help us help others and to continue building our relationship with God. These calendars are in all of our form rooms and we encourage everyone to participate in this journey.



A LENTEN QUIZ

How many can you get right?!

1. What is the day before Ash Wednesday called?
2. What is the official name given to the feast that starts Lent?
3. What is the official liturgical colour of Lent?
4. How many days are there in Lent?
5. What time in Jesus' life does Lent remember?
6. What three things are Christians called to do more of during Lent?
7. Which prayer do we NOT in Mass say during Lent?

ANSWERS: 1. Shrove Tuesday 2. Ash Wednesday 3. Purple 4. 40 5. Time in the desert 6. Pray, Fast, Almsgiving 7. The Gloria

DAILY LENTEN PRAYER

Jesus, we know you came to love us, to forgive us, and to make us new. We give you all of our troubles, large and small. Help us as we walk with you now on your way of the cross.

Amen.



WEEKLY VIRTUES AWARDS

Y7	ETHAN HARVEY - CURIOUS & ACTIVE	THERESA MUPINGA - GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
Y8	HARRISON MCCARTHY - ELOQUENT & TRUTHFUL	MUHAMMAD IMRAN - ELOQUENT & TRUTHFUL
Y9	DAISY-MAE MCCOOE - LEARNED & WISE	REON BUNN - LEARNED & WISE
Y10	SHYANNE ALMEIDA - LEARNED & WISE	MILES JOHNSON - LEARNED & WISE
Y11	YOOSUF PERAGER - ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING	MOHAMMED DULA - ATTENTIVE & DISCERNING
Y12/13	EVE McLAUGHLAN - GRATEFUL & GENEROUS	ZAC SUMMERS - GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

More opportunities to learn an instrument!

Since January, a number of students have been taking instrument lessons. They've also been loaned an instrument to practice with at home. And now, you can too!

We're expanding to give more future stars the opportunity of music lessons after the Easter holidays. You could study any one of these instruments...

- Piano & Keyboard
- Guitar - Acoustic, Electric, or Bass
- Drumkit
- Vocals
- Strings - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- Woodwind - Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Saxophone
- Brass - Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, French Horn, Tuba

The cost for these lessons is extremely competitive compared to private instrument tuition. Plus, unlike private tuition, students get their own instrument to practice with at home.

To find out more, download a sign-up form:

[Instrument Tuition](#) *(clickable link if viewed online)*

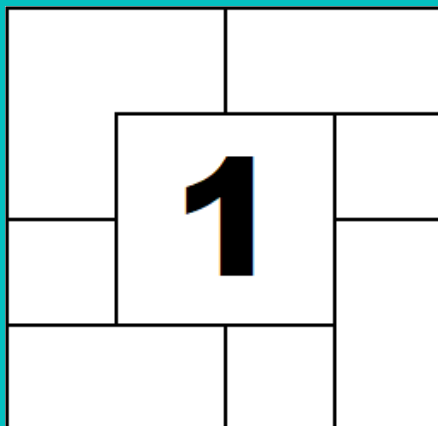
Alternatively, collect a form from reception or from Mr Pepper.

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Eight sheets of identically sized square paper are placed on a table. Their edges form this pattern, with only one sheet (marked 1) completely visible.

Can you number the other sheets from top to bottom?

2 will be the next highest, leading to sheet 8 being the bottom of the pile.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Iridescent

adjective.

Showing luminous colours that may appear to change when viewed from a different angle.

Can you:

Think of a synonym?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test friends on the spelling?

ATTENDANCE

TOP FORM GROUPS THIS WEEK

1: **11S** 99.3%

2: **11M** 98.9%

3: **8M** 98.5%

4: **8O** 98.4%

5: **11W** 97.7%

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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SPORTS

REMAINING GIRLS' NETBALL FIXTURES



Mar 10 2020

HOME MATCH
vs Wood Green

Mar 17 2020

AWAY MATCH
vs Wodensborough