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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer

WISDOM

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Dear Lord,
Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time.

Amen

WALK OF LIFE

"Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith."

Henry Ward Beecher

WELLBEING

Tip:

You might be worried or uncertain about what is happening next with your education and future. If this is the case, remember you are part of the SJW family...if you have a concern, share it. If you have a question, ask it. Some of your worries might have a good answer or solution!

Prayer for School Leavers 2020 Year 11

God and Father of the whole human family, I come before you at this important moment in my life, a time that cannot be marked in the normal ways this year.

It is good for me to reflect on all that has led to this point, times that I remember with great joy, special achievements, but also times that I might regret or wish had not happened.

All of these things make me the person I am today, and it is good for me to be reminded frequently that nothing puts me outside your love or your family.

Whatever the future, the weeks ahead present me with a new start.

In continuing education or in branching out in new ways, I have the chance once more to shape the direction of my life, always recognising that you have the ultimate plan for me.

At this moment, I must recognise that whether or not these years have been the best years for me, I am a different person for the experiences I have lived through.

Wherever I go in life, and whatever I do, let me see the best in myself and in others.

May my principles and my values make a contribution to society, that as I make new friends, I may influence their lives as much as they influence mine.

May the gift of faith always find a place in my heart, especially in moments of difficulty or doubt. May I never forget that I am loved unconditionally and that my life is precious to others and to you, because I am a link in a chain, always part of the wonderful world for which I have been created. Amen.

By Miss Lally

Head of Year Message Year 9

Hello Year 9! Another week of working at home has passed. By now you should have made a start on some of the work in your new development homework booklets. I've spoken to several parents this week who claim that they are being used already which is fantastic! Don't forget that next year will be crucial to your GCSEs; nothing you do now to prepare will go to waste. Many of you have also shared what you have been doing to relax and the things you are proud of. I want you to know that I am extremely proud of every single one of you. Whether you have enjoyed the time at home or not, you are all doing your best to make the most of things and that is what counts!

Here's a scripture for you:

Psalm 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

That is our reminder not to lose hope or get discouraged. I'm sure we will see each other very soon. For now, stay safe and look after yourselves!

By Miss Moyo

Remember: Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Head of Year Message Year 8

Hello Year 8. We hope you and your families are all safe and well. You should now be slowly making your way through the work booklets that have been sent out to you. Just a reminder that these booklets have similar work to that online. Please remember if you have access to the internet, to also try and get onto your educational websites that your teachers ask you to access, to aid you further.

Many of you now will have received your options for next year. Can I urge those who have not yet received it to check through your inbox on your school email address and look out for an email from Ms Hanson. If, after checking, you still cannot find the email then please contact Ms Hanson or me and we will try to help you with your options. Similarly, if you wish to discuss your options then contact Ms Hanson with any queries.

On the note of emails please ensure that you are checking your emails as often as possible, your teachers have been emailing you with key information for different subjects. Try and respond to your teachers, we have really enjoyed talking and communicating with each of you.

Please look out for any additional information from school about the face to face contact at school that will be happening before the summer holidays.

Finally, lock down has been very hard on people and we understand this so if you are struggling with working from home or have any other concerns about yourself, friends or family members during this time please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk for further support.

By Miss Reynolds

Head of Year Message Year 7

Hello Year 7, As you all know, in September we will be welcoming a whole new group of pupils into our school family. This may look very different to the welcome you received due to the current restrictions that we find ourselves, however I am sure you agree that every single pupil to walk through our gates come September should be made to feel as special as each of you did when you ventured down the lane for the very first time.

With this in mind I am looking for current Year 7 (Yes you!) to help our new pupils in September with their transition from Primary to Secondary School. This position will be some what different to what has gone on before and may come through a different format, but I would still like to create a team of pupils who would like to be a 'buddy' to our new Year 7's in September, to help and encourage them along their educational and spiritual journey.

If you think to yourself 'Wow, this is the role for me!!!', then please send in no more than one side of A4 paper explaining exactly why you would make an excellent buddy over the coming months. You can talk about your gifts and talents or anything you may have done in or out of school to help others. Try to put in as much detail as possible.

There are only 10 places available for our team this year! Please send your entry to my email address (Jellis@sjw.bham.sch.uk) by Friday 10 July, and ensure that your name and form is on the document. Should you not have access to the internet then a paper copy can be sent in the post but must arrive by Tuesday 14 July.

I will announce our new Buddy Team later that week.

Good luck.

By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year Message Year 10

This week we welcomed Team A back for their final face to face learning with their teachers before they head off on their Summer holidays. It was great to see and speak to so many of the pupils not only about school work but about their experiences of the lockdown. Have a great Summer Team A and remember to continue work set out by your teachers whether this is online or in your subject booklets. This is an important part of your education essentially before becoming Year 11 pupils.

Can I just remind pupils that if you are having any issues/concerns you can not only continue to email your teachers you can email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk to talk about anything that may be worrying you.

Next week we will be welcoming Team B back for their final week of teaching, just a reminder that school will be closed Friday 10 July so the pupils from Team B need to attend on Wednesday 8 July instead.

Thank you to our Year 10 parents for the support they have shown during the Covid-19 lock down especially ensuring pupils are having some sort of normality whilst at home completing their school work.

Last week I wrote about a group of Year 10 pupils applying to become prefects, I look forward to interviewing each and everyone of you on our return in September. A big thank you to Jasmeet Singh and Sofia Marsden 10HUL who have applied to become prefects too. As always stay safe and look after yourselves.

By Mrs Chand

Remember: To stay 2 metres away from other people

Commonwealth Games 2022 Competition

With the 2022 Commonwealths being held in Birmingham, they have come up with a competition to include all local schools.

They are asking students to design the mascot which will appear throughout the games in various locations and this will also be televised.

The Birmingham 2022 mascot will be a global icon for the Games. It should represent the identity, heritage, and culture of the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham and the West Midlands, and embody everything the city and region stands for: youthful, diverse, dynamic and creative, always looking to innovate and move forward.

The winning design will inspire the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games' official mascot.

For more information visit:

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/mascot>

By Mr Owen

Educational support for children with SEND during COVID-19

Birmingham City Council's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion team is inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to take part in a short survey. The aim of this survey is to find out your experiences during lockdown and the support you have received from different education services.

Please complete one survey for each child or young person with SEND. The survey is anonymous, however you can choose to include your contact details at the end if you would like to be more involved in shaping future SEND services.

Thank you for taking part. Your feedback is important in helping us to monitor and improve our services for SEND families.

The survey will close at 12 midnight on Monday 13 July 2020.

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/educational-support-for-children-with-send-during/>

By Mrs Adams

France Trip 2021

A few parents have contacted me over the last few weeks regarding arrangements for the France Trip in February 2021. During these unprecedented times and as the situation is ever changing, we have not asked for any further payments for the France trip. I am keeping up to date with guidance from the government and travel company and will update you when necessary. In the mean time, if you have any questions- please do not hesitate to email me on lguest@sjw.bham.sch.uk

By Miss Guest

Staying Safe Online

1. Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
3. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
4. Never give out your passwords.
5. Don't befriend people you don't know.
6. Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
7. Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
8. Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
9. Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.
10. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

By Mrs Crooks

FANTASY WINGS – PILOT TRAINING FOR YOUNG BAME PEOPLE

Fantasy Wings will be funding the cost of training and Private Pilot Licenses for 3 BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Young People on their 20/21 programme which commences this October 2020.

50 additional BAME students of their 20/21 programme will receive a trial flying lesson fully funded by Fantasy Wings. Young people must be between the **ages of 13 and 25**.

They are committed to changing the statistics and creating more opportunities for BAME students to become Airline Pilot's and Aviation Professionals. There are 1000 spaces available for young people from BAME backgrounds.

It will run on one Saturday a month beginning this October for 10 months and will be delivered by Airline Pilots, Aviation Professionals and Industry Leaders.

Please visit Fantasy Wings website for more programme information - www.fantasywings.co.uk

By Miss Lally

SEND Parent and Carer Survey

A new survey has been launched this month aimed at Birmingham-based parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The short survey, which takes around 10-15 minutes to complete, captures feedback from families about their experience of the Birmingham SEND service, including views on the support provided by the service during the Covid-19 pandemic.

To take the survey please click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P5VPO5J> - The survey will close on 15th July 2020.

Feedback from families about their experience of the Birmingham SEND service will help Birmingham Children's Partnership agencies (including Birmingham City Council, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG, Birmingham Children's Trust and Birmingham Community Healthcare Foundation NHS Trust) to understand what is working well and where there is room for improvement.

If you would like further information about this survey please contact lauren.amery@nhs.net

By Mrs Adams

#YOU'VE BEEN MISSED

Webinars for parents



Birmingham's #you'vebeenmissed campaign is to support children and young people, parents and carers and professionals throughout the Covid pandemic. As part of the campaign, Lydia Stafford, a Mental Health Nurse working in the Forward Thinking Birmingham's early help team is leading 3 webinars to support parents. Lydia is passionate about supporting parents to maintain and strengthen relationships with their children, whilst being able to manage difficulties and challenges. There are many transitions ahead for everyone moving slowly back into life after lockdown; Lydia would like to offer parents a webinar that explains why self-care as a parent at this time is a priority not only for their well-being but also in supporting and being "present" for their children during these transitions. Parents will also hear how the smallest acts to look after ourselves can make a significant difference. Lydia is also a parent to 3 children, she will be bringing aspects of both her personal and professional self to bring this concept across in a real, honest and connected way. For resources and videos visit: bwc.nhs.uk/youve-been-missed

PARENTING SELF-CARE SUPPORT

SESSION LEADER: LYDIA STAFFORD - FORWARD THINKING BIRMINGHAM STICK TEAM

AVAILABLE DATES:

2ND JULY, 1.30PM - 2.30PM

17TH JULY, 10.30AM - 11.30AM

25TH AUGUST, 1.30PM - 2.30PM

Sessions hosted on Zoom

TO BOOK, VISIT <https://bep.education/events/>



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