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A Catholic School For All



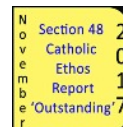
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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

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

Catholic Life

"Journey in the Kingdom Of God"

Autumn Theme: 'Love Yourself'

Lord God,
Help us to share the Hope of our hearts with one another.
Enable us to give Hope to others through Your work amongst us. Use us to transform our nation and to spread Your Hope to every corner of this nation.
May our land flourish by the preaching of Your word and the praising of Your name.
In Jesus Name. Amen.

Fixtures/Trips

- **Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball vs St Pauls (Away)**
Monday 9 December - Return time: 4:15pm
- **Year 9 and 10 Girls Netball vs Handsworth Wood (Home)** Monday 9 December - Finishing at 4:15pm
- **Year 7 and 8 Girls Football v St Paul's (Away)**
Tuesday 10 December - Return Time - 5:30pm
- **Year 11 Boys Basketball v Handsworth Grammar (Away)** Thursday 12 December - Return Time: 6pm
- **Year 7 and Year 10 visit to St Chad's Cathedral**
Friday 13 December - return time: 3pm
- **Year 11 trip to Showcase Cinema**
Thursday 19 December - return time: 1pm

Important Dates

- **Year 9 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 11 December - 4pm to 6pm
- **General Election Day - School open to Year 11 only**
Thursday 12 December
- **Christmas Holidays - School closes at 12.30pm**
Thursday 19 December
- **School Open to all Year Groups**
Wednesday 8 January 2020

Winter Weather

As the winter weather sets in may I remind parents to talk to your children regarding their journey to and from school. Extra care should be taken with icy pavements and crossing the roads. Pupils should also make their way home quickly after school.

In the event of bad weather, and upon receipt of a text from school, please make sure you read the text carefully, as it may say that school is OPEN or CLOSED. Sometimes, we shorten the school day to enable staff and pupils to be safe whilst travelling to and from school, so please do read the text carefully.

The school website will also be updated with open/closed status information and local radio stations will also have the relevant information.

Year 11 Mock 1 Results

Congratulations and well done to the following pupils for excellent results in their mock exams:

Sanjay Banger
Taljinder Banger
Saagar Hans
Ashima Harjiv
Lilian Ofori
Ali Raza
Ashrea Sehjail
Jeitha Tabi
Ritish Thakur

Well done for being attentive, wise and curious.

By Mr John - Assistant Principal



Word of the Week

Tenacious

To be determined in a course of action,
or to hold tightly onto something.

Autumn Jesuit Values

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Full newsletters will be published on:

Thursday 19 December 2019

Friday 31 January 2020

12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.