



Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All

Monthly Newsletter



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

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Prayer

"Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you"
James 4:10

Dear Lord,
Help us at the end of this week to reflect on our achievements small and large. Give us the strength to be honest with ourselves and others about how to be a better person next week.
Saint John Wall
Pray for us.
Amen

Catholic Life Theme:

Journey in the Kingdom Of God

Autumn Jesuit Values:

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Message from Miss Marston Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

What a great start to the new term. Firstly, we are very proud of the success of our Leavers 2019. Yet again, another great set of examination results with the school's provisional progress score being well above national average. This means that pupils made fantastic progress from their starting points in Year 7, with many exceeding their target grades. Thankyou to everybody who helped to ensure that our leavers gained great results and were able to access their planned post-16 courses.

We had two training days at the start of term. Staff learnt about the new emphasis from Ofsted on personal development and the knowledge curriculum. As a catholic school we have always placed great importance on both personal and academic development of our pupils. Our Jesuit values and catholic ethos are embedded throughout the school, and integral to school life and the curriculum. This year's catholic ethos theme is 'Walking in the Kingdom of God'. We are encouraging all our pupils to think about their life journey, where they want to go, how they want to get there & who they want to be in the future. There will be many opportunities for reflection throughout the year. It is important that as a community, we do all we can to support our pupils through their life journey. We specifically want to encourage them to promote our Jesuit & Kingdom Values in order to be the person God is calling them to be.

With personal development in mind, we have launched a new subject into the Year 7 and 8 timetable, called Lifestyle lessons. During lifestyle lessons pupils are taught about life skills, healthy body and healthy mind. Pupils are given the opportunity to try out many different activities such as yoga, cross-stitch, gardening, topical debate and pet care. We hope that they will discover hobbies and activities that they enjoy and build them into their lifestyles for healthier bodies and minds. Pupils also learn about how to manage finances, healthy relationships, crime and democracy so that they are preparing for adult life. Initial feedback from staff and pupils has been positive.

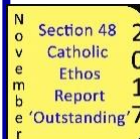
"Lifestyle lessons makes me think about my future and how bright life could be." **By Oliwia Chmielecka 8COL**

"Lifestyle lessons are fun because they help us socialise and plan for the future financially." **By Shaweta Banga 8CON**

"The lessons are fun because we do activities about saving money for the future." **By Gabriel-Iulian Potropascu 8HAR**

"It is fun and it helps us socially." **By Logan Phillips-Robinson 8COL**

Leavers 2019 Results Day





Autumn Jesuit Values: Faith-filled and Hopeful



"We don't usually have a dog in school and it's really fun, it makes us feel happy and relaxed." **By Kiet Nguyen 8HAR**

"Going to the allotments and vegetable tasting was really fun, we learnt a lot." **By Victoria Ufumwen 8HAR**

"The sewing lesson is relaxed and calm, we have learnt many sewing techniques." **By David Pruteanu 8PAR**

"The colouring helps us to de-stress and it is really peaceful." **By Vani Chopra 8HAR**

"Sewing is fun and it helps us to take some time away from our mobile devices." **By Varlin Kaur 8HAB**



We continue to strengthen our academic curriculum delivery with the recruitment of new staff. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Breslin, Mr Janes, Mr Parekh, Mr DuQuesney, Mrs Adams and Miss Reynolds to our Saint John Wall team. Here are their thoughts on their first few weeks with us.



"Hello, I'm Mrs Breslin, Head of Year 8 and teacher of Drama. Since starting in September, I have been blown away by the students at Saint John Wall. They are so enthusiastic and creative. Many laughs have been had in the new Drama Studio already and I can't wait to see how students progress. I'm really looking forward to shaping my year group, to provide them with the best possible chance of becoming the most successful version of themselves. Like St. Catherine of Sienna says, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!". Find your passion, your fire. "

Mrs Breslin – Head of Year 8/Drama Teacher



"I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students at Saint John Wall and providing an outstanding Physical Education provision for all. My objectives along with the PE team are to provide an inclusive curriculum which is accessible for all students. I want students to achieve fantastic grades in PE, developing their passion for the subject and their enthusiasm to live a healthy lifestyle. I would also like our Extra-Curricular provision to be one of the strongest in Birmingham, I want to provide excellent opportunities for students to represent their school and to attend numerous sporting events."

Mr Janes - Lead Teacher of Physical Education



"I am a Cover Supervisor here at Saint John Wall and I am looking forward to finding out more about the pupils within the school. After training to be a teacher in PE I decided that I would take some time to work within different settings to what I am used to. So far Saint John Wall has proven to provide the opportunity to get to know some of the enlightened pupils within school, allowing me to do what I enjoy most and that is teach, even if it isn't PE. I hope to stay here with Saint John Wall and start to become more involved within the PE department and put my specialism to use."

Miss Reynolds – Cover Supervisor



"I hope to inspire children to try and get into sport as a career or bring out qualities such as team work, confidence and communication through sport which can have a positive impact on their lives. I will also hold extra-curricular clubs open to all abilities."

Mr Parekh – PE/Maths Teacher



"I am happy to have returned to Saint John Wall and I am looking forward to being able to get to know the pupils better and how they are in classes. After working in the school reception for a year, it is nice to be able to be more involved with the pupils."

Mr DuQuesney – Cover Supervisor



"Hi I'm Mrs Adams and I really excited to be joining Saint John Wall Catholic School as the SENDCO and Early Intervention Coordinator."

I am looking forward to working with the students here to support and inspire them to not only meet but maybe even exceed their all round potential."

Mrs Adams – SENDCO and Early Intervention Coordinator



Autumn Jesuit Values: Faith-filled and Hopeful

Finally, a big thankyou to Miss Burdick and the new pupil House Captains for re-vitalising our House system. Pupils have been actively participating in Thursday night House sports, leading collective worship, encouraging form entries to House competitions and collecting cakes for the MacMillan coffee morning. The MacMillan Coffee Morning raised £171.50. We will be including Gift Aid so the total donated will increase to £215.00. Special thanks to pupils and parents who made cakes for sale.



You can read more about the range of activities and events that have taken place during September throughout the rest of this newsletter.

Have a good weekend

Miss Marston - Headteacher

Why not visit . . .

There are many places in the local area which are linked to our curriculum, some of which are free to visit. Take a look at the ideas below:

1. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is free to visit. It has a stained glass collection, religious paintings and artefacts from the Holy Land.
2. Lapworth Museum of Geology is free to visit. It is located on the University of Birmingham's campus in Edgbaston. A visit here will support pupils with an understanding of rocks and soils, a topic covered in year 8 Geography.
3. The Back to Back Houses are in the centre of Birmingham. A visit here will support pupils in developing an understanding of what life was like for ordinary working people in the 19th century. This links well to the current topic year 8's are studying in History- The Industrial Revolution.
4. The Thinktank (Birmingham Science Museum) is £3 per person after 3pm during term time. Friday 25 October is a teacher training day at our school, so this may be a good day to visit.

By Miss Guest - Associate Assistant Principal

Uniform

It was wonderful to see so many smart and well turned out pupils - you all look brilliant!!

Thank you all for the effort you have put in to finding correct uniform that meets our uniform policy.

Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment for school as form teachers will be checking every day.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Mrs Crooks

Assistant Principal for Personal development, behaviour, attitude and safety

Social Media

Social Media is a constant cause of concern for the Heads of Year at school - they are repeatedly dealing with unpleasant behaviour and online nastiness between pupils as a result of comments made on different sites. Can parents please remember that there are age restrictions in place for these sites and that outside of school hours it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is using the internet appropriately. On Facebook the minimum age requirement is a hard and fast 13. It's the same age on Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat and Secret, too. The minimum age on LinkedIn is 14. On WhatsApp it's 16, and on Vine it's 17. Some platforms, such as YouTube, WeChat and Kik, have a minimum age required of 18, although children aged 13-17 can sign up with parent's permission.

This is a plea to pupils and parents alike - please can we ensure we all remember the message that all of us were taught right at the start of Primary School - how to cross the road in a safe and sensible manner.

Although we already have staff on duty at the end of the road, they should not have to remind pupils not to run out in front of cars! Please ensure you look both ways, and only when the road is clear, cross in a direct line from one side to the other, walking briskly. You should not be wearing headphones (which are banned from school anyway!) whilst crossing a road. Take care of yourselves.

I know Mr Collier is leading collective worship on this topic next week!

Mrs Crooks

Assistant Principal for Personal development, behaviour, attitude and safety

Monthly Attendance

**Our Top
Form Groups**

7OWE = 97.35%

8HAB = 96.6%

9FOR = 97.4%

10HUL = 97.8%

11RAH = 98.5%

**Well done for your excellent
attendance!**



Stars of the Month

English

Laaiba Akhtar 7WIO

Emmanuel Ifeosame 7OWE

for an excellent start to SJW English, very engaged and hard working.

Piotr Zapolny 10TOW - for hard work and thinking outside the box with his interpretations.

Ruth Mumba 11PRI

Simran Sohna 11RAH

Nahom Andemariam 11RAH

Declan Mulvenna 11FLI

Guruleen Hundal 11FLI

David Alexandru 11RAH

for brilliant speaking & listening performances which were a joy to listen to.

By Miss Lake

Talullah Wagenfuhrer 10DOL - for consistently producing high levels of work.

Maria Caridad 8HAB - for always being enthusiastic in class.

By Miss Jones

Sara Akhtar 10TOW and Iqra Begum 10DOL - for outstanding Speaking and Listening performances in English. Well done girls, you have set a high standard for the rest of the class!

Noe Maleyombo 8CON - for consistently working hard to improve his English and showing a determined attitude. You are making excellent progress!

By Ms Flinn

Humanities

Shantae Campbell 9FOR - for being active and curious by completing work to an excellent standard and always offering verbal contributions. What an excellent start to GCSE History.

Donat Yonas 10PAW - for being learned and wise by completing examination homework to an excellent standard.

Shiv Patel 9PIC - for being active and curious by completing work to an excellent standard and always offering verbal contributions. What an excellent start to GCSE History.

By Miss Guest

Linh Hoang 9FOD - for being eloquent and truthful by making a fantastic and positive start to GCSE History.

Abraham White 9PIC - for being attentive and discerning by approaching his GCSE History studies with maturity.

Reakwon Maguta 9WOO - for being active and curious by asking some interesting questions in lesson.

By Miss Lally

Grace Ihaza 9WOO - for her unrivalled enthusiasm to improving her language skills. Faith-filled and hopeful.

Pawandeep Taal 11FLI - for his huge turnaround in focus and attitude this year in Italian. Learned and Wise.

Azhan Faisal 7HUS - for his consistent positive participation in Spanish lessons. Active and Curious.

By Mr Pickering

Regina Mukuangu 9BRO, Simran Kaur 9WOO, Subeer Madar 9WOO - for being learned and wise in their excellent starts to GCSE Geography.

By Mr Woodward

Ivie Imadonmwinyi 8COL - excellent work in her History lessons.

Daniel McDonough 8COL - excellent work in his History lessons.

Abid Ali 8CON - excellent work in his History lessons.

Samiya Muhumed 8HAR - excellent work in her History lessons.

All learned and wise

By Mr John

Danita Titah 11RAH and Alexandra Feraru 11PRI – for being faith-filled and hopeful as they take on the increased challenge of higher tier language.

Franklin Medukam 9FOD – a positive start to GCSE French – learned and wise.

By Miss Wallace



Catholic Life

The Pope's Intention for September

Oceans contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, and also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them are threatened for various reasons.

Creation is a project of love given by God to humanity.

Our solidarity with the "common home" is born from our faith.

Let us pray this month that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26



Pope Francis on Twitter

Try to keep quiet a moment and let God love you. Try to silence all the inner voices, and rest for a second in his loving embrace.



How to be faith-filled and hopeful...

Have faith in yourself when using your God given gifts, stepping out of the darkness, to bring light and hope into the world.



Saint of the Month

"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them."
— St. Vincent de Paul

Well-being

Are you getting enough sleep? Now that we are back to school we all should strive to get 8 hours quality sleep a night.

Welcome Mass

On Thursday 5 September pupils and staff from Year 8-11 joined together to celebrate Mass to begin our new school year. Over the coming months we as a school will be on a special journey as we 'Walk in the Kingdom of God' becoming more aware of ourselves, of our families, and the needs of those in the wider world. Pupils and staff will be guided to reflect upon their journey of faith and how the Kingdom of God is alive in each of us. Thank you to all those who read on the day, to Fr David Newall for celebrating with us, and a special thank you to **Nancy Ovbije 10DOL** for her beautiful rendition of 'Oceans'. Year 7 will celebrate their own Welcome Mass in November.



Class Mass

Over the last month several Year 9 classes have celebrated mass with Fr David our Priest Chaplain. Fr David has been talking to pupils about the readings in mass and Gospel messages. Well done to all those in Year 9 who have celebrated mass for your respect and reverence.

By Mrs Ellis

Kingswood Residential

Over the weekend, two Saint John Wall pupils, **Hardi Pembele 8HAB** and **Mohammed Ehsan 10DOL** were junior leaders at Kingswood Residential. During the weekend they helped to supervise children aged between 7 to 9 from multiple primary schools, as they took part in various indoor and outdoor activities such as; zipwire, rock climbing and caving. From the get go, our pupils' leadership skills came out. They helped myself and numerous other teachers and activity leaders in organising the pupils, helping to ensure they were safe in their activities, but also overcoming their fears of certain activities. All of the children involved in the trip had an amazing weekend. And for our pupils, should they ever be placed in a situation where they are required to step up and become leaders, they have already proven they have the qualities it takes.

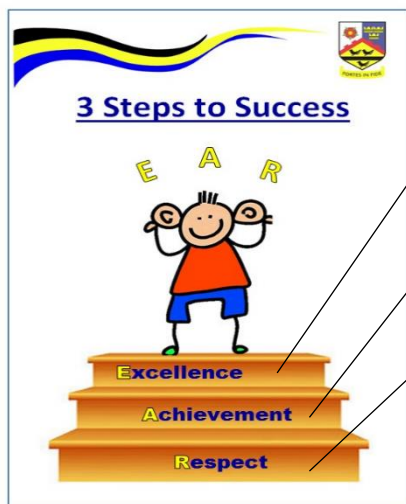
By Mr Du'Quesnay



Saints League

By Mrs Crooks

There are 3 areas of focus:



Attendance

Achievement

Behaviour

If you were awarded Gold, last year you:

- **consistently** made the right choices.
- were **consistently** punctual and present.
- **consistently** showed respect to those around you, even when their views differed to yours.

You embody the Jesuit Values. Keep this up!

If you were awarded Silver, last year you:

- **regularly** made good choices.
- were **regularly** punctual and present.
- **regularly** showed respect to those around you, even when their views differed to yours.

Become consistent in your good work!

If you were awarded Bronze, last year you:

- **frequently** made the right choices.
- were **frequently** punctual and present.
- **frequently** showed respect to those around you, even when their views differed to yours.

Aim to regularly demonstrate these qualities.

If you were awarded Blue, last year you:

- **did not always** made the right choices.
- were **not always** punctual and present.
- **did not always** show respect to those around you

This is a new year, you are already improving.
It will only get better from here!

The Saints League has been in effect since last academic year. Pupils are working towards being a GOLD saint.

Year 7's Saint is St Joseph

Year 8's Saint is St Peter

Year 9's Saint is St Bernadette

Year 10's Saint is St Catherine of Sienna

Super Saint Check List



Gold (Outstanding: 4 points)

Excellence:

I **consistently** demonstrate independence, resilience and perseverance

I **fully involved** in all opportunities in school

I **regularly** make right choices by being a positive example

I am **reliable** by being on time to lessons/present every day (attentive and discerning)

I am **proud** to wear my uniform correctly

Achievement:

I **fully engage** in learning without fail

I am **consistently** completing work to the best of my ability

I am eloquent and truthful

I am **always striving** to earn house point

I make **positive contributions**

Respect:

I **daily** respect staff and peers

I **consistently** respect the views and opinions of others

I **always consider** my words and actions

I **go out of my way** to respect the environment

Silver (Good: 3 points)

Excellence:

I **regularly demonstrate** independence, resilience and perseverance

I get involved in **many opportunities** in school

I **often make right choices** by being a positive example

I am **usually on time** to lessons

I make **every effort** to wear my uniform correctly

Achievement:

I **engage** with the learning in my lessons

I **regularly complete** work to the best of my ability

I am able to **demonstrate** that I am eloquent and truthful

I am **motivated** to earn house points

I make **constructive contributions** to my lessons and school life

Respect:

I **regularly** respect staff and peers

I **aim** to respect the views and opinions of other

I **consider** my words and actions

I am **able** to work with peers on respect for the environment

Bronze (Satisfactory: 2 points)

Excellence:

I am **working on** being able to demonstrate independence, resilience and perseverance

I **sometimes get involved** in many opportunities

I **can** make right choices by being a positive example

I am **normally** on time to lessons/present every day

I **usually** make an effort to wear my uniform correctly

Achievement:

I **usually** engage with the learning in my lessons

I **complete** work and key tasks to the best of my ability

I make **some** contributions to my lessons

Respect:

I **inconsistently** respect staff and peers

I **need** to respect the views and opinions of others

I am **usually** able to work with peers on respect for the environment

Blue (Requires Improvement: 1 point)

Unfortunately, you have not met the criteria for a Gold, Silver or Bronze Saint.



Head of Year

YEAR 7

Mrs Ellis

Our new Year 7 pupils have settled well into school life at Saint John Wall, managing the many classroom changes, lessons, making friends and understanding the importance of our three steps to success, 'Excellence, Achievement and Respect.'

There are a few things that I would like to draw your attention to that will ensure every pupil continues to transition well over the coming weeks:

Be on time for school every day. Ensure you have the correct equipment (School bag, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, PE Kit, Revision Booklets).

Have the correct uniform (Trainers/Trainer like shoes are not allowed in school) Talk to your Form Tutors over any concerns.

Year 7 have had a lot of support during the transition process, including prolonged lunch breaks, a separate transition timetable during week 1 and the opportunity to work with 'Talk the Talk' on public speaking and group work along with their initial 2 day induction in July.

Well done Year 7 with all your hard work so far. Keep it up!



★ Year 7 BBC News School Report 2019-2020 ★

Would you like to:

- Learn journalistic skills?
- Script & film news stories?
- See your completed news report video on the BBC website with a potential audience of millions from around the world?



- 1) Write a letter stating why you should be picked to take part in this project.
- 2) Remember to include your full name and form.
- 3) Letters to be handed to Mr Mull in the Library by Friday 4 October 2019.



There are only 8 places available!
See Mr Mull for more information!



Attendance Matters

Form Groups

7OWE = 97.5%

7JON = 96.9%

7HUS = 96.6%

7WIO = 96.6%

7JOS = 96.5%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +

Year 7 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 24 October 2019

1pm – 4pm



YEAR 8

Mrs Breslin

Firstly, I would like to thank all of my Year 8 students for being so welcoming and kind to me since I started in September. I have been very impressed with how smart most of you are and how creative and personable I have found you to be. I have really enjoyed getting to know you and look forward to seeing you achieve the very best you can. It is my wish for you, that when you leave Saint John Wall, you feel that you have taken advantage of every opportunity open to you, to develop your social and academic skills.

Congratulations to all of you who have taken part in House Football so far, I have felt like a proud Mum on the sidelines watching you and sharing in your joy. I would love to see more of you out playing or supporting on a Thursday after school. It is a fantastic atmosphere.

A gentle reminder to ensure that you bring the correct equipment everyday, including your reading book. Albert Einstein once said, 'If you want your child to be intelligent, read them fairy tales'. I would also like to remind you of my expectations of you in lessons and during social time. Be respectful. Be Kind. Try your best at all times. If you can do these three things, you will no doubt achieve.

Take some time for yourself everyday to reflect on what is good and positive in your life. Perhaps start a gratitude journal where you write down one or two things that you are thankful for that day. This can be as simple as a home cooked dinner, a chat with a friend or a nice hot bath.

Saints League
Number of badges awarded last year:

Gold 21
Silver 32
Bronze 62

Attendance Matters

Form Groups

8HAR = 96.4%

8HAB = 96.3%

8CON = 95.9%

8PAR = 95.7%

8COL = 91.7%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +

YEAR 9

Miss Moyo

Hello Year 9, what a brilliant start back to the term. You have shared with your teachers and each other, your holiday adventures. Some of you went abroad, some of you stayed here, in Birmingham and now we are all back to school.

Already you have begun to display new-found maturity; you look smart and you are equipped and ready to learn. The feedback from your class teachers has been overwhelmingly positive so far. You are making an effort to turn up to lessons on time, to ask questions when you need help and to support younger students in need at break-times and during lesson changeover.

Do not slip back into bad habits! Those of you who had a rocky year last year have been given a fresh opportunity to turn things around.

A scripture to thank God for our safe return to school after the holidays:

Psalm 91 verses 1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Saints League
Number of badges awarded last year:

Gold 30
Silver 42
Bronze 32

Attendance Matters

Form Groups

9FOR = 97.6%

9PIC = 96.1%

9FOD = 93.1%

9WOO = 92.5%

9BRO = 86.7%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +



YEAR 10

Mrs Chand

A big welcome back Year 10, I hope you have all had a fabulous summer break. It was lovely to see so many of you back looking smart in your uniform ready for the new year ahead. I have been very impressed with the behaviour Year 10s have been displaying not only in the classroom but also around our school.

Year 10 have recently received their examination homework booklets and I hope that they have been using their time effectively in preparation for their assessment week beginning 7th October. There will also be a chance to meet and discuss your child's results on Parents' afternoon on 24th October and it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Just a reminder to parents that students are only allowed one pair of stud earrings as we are seeing some students wearing more than a pair of earrings.

As the weather is getting colder students need to remember to wear outdoor coats to school and that hoodies and baseball caps are banned. Please refer to our uniform policy on our website if there are any issues.

Well done Year 10 keep up the great start to the year and I hope this continues.

As always stay safe and look after each other.

Year 10 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 24 October 2019

1pm – 4pm

Saints League
Number of badges awarded
last year:

Gold 25
Silver 40
Bronze 40

Attendance Matters

Form Groups

10HUL = 97.7%

10JAN = 97.7%

10DOL = 97.2%

10TOW = 96.7%

10PAW = 96.2%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +

YEAR 11

Miss Lally

Welcome back Year 11! I hope you had a restful Summer break and are ready for the most important year in your time here at Saint John Wall Catholic School. In nine short months you will take your GCSE examinations. Your attitude needs to be right from the very start of the year.

Mock exam week one will commence 6th November to 13th November. By now pupils will have started receiving their examination homework and should start planning their time constructively in preparation.

There are still some issues within the year group regarding punctuality. As I said in our first collective worship together, you are role models for the whole school now and must lead by example. Strolling in late with younger students will give them the impression it is acceptable and it is not.

A text will be sent home for every day that you are late, and letters will be sent for persistent late comers to invite parents in for a meeting. If you turn up for your GCSE exams late in the summer, you will risk not being permitted entry into the gym and receiving 0 marks for your exam.

I am optimistic and enthusiastic about the forthcoming year and what we can achieve as individuals, a year group and as a school.

Sixth Form/Colleges' Open Events

- **Cadbury Sixth Form College**
Saturday 5 October 10am-3pm
- **Sandwell College -**
Saturday 5 October 2019, 11am – 3pm

Central Campus, 1 Spon Lane, West Bromwich, B70 6AW for all college courses and apprenticeships

Central Sixth Campus, New Square, West Bromwich B70 7PG for A Levels and Young Professionals Academy Diplomas

- **Holyhead Sixth Form**
Thursday 17 October 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **Hamstead Hall Sixth Form**
Thursday 17 October 6pm - 8pm
- **Solihull Sixth Form**
Saturday 19 October 9.30am – 3.30pm
- **Joseph Chamberlain College**
Saturday 19 October - 10am-2pm
- **UCB Sixth Form Open Evening**
Thursday 7 November 2019

- **Central Sixth Campus**, New Square, West Bromwich B70 7PG for A Levels and Young Professionals Academy Diplomas
Thursday 7th November 2019 4pm – 7pm

Saints League
Number of badges awarded
last year:

Gold 14
Silver 33
Bronze 28

Attendance Matters

Form Groups

11RAH = 98.6%

11SIM = 97.4%

11PRI = 97.1%

11FLI = 96.3%

11WIN = 94.8%

Well done for your excellent attendance @96% +

Black Country Living Museum Trip By Miss Guest

On Tuesday 24 September, 27 Year 8 pupils went on a trip to the Black Country Living Museum with Mr Timmins and Miss Guest. The aim of the trip was for pupils to experience what life was like for people living in the Black Country during the Industrial Revolution (our current topic in History). The groups were taken around the museum by guides who told many true stories about the daily lives and work of the people who lived during the Industrial Revolution. Pupils learnt about what it was like to shop, cook, eat, live and work during this time. Pupils were also treated to a traditional 1912 school lesson and went down a drift mine where they learnt about the dangerous and unhealthy conditions in mines.

Here are some comments from the pupils:

"I liked the school and the cinema because the movie was funny."

By Dominik Ostrowski 8HAR

"My favourite part of the trip was the mine because it was dark and exciting."

By Aundre Ramgolam-Singh 8COL

"I enjoyed the tip because I learnt a lot about the Black Country and the food was amazing."

By Theo Shelley 8COL

"I enjoyed the mine and I got to experience how people felt when working down the mine."

By Rajan Shoker 8COL

"I really enjoyed going in the mine and I learned that making chain was very dangerous."

By Dylan Masih 8COL

"I enjoyed everything and I learnt more about how dangerous working in a mine was."

By Te'Airey-Zidane Stennett 8HAR





Year 11 Trip Achieve Conference at University of Birmingham

"The trip provided me with effective revision tips and helped me plan out my own revision, especially with my mock exams coming up. I really enjoyed seeing a University campus and it made me think about whether I would like to go to University. It was really interesting to see the science behind revision."

By Saagar Hans 11RAH

"The conference was very informative. It gave me useful ideas and tips on ways how to revise. Also, we saw a student who has reformed their attitude and academic in the space of 1 year which shows how many people in Year 11 can also achieve their target grade or higher."

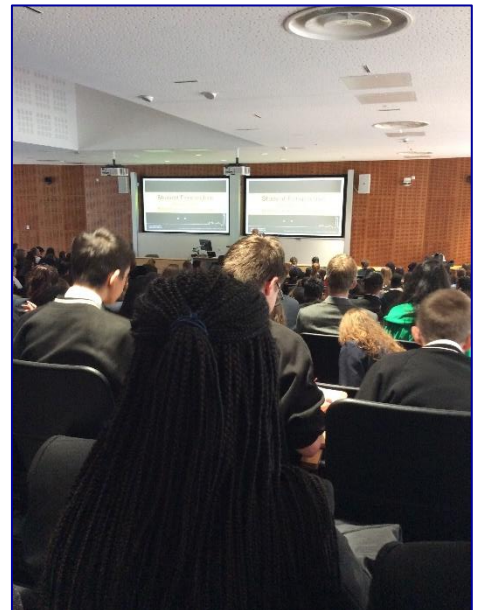
By Ali Raza 11RAH

"The trip provided an insightful look into how University would be. We also received a lot of advice on how to formulate our revision timetable and how to revise effectively. We participated in interactive activities that advanced our knowledge of how the brain works."

By Joyce Nkiambi 11PRI

"I really enjoyed seeing a University campus. This provided me with an insight into student life. Some of the stuff I heard gave me the motivation to work harder and some tips on how best to revise."

By Kamari Foster 11SIM



Departmental News

Performing Arts – Drama

By Mrs Breslin

Drama has been a huge hit with all year groups. In Year 7 students are developing characterisation skills through the stimulus of gang and knife crime. Year 8 are studying and performing sections from the much loved musical *Blood Brothers*. Year 9 are starting their coursework based on the play *the Crucible* and Year 10 and 11 are beginning the process of choosing extracts to perform for their first performance examination in December. All students have been able to watch a live streamings of the play they are studying in their lessons, which they have loved. There are so many very talented actors and directors at Saint John Wall.

"Drama is fun because you get to express your feelings. I like it because I like talking and using different props and playing different characters. I also like Drama because I like putting on different voices and I get to enjoy the time with my friends. Its good because we have to help each other out and put all of our ideas into one to make a performance."

By Yanis Nchang 7JON

"My first experience of Drama so far has been exceptionally good! I watched 3 specific plays during my Drama class, and they were; The Crucible, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time and Metamorphosis! These plays were very physical, and it felt like they included the audience to experience the atmosphere. Even though Drama is a new subject/option, many students love it and some even regret not choosing it, lucky me! I feel like Drama will help me pass my GCSEs, on my CV and qualifications Drama will benefit my future. I am extremely proud and happy to be in all my Drama classes and I hope I get a distinction!"

By Izaiah Shakes 9FOD





Departmental News

House Games Autumn Term 1 Fixtures - Football

By Miss Burdick

Thursday 19 September 2019

Gandhi 7 vs Luther King 1

Mandela 6 vs Pankhurst 2

Thursday 26 September 2019

John Paul 1 vs Luther King 2

Mandela 2 vs Gandhi 3

Thursday 3 October 2019

Pankhurst vs John Paul

Luther King vs Gandhi

Thursday 10 October 2019

Mandela vs Pankhurst

John Paul vs Gandhi

Thursday 17 October 2019

Luther King vs Pankhurst

Mandela vs John Paul

Extra-Curricular Timetable – PE

By Mr Janes

	Before School 7.30am – 8.30am	Lunch 1.20pm – 1.50pm	After School 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday		GCSE & BTEC Sport Intervention Mr Janes/ Miss Burdick/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh	Football (All years) Hilltop Mr Janes/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh
Tuesday	Basketball (All Years) Gym Mr Janes	GCSE & BTEC Sport Intervention Mr Janes/ Miss Burdick/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh	
Wednesday		GCSE & BTEC Sport Intervention Mr Janes/ Miss Burdick/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh	Netball (All Years) - Courts Miss Burdick/ Mr Janes Basketball (Year 7 & 8) Gym Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh
Thursday		GCSE & BTEC Sport Intervention Mr Janes/ Miss Burdick/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh	House Games - Courts Miss Burdick/ Miss Reynolds Basketball (Year 9/10/11) – Gym Mr Janes
Friday			GCSE & BTEC Sport Intervention Mr Janes/ Mr Owen/ Mr Parekh



House News

"As a John Paul House Captain, I prioritise our house system and therefore seek ways in which it can be improved; as house captains we will do all that is in our power, to rectify any issues that students propose. As a team, me and Taliah will bring enthusiasm to events such as the house games and maximise our efforts in bringing our house together. We are both equally as excited for the part we play in our house system and thoroughly look forward to opportunities that this role has to offer. As for now, we have the responsibility, along with Miss Burdick, to engage other pupils in events such as the house games, hosted on Thursdays, which will create a friendly competitiveness among students. This will broaden the idea of house competitions and as house captains, we are determined to strive for success."

By Esha Kumari 10PAW and Taliah McDonald 10PAW – John Paul

"We Fritz, Merveille and Kabanza are the house representatives (House Captains) of Gandhi house! I Kabanza want to be a House Captain because I am a good leader, who listens to more than one view, I am kind and generous, I am helpful towards others and most importantly I am funny and a very approachable person. I am an academic captain, so I'll be helping run maths quizzes and spelling bees etc. Those are all the reasons I thought I was very compatible for the job of house captain. For the amazing house of Gandhi, I hope to bring Trophies, love and support to everyone (not just in Gandhi)."

By Kabanza Simamba 10TOW, Merveille Diansambu 10TOW and Fritz Bayong 10TOW - Gandhi

"Hey King House!"

Its Mishael and Shantae the House Captains for the best house...KING.

We love sports, the feeling of being active, it's absolutely amazing and we would love to share the same feeling with you. Our goal as House Captains is to encourage as many people as possible to participate in sports. Sports is important for it helps with stress and helps to make friends. We're very grateful for the opportunity to be house captains and we look forward to being role models to our peers. We hope that we can encourage as many people to turn up to house games on a Thursday evening as we would love to meet new people within our house and get everyone involved.

Interesting fact about Shantae is that she's weirdly double jointed and me Mishael I'm just a good dancer.

The Luther King lion may have been sleeping last year, but this year we want to hear it ROAR!"

By Shantae Mendy 10HUL and Mishael Madubuko 10HUL – Luther King

"Hey Mandela House, we would just like to introduce ourselves. Ehsan, Nancy and Saksham are your new House Captains for this academic year. We are committed to ensure that everyone in Mandela house can strive to become the best house so that we can win this year's house competitions. As the House Captains for Mandela house, we come up with ideas of house competitions such as spelling bees, fundraising and football events. On Thursdays, there are house fixtures between all of the houses where one house will play against another. Miss Burdick will update the house board after every game and send out an email to staff. Everyone is welcomed to play and they will receive points for their house for participating and supporting. If football is not for you, we also have academic competitions during the term which could be designing the house emblem, spelling bee, ninja maths or taking part in a debate. You can also increase the amount of points for the house as a whole by receiving positives. These can be obtained by doing little things by excelling in lessons, attending extra-curriculum clubs or doing your homework. If you have any concerns or ideas, please find us. We hope you have a lovely month."

By Ehsan Mohammed 10DOL, Nancy Ovbije 10DOL and Saksham Dadhwal 10DOL - Mandela

"The Pankhurst House Captains are Callum, Fanus and Uma. We became House Captains to not only voice our ideas about school society, but to also voice the other pupils' ideas. We are not here to make decisions on your behalf but for you to give us the decisions to act upon. We also became House Captains because we care about the school community; the house we represent and the pupils in it. We are here for you to talk to use about what you would want in school or what you would like to see for your house in the future, you can talk to us. We are all incredibly grateful for the opportunity that Miss Burdick has given us and we hope to do Pankhurst house proud."

By Callum Khan 10JAN, Fanus Yowhannes 10JAN and Uma Umakaltuun 10JAN - Pankhurst





House Points

King House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7JOS	Sebastian Paul	39
8CON	Beatrice Tofei	23
	Tyreike Bailey	23
9PIC	Alexandra Tatomir	18
	Mariam Rahman	18
	Kosi Nwananochi	18
10HUL	Sandor Balogh	29

Mandela House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7HUS	Jakub Borawski	44
8PAR	Naomi Nkiambi	24
9BRO	Adnan Tariq	25
10DOL	Jawarie Williams	25

Gandhi House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7WIO	Dhiraj Ram	32
8HAR	Mariama Diallo	20
	Connie Grant	20
9WOO	Simran Kaur	19
10TOW	Vanesa Brenkacova	18

Pankhurst House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7JON	Shaneka Carter	33
8HAB	Alisha Shafiq	19
9FOR	Kaval Naan Singh	42
10JAN	Sanya Khurram	26

John Paul House

Form	Name	Points Awarded this Month
7OWE	Fabrice King	37
8COL	Tre-Von Davidson-Harris	22
	Dena Forrester	22
9FOD	Roi Mahey	47
10PAW	Jacob Brown	27

Leaderboard

Mandela 1657

Pankhurst 1578

Gandhi 1496

Luther King 1482

John Paul 1465



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

'COUNTY LINES' EXPLOITATION

It is likely you have heard the term 'County Lines' used in the news recently. This is a growing form of criminal activity that exists nationally, regionally across the West Midlands and here in Birmingham.

County Lines is a term used to describe how gangs and organised criminal networks export illegal drugs into other (mainly rural) areas by exploiting children and vulnerable adults, often without them realising it. Gang members may use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to do this. We are clear that this is child exploitation.

WARNING SIGNS

We want to support parents and carers to keep children safe; listed below are some warning signs of 'County Lines' exploitation for you to look out for. Often, these are behavioural changes such as:

- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Being found in areas away from home
- Increasing drug use, or being found to have large amounts of drugs on them
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going
- Unexplained absences from school, college, training or work
- Unexplained money, phone(s), clothes or jewellery
- Increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Coming home with injuries or looking particularly dishevelled
- Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places.

Birmingham schools are working together with West Midlands Police and partners, including The Children's Society, to prevent and spot signs of exploitation at the earliest opportunity. We're keen that parents are also aware of 'County Lines', know where to ask for more support if they are worried and know that you will be listened to and supported.

If you have any concerns about your child, speak to them calmly and explain the risks and consequences. You may wish to contact a member of the Pastoral Team at school if you feel you need support or believe your child is at risk. We can talk through your concerns and plan a way forward together.

If you or your child are aware that other young people in school or the community are at risk of 'County Lines' or any criminal exploitation, you should contact the police directly via 101. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

There are some links overleaf that you may find useful for more information.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines> (on The Children's Society's website there are also guides for parents available in 14 different languages).

<https://www.fearless.org/professionals/resources/gangs>

<https://www.youandco.org.uk/crime-info/violent-crime-facts/gangs-and-street-violence>

<https://www.spurgeons.org/>

Yours sincerely

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