## Saint John Wall Catholic School A Catholic School For All



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



Date: Thursday 1 April 2021

#### **Catholic Life - Termly theme: Hope**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you. Remind us each day to show compassion and love to all people. No matter our religion or background, help us all follow your example of treating others as we want to be treated. Amen

## **Chair of Governors Message**

#### 'Nobody knows the way it's gonna be'

Thanks to a current TV advert these words from Oasis have become very familiar to us. As we pass the first anniversary of the Covid restrictions I can't help but think how prophetic these proved to be. Whether it be family-life, working, shopping or travelling much has changed since last March. Doubtless many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one. They and their families remain in our prayers.

Education too has been affected. Saint John Wall like all schools has experienced enforced closures followed by partial and then full re-openings. As governors only on rare occasions have we been able to actually visit the school. The huge development in the use of technology, however, has been one of the few silver linings in the dark cloud Covid has cast over us.

Thanks to email, texts, phone-calls and virtual meetings I have been able to keep in regular contact with Miss Marston. She has kept me informed of important matters such as the well-being of pupils and staff, necessary risk assessments and the introduction of remote learning. At a meeting last week of the full governing body Miss Marston gave a comprehensive review of what has been carried out particularly over the past term. The governors expressed their thanks and appreciation for what she, the teachers and all the support staff have done to enable pupils to be cared for and their learning maintained both in and out of school.

Miss Marston was also keen to report how you as parents have played your part. She praised the interest you show in the school, the support for your children and the encouragement you continue to give the staff. It may be a cliché but it is certainly true that we are all in this together.

At a meeting of the site staff earlier this week I learned of the improvements to the building planned for the Easter holidays. Roof repairs, the laying of classroom flooring and the arrival of new desks are only some of works to be carried out. I'm sure the pupils will benefit from all the changes when they return.

I've mentioned before what a valuable window into the world of Saint John Wall the school website is. It has always been informative but now having been revamped it is even easier to find whatever you may be looking for. To be updated of the events and goings-on at school do please keep using it.

We look back with sadness at the misery the pandemic has caused. This being Holy Week, however, coinciding as it does with the better weather and lighter evenings, we have cause for optimism. The Easter message is one of hope and so perhaps at long last the awful circumstances we've had to endure over the past twelve months will begin to diminish. So, until the next time do take care and have a peaceful Easter. I'll end with this prayer:

Risen Lord, shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope. May your love be shared amongst us and so teach us to help and care for each other.

Amen Saint John Wall, pray for us

By Martin Jones, Chair of Governors



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## Headteacher's Message

Goodbye and good luck to Mr Collier who leaves us today to work closer to home. Thankyou to Mr Collier for his work with our pupils in Business, Film, iMedia and ICT.

#### **By Miss Marston**

## Message from the UK Government

# Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Please pass on this message to all of your staff, students and parents:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results <u>online</u> as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

#### By the UK Government

## **Catholic Life**



"I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you" John 13:15

This week as a Catholic community, we focused on Holy Week. This is the final week of Lent and final week of Jesus' life. It is one of the most important weeks of the liturgical calendar.

On Monday, we discussed Palm Sunday in form time. This day focuses on Jesus' triumphant entry on a donkey into Jerusalem. Crowds of townspeople were waiting for him, they threw clothes and palms, in front of him as a sign of respect. This was normal practice for people of great power (e.g. Kings). The people shouted "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" as he entered the city.

Each form group receieved a palm cross, blessed in one of our local parishes. This cross was used in form time to show the importance of Palm Sunday. Each form displayed their palm cross proudly on their prayer board.

During formtime on Wednesday, the Values@SJW PowerPoint focused on 'Spy Wednesday'. This is the day where Judas arranged his betrayal of Jesus with the chief priests; he was a spy among the disciples of Jesus. We discussed the idea of loyalty and betrayal and how important Judas' role was in Jesus' death.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus celebrated his last supper with his friends. After the meal, he also washed their feet. This may sound strange but he did it to shwo them how to serve others. By doing this, Jesus was encouraging the disciples to continue his work on earth after his death.

We ended our term on Maundy Thursday with a service. This service was put together by pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9. A huge thank you to Miss Cummings, Mrs Ellis & the following pupils for putting this service together for us:

Andrea Zajacova Connie Grant Tahseen Khanom Malkia Reid Kameron Chem Tayjuan Seivwright Ivie Imadonmwinyi Teniola Adekunte-Olayiwola Sonia Sandhu Dhiraj Ram Khadija Ceesay

In previous years, we have looked at Jesus' final moments through the eyes of Mary. This year in our service, we saw the last week of Jesus' life through his eyes. Each scene matched a piece of scripture to help us think about what Jesus went through and why. We then were given the opportunity to reflect on the thoughts of Jesus in his final hours here on earth and the hope that he has for mankind.

#### **Mass during Easter**

Many churches are opened for social distanced masses and private prayer over the Easter period. These churches follow strict health and safety rules- including wearing of masks at all times. If you would like more information on your local Catholic church please email <u>tprice@sjw.bham.sch.uk</u>.

There is the option to watch worship online through the link below. This will allow you to watch from home live as masses and services take place. Visit <u>https://www.mcnmedia.tv/</u> for more details.

Have a safe & holy Easter- take care!

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## Year 10 Catering – Miss Bibi

Well done to the Year 10 Catering pupils who have made chocolate chip muffins and chicken curry.





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Year 9 Catering – Miss Bibi

Year 9 Catering had fun this term being creative learning how to make a pizza from scratch. They learned techniques such as kneading and choosing toppings of their own choice - can you tell pepperoni is a firm favourite. Well done!









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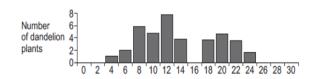
## Year 8 Ecosystem - Sampling method

By Mrs Habibullah

As part of Year 8 KS3 Science Ecosystem topic, 8X1 carried out field work on the Year 9 playground to investigate distribution of plants. They used Quadrats - a sampling method to investigate plant distribution.



- They only work for immobile/slow moving populations.
- The more data you collect, the more reproducible your result...the more samples the better!
- Quadrats are placed randomly to avoid bias.



30 meters of a section across the Year 9 field was studied and the above bar chart shows pupils' results.

#### Here's what our pupils had to say about the experience:

"The experience was great. We had a lot of fun. We investigated different environments within the school."

#### By Darren Omali - Okonkwo 8RAT

"The experience was great, it was so fascinating to do real field work. It was so fun in our groups using new scientific tools (of course wearing face masks). Using the tools was fun as we were trying new things and learning how to use the tools."

#### By Rohit Din 8JAN

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"The experience was a once in a lifetime experience, it was very fun, and I enjoyed it a lot."

#### By Emmanuel Ifeosame 8JAN

"It was fun outside; we measured the light and the wind with scientific equipment."

#### By Laaiba Akhtar 8WIO

"A small experience learning how scientists work to find out the population of organisms. It was fun!"

#### By Dhiraj Ram 8WIO

"I think we did a nice experiment on Thursday. It was fascinating to see what we could find and discover what was there."

#### By Asthon Noussi 8RAT





## Remote Learning Masterclass Timetable (Summer Term 3)

After School Masterclass 3.00 – 3.40pm on site Evening Teams Masterclass 5:00 - 5:40pm/Saturday morning Masterclass 11:00am -11: 40am

Term 3	w/c	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday Assessment week
April	26-Apr		Year 7 Evening ENGLISH Masterclass Miss Jones	Year 8 After school Enrichment Masterclass All Bucket 3 Subject Teachers	Year 9 After school Music Masterclass Mrs Crooks	
ΜΑΥ	03-May	Year 11 SEND Intervention Evening Masterclass Mrs Chand	Year 9 After School Music Masterclass Mrs Crooks		Year 7 After School ART Masterclass Mrs Brooks	
	10-May		Year 7 Evening French Masterclass Miss Gosselin	Year 10 Evening ENGLISH Masterclass Miss Flinn	YEAR 9 Evening RE Masterclass Mr Brooks	
				Year 7 After School Computing Masterclass Mr Esmaili		
	17-May		Year 10 Evening Spanish Masterclass Mr Rosellon	Year 7 After School Wellbeing & LifeStyle Masterclass Mrs Ellis	SEND Intervention After School (Mixed year group) Mrs Kaur	
	31-May	Half Term				
June	07-Jun	Year 8 Evening RE Masterclass Mrs Harms		Year 10 Evening RE Masterclass Miss Fox-Roberts		



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## Reading Club - Mr Mull

We have recently launched a Reading Club with a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils. The pupils meet during lunch times in the Library and they help and encourage each other improve their reading. In the future the groups will have the opportunity to choose which types of books they would like to purchase for the Library and they will also write regular book reviews.

#### **Magical Beasts**

"On Monday we had our first session of reading club. We read Magical Beasts. I would recommend this book for people who like fantasy books. It was a good first session where we took it in turns to read an extract from a book. I hope people like this book even though it's not the type of book I normally go for. I think that this club is going to help me read more and help me read better. After Easter I am looking forward to helping decide what new books we are going to buy for the library".

#### By Elisa Breton Johnson 7FOX

"This is my first time in reading club we read an extract from the book Magical Beasts within that short extract there is a series of mythological creatures, this book was great and we are looking forward to buying this book."

#### By Krystian Mendrykiewicz 8JAN

"This is my first time in reading club we read a short extract of Magical Beasts and within that book there is a collection of short stories about mythological beasts and what they did. The reading club is a brilliant idea, I look forward to reading some more after the Easter holidays."

#### By Anay Parekh 8RAT

"We read a book call Magical Beasts which was a great book to be honest, the book was about a mythological world. Mostly the characters are giants and phoenixes, it was a great expression to read it, I liked the book."

#### By Hawa Jammigeh Tunkara 8RAT

"I'm part of the reading club and my friend Simona is too, we come to the reading club and read extracts from books. This extract that we read is called 'Magical Beasts'. I think that the extract was good and I'm looking forward to reading more extracts with the other people that are part of the reading club."

#### By Robertina Nae 8WIO

"On Monday I took part in a book club and we read a book called Magical Beasts. My first impressions on this book was that it was quite interesting and that it was enjoyable. My first thoughts on the reading club was that I could improve my vocabulary and boost my confidence by reading out loud."

#### By Sarah Ogoloma 7RES

"On Monday I took part in a reading club and I read a book called magical beasts with 4 other girls and I enjoyed it! It was an enjoyable book and I would like to read it again I am looking forwards to be doing this again as well after Easter. I really recommend pupils to this club, so join whilst you have the chance! Also, sir is going to be bringing new books in after Easter so if you join the club then you will be able to choose some books that you think lots of people will enjoy so come and join the Library club!"

#### By Malkia Reid 7RES



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## House News - Mr Owen

#### Term 2 – Leaderboard

#### Gandhi

Vaughntiner George (8WIO)	148
Hasham Hassan (8WIO)	139
Djiraj Ram (8WIO)	132
Diya Chana (7FOX)	131
John Paul	
America Peart (7FLI)	155
Charlene Maynard (10FOD)	131
Sarah Manu (7FLI)	128
Janelle Ajayi (8JAN)	123
Pankhurst Francisca Idemudia (7BRK) Sakshi Mahey (8JON) Vanessa Kodua (7BRK) Shannoi Cambell (7BRK)	173 111 111 111
Luther King	
Gerrard Mendoza (8JOS)	145
Sonia Sandhu (7CUG)	139
Baljinder Ram Rani (10LAL)	138
Dilpreet Sandju (7CUG)	125
Mandela	
Jasmeet Kaur (8RAT)	147
Natalia Moszcynska (9PAR)	138
Sophie Khan (10BRO)	133
Yoosuf Bouterse (7RES)	120

### **Current House Rankings**

Luther King	17772
Gandhi	15325
Pankhurst	15134
Mandela	14349
John Paul	13972

For next terms competitions, each house will have the chance to play in a sport. Year group specific.

## **House Competition Results**

Pupils and staff were asked to take a picture linked to their theme to show how Corona-virus has affected them. Each year group had a different theme and the plan is use these pictures as a collage to remember lockdown and how we spent our time during this.



Year 10 Winner Theme - Food By Linh Hoang 10FOD



Year 9 Winner Theme - Animals By Manjot Kaur 9PAR



Year 8 Winner Theme - Nature By Shera Khinda 8JON



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## House Competition Results

#### **Staff Entries**







## Head of Year 7 Message – Mrs Ellis

#### Uniform

School Uniform can be purchased from Gogna Schoolwear which is located on: 67/69 Rookery Road, Birmingham. B21 9QU - Email:<u>info@gognaschoolwear.co.uk</u> Tel: 0121 523 5572 Fax: 0121 681 6828 <u>http://www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk</u> Please visit the website or contact the store directly for further instruction due to current Government guidelines.

Plain school wear items like trousers and shirts can be purchased at a reasonable price from many supermarkets.

#### **Current Social Distancing Guidelines**

In England, outdoor gatherings - including in gardens - are allowed with up to **six people**.

Children of all ages are included in the count. Professional carers are not - as long as they are working.

To things easier for larger families, **two households of any** size can meet. A support bubble counts as one household.

When seeing anybody you don't live with you should:

- Avoid physical contact like a handshake or hug
- Not be too close or face-to-face
- Not shout or sing too close to them
- Avoid touching other things which others have touched
- Wash your hands before and afterwards

Enjoy the Easter holidays, please stay safe and keep to the Government guidelines while spending time with family and friends outside of your household.



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## Head of Year 10 Message – Miss Moyo

Hello Year 10, spring is here! And as the flowers begin to bloom and we begin to see more daylight, I hope that you are looking towards the future, faith-filled and hopeful for better days to come.

We are now working from school again and I am very pleased with how you handled the transition from remote learning. Attendance has improved and so have your efforts in lessons according to your teachers.

When you return from the Easter break, you will be in your last term as Y10 pupils. This is a crucial time as everything you do during this term will either:

a) prepare you for those GCSE exams we expect you will be sitting this time next year orb) leave you with more work and more pressure next year as

you try to catch up

Failure to prepare is preparation to fail. Let's all ensure that we are doing all we can to succeed, and that includes attending all of our after-school revision classes. I want to see 100% commitment to attending and engaging with these classes from everyone after Easter. Please be warned that there will be sanctions for those of you who do not attend.

Sadly, last week Keon Lincoln's funeral took place. He was a friend to several of you, and so you may find that this Easter break is one filled with pain and confusion. Please remember to reach out if you would like support or advice on dealing with grief. You can speak to myself, anyone with a yellow lanyard, your form tutors or email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk, if you prefer.

A scripture for reflection:

Hosea 6:3

"Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Have a good break, please continue to stay safe. I look forward to seeing you all when you return.

## Head of Year 8 Message – Mr Hussain

It has been great to see all our year participating and supporting the school safety measures and supporting one another in taking regular COVID-19 tests (home kit).

Our return to school has been fantastic as your attendance has continued to improve and a lot of the attendance has been 100% - a big well done.

We need to continue to improve on certain aspects of our school life and this includes our uniform and behaviour around the school.

Uniform - correct and full uniform always and making sure your shirt is tucked in and tie on properly.

Behaviour - please be sensible when going to lessons, you should be wearing a face mask and always following instructions.

Thank you for your contributions for the house photography competition, your pictures were fantastic - a great job.

Thank you for your attendance and participating in your afterschool masterclass lessons, and especially our recent Year 8 wellbeing session.

We participated in our online and successful Saints League collective worship and well done to all the bronze, silver, and gold saints. It was great to present and share your achievements and we have so much yet to aim and achieve!

	Gold Pupils	
Amelia Wrukowska (8RAT) Jakub Borawski (8RAT) Julita Wrukowska (8IOS) Pavan Kumar (8IAN) Al Mirshekarikazerouni (8JON) Rohan Sehjail (8JOS) Ranveer Mall (8JON) Fabrice King (8IAN) Rehma Samia Miah (8IAT) Stefan Dahorea (8ION)	Azhan Faisal (BRAT) Anay Parekh (BRAT) Daniel Wainer Kodua (BJON) Paulina Michalowska (BJON) Tiffany Ung (BJOS) Jasmeer Kaur (BRAT) Laiba Shahzadi (BJAN) Maja Tchorek (BJOS) Kameron Chem (BJOS) Chelle John Omozee (BWIO)	Hawa Tunkara (8RAT) Peter Pham (8WIO) Dhiraj Ram (8WIO) Thang Chim (8WIO) Gerrard Mendoza (8IOS) Bartosz Jan Hamela (8RAT) Cairo Herbert (8IOS)
Jacem Danotes (do/Sy) Samuri Stosray (BJAN) Faria Khan (BJOS) Shahab Butt (BJON) Lovinnia Rose (BJOS) Hannah Khan (BJON) Darren Okonkwo (BRAT) Fatou Ndow(BRAT)	Vaughniner George (8WIO) Vaughniner George (8WIO) Kyra Mills (8JAN) Rayyaan Afral (8WIO) Laaiba Akhtar (8WIO) Rohit Din (8JAN) Sebastian Paul (8JOS) Jessica Martin (8JAN) Akeyo Cunningham (8VIO)	

Silver Pupils

Sophia Baloghova (8/VIG) Warern Bauwise (8/VIG) Hashem Hassan (8/VIG) Christiana Ngobeh (8/VIG) Rayaan Nawaz (8/VIG) Modou Nije (8/VIG) Christiana Ngobeh (8/VIG) Natashe Phagania (8/VIG) Marquise Harris (8/OS) Joyce Makumba (8/OS) Sara Rebeca Savastita (8/OS) Amari Stewart (8/OS) Ashpreet Kaur (8/VIG) Kyi Givans (8/ANI) Nathan Jiang (8/AN) Zaida Khanom (8/ANI Krystian Mendrykiewicz (8/ANI) Meher Saeed (8/ANI Jrayian Seivuright (8/AN) Rhodasia Welch (8/AN) Abhishek Sabharval (8/ANI) Mohammed Abdi (8/ON) Sara Baranowska (8/ON) Khadijah Cesay (8/ON) Shera Khinda 8/ON Gabriel Sylva (8/ON) Natalia Budna (8RAT) Keino Mokanda (8RAT) Natalia Fachakowlak (8RAT) Muhammad (8/RAT) Ti Andre Wade (8/RAT) Asthon Noussi (8/RAT) Yuvraj Sidhu (8/NO) Emmanuel Ifeosame (8/AN) Aman Lugah (8/AN) Mohammed Musa (8/NI) Vierica Tofei (8/OS) Janelle Ajayi (8/AN)

#### Bronze Pupils

Henry Nguyen (8JON) Adam Hannan (8RAT) Yanis Nchang (8RAT) Kyle Niemiec (8JOS) Alexandru Dovleag (8JON) Allyn Utomwen (8JAN) Sanamdeep Kaur (8JOS) Muhammad Esa (8JOS) Jasmeet Kaur (8JOS) Holly Kiely (8JAN) Talhah Munawwar (8JAN) Tanvir Ridwan (8JON) Faisal Ahmedzai (8WIO) Yuvraj Sidhu (8WIO) Davarntay Arlington (8WIO) Robertina Nae (8WIO) Dylan Bhandari (8JOS) Hassan Muhumed (8JOS) Sami Miah (8RAT) Teya Davidson-Harris (8JAN) Ende Randy Kelian Huyge (8JON) Mandhenkosi Ndlovu (8JON) (8JON) Mandhenkosi Mdlovu (8JON) (8JON) Mandhenkosi Mdlovu (8JON) (8JON) Elizabeth Mpesi (8RAT) Sakshi Mahey (8JON) Mohammed Hasan (8VIO) Mohammed Hasan (8WIO) Kleopatra Cieslak (8JON) Wiktoria Prereva (8JOS) David Tan (8JON) Samra Mohamed (8JON)

I hope everyone and your families have a nice and restful break, and you return refreshed to school for the summer term, and please continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines.



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## Head of Year 11 Message – Mrs Chand

It has been wonderful to see my Year 11 pupils back this term after Lockdown. You have shown great attitude and maturity this term and have worked hard in all your lessons and I would like to see this continue when we return after half-term.

The school would like to offer you and your child a fantastic keepsake of their years at Saint John Wall. This will allow your child to celebrate and remember some of the brilliant times they had at school. Your child has an opportunity to purchase a yearbook, which will consist of photographs of the year group from trips and activities during their five years at school. It will also include pictures of their form class, comments and memories from staff and pupils. The overall cost of the yearbook is £12. A deposit of £5 is required by Friday 23 April and a final payment by Monday 3 May. You can make all payments via Parent Pay.

It is important that Year 11 pupils continue to social distance and continue to wear their masks around the school as your safety in school is priority. You child will have received home testing kits so please continue to use these if you need to over the Easter break to ensure that we all stay safe.

Every year, Year 11 have a hashtag to promote achievement and motivation before they leave school. This year we have chosen #Move on Up and we were pleased to give out the first #Move on Up awards last week. Your child will be coming home with their certificates promoting their efforts and achievements during their lessons. The following all received a mention during their Collective Worship, and I am extremely proud of them:



Piotr Zapolny 11LAK Merveille Ntelo 11LAK Sanya Khurram 11BRE Gabriella Krupa 11RAH Charlotte Middleton 11PAW Sahil Tayyib 11PAW Kevin Jiang 11PAW Yerusalem Germai 11RAH Jamie Phung 11LAK Zubair Mahmood 11BRE Fritz Bayong 11LAK Simran Khinda 11SIM Trisharni Jack 11RAH Esha Kumari 11SIM Ryan Tin Ashford 11SIM

Shantae Mendy 11PAW Kacper Chmielecki 11LAK Yasannie Esnard 11RAH Vanesa Brenkacova 11BRE **Burhan Luqman 11MAN Jawarie Williams 11BRE** Albert Stan 11PAW Mishael Madubuko 11LAK Alania Walker 11RAH Kabanza Simamba 11SIM Amandeep Bhamra 11SIM Eva Juodaikaityte 11MAN Nevar Mahmood 11RAH



I would like to wish you a restful half-term as always stay safe and look after yourselves.

## Head of Year 9 Message – Miss Reynolds

Well done for your hard work over this term. You have shown some real growth in your mindset to your lessons and learning, keep this up going into the Summer term.

#### Saints League

During this term we have done another Saint's League collective worship. Well done to those who moved up to the next saint. You have all done yourselves proud.

#### Uniform

Please ensure your uniform is up to standard. Visit the school website to see what is expected of you. Remember, No hoodies, knee length skirt, school shoes and school blazer and tie. If you do not come to school in this then you will be given the item to borrow or spend the day in the SFC... Make the right choice.

When you have P.E Lesson one, please come to school in your P.E Kit - you can wear joggers over the top but take it off when you come to school. Again, you are responsible for ensuring you have your school uniform to change into.

#### Stars of the week

Well done to these pupils who have been nominated by their form tutors for stars of the week. These pupils have so much to be proud of and I would like to say a huge well done to them for their efforts. Keep it up!

Rayhan Ayoub and Deborah Gebrekristos 9HAR Timothy Renju and Subhan Ali 9PAR Andrea Zajakova and Japinder Singh-9PEJ Demitre Vernon and Darren Diako 9COL

#### Testing

All pupils should have home testing kits. Pupils and staff should test themselves the day before or the morning of the day of return. For us this will be either Monday 19 April (day before) or on the Tuesday 20 April (the day we return)

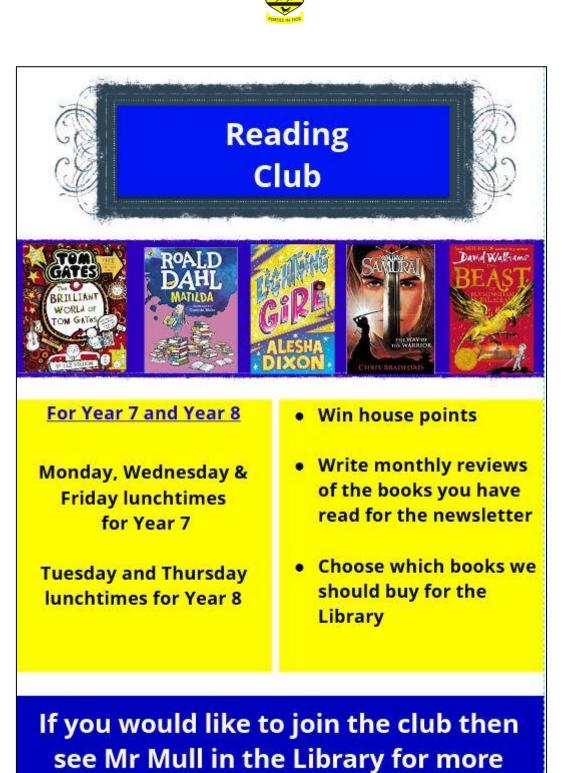
#### **Easter Holidays**

Over the next two weeks please ensure you follow all the government guidance to ensure you have a safe and happy break, but also an easy return to school. I hope you have a fantastic time and that if we have nice weather you get to spend some time outdoors relaxing. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20 April! Enjoy all your Easter celebrations.

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