

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'



Issue 36

Weekly Information Bulletin

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Catholic Life - Termly theme: Joy of Living

Dear Lord, We ask of you to help each and every unique child to become educated in our school. We also ask of you to hear and respond to each and every prayer of the students in our care, we ask you to guide them to what God calls them to be. We pray that our pupils become learned and wise and are grateful for your love, support and generosity. Amen

Message from Chair of Governors

"Arrivederci"

As Saint John Wall Catholic School celebrates its 60th anniversary the journey it has taken during the intervening decades has seen many changes.

Probably the major one was when the school moved from the site now occupied by Hamstead Hall School to Oxhill Road taking the place of William Murdoch School. A great deal else has changed in the world of education since then. For example: first year pupils are now said to be in Year 7, fifth formers are Year 11s; GCSEs have long replaced O Levels; and of course, Ofsted was introduced. I could go on.

Whatever else might have happened nothing can compare with what the school has had to endure over the past 18 months. Nevertheless, you only have to look at our brilliant weekly newsletter and see the numerous events and activities to appreciate how well the school has coped. As we reach the end of yet another school year we still have much to look forward to. In particular I'm anticipating more good news in August when our Year 11 pupils receive their GCSE and BTEC grades.

To all members of staff thank you for the support you have given Miss Marston that has enabled her to lead the school so well through such a turbulent time. And thank you too as parents for all your encouragement despite the disruption in your lives.

Inevitably the end of each school year is tinged with a little sadness as we bid farewell to staff that are leaving us. A special mention to Mr Shovlin who is retiring after giving great service to Saint John Wall School over many years not only as our Site Manager but also as a school governor. Much of what he has done may have gone unnoticed by pupils but Mr Shovlin has always been appreciated by staff. He and indeed all staff who are moving on leave with our gratitude for all their hard work and with our very best wishes for the future.

I wish you, your families and all members of our school community a safe and happy summer holiday. Let's hope the sun shines on us more than it did on England on Sunday evening. Ciao. I'll end with this prayer:

*At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place both in
and out of the classroom.
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurt that has
been healed.
For the respect that has been given.
For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days.
And for the love that has sustained us.
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed
and refreshed to continue our journey together.
Amen.*

Saint John Wall. Pray for us.

Martin Jones, Chair of Governors



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Message from Miss Marston

It has been another challenging and unusual year so I must thank all the parents, pupils and staff who have enabled us to continue to provide a high-quality education during the pandemic. Everybody deserves a rest but several staff and pupils will be on site for the next fortnight for our Summer schools. There is also a full schedule of refurbishments planned for the summer too. So there will be plenty taking place even through the summer. Thankyou to everybody who will be involved.

We say goodbye and good luck to a number of staff who are moving on to pastures new. Miss Moyo has been at Saint John Wall for a number of years and is moving to lead the English Department at a new school, we wish her the best of luck. In addition, the following staff are also leaving or retiring:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Saint John Wall and have created some fantastic memories. The pupils at this school are simply wonderful, I want to thank them for making every day at this school so enjoyable. I would like to thank the PE Department for all of their hard work and commitment, I have made life-long friends and I look forward to seeing the Department continue to develop".

By Mr Janes – Head of PE and Health

"You don't have to see the whole staircase to take the first step".

Martin Luther King

"My journey started at St John Wall school in 1972 as a school pupil and finished 1977 as Head Boy. I returned St John Wall as Site Manager in August 2004 and have been Site Manager for 17 years and in total 32 years in Catholic Education. I served as School Governor for over 20 years including 10 years at St John Wall School. The school has been on a journey of success and improving results, I hope I have played a small part in this success. I feel privileged to have been Site Manager and to have looked after the pupils and staff in my time here. I am now retiring to spend more time with my family. I wish each and every one of you happiness and success in the future. God Bless".

By Mr Shovin – Site Manager

"My time at Saint John Wall as a pupil coach has been an amazing experience I'd like to cherish. Even though it was a short one, I'm glad that the opportunity was there, to be able to provide help to all the pupils. In September, I will be going off to university to study Biotechnology at Nottingham. I am excited for the future and would just like to say thank you to all the pupils and staff for the amazing environment and hopefully I can make my return to the school to continue to help all the pupils".

By Mr Fernando – Pupil Coach

"I feel like I have lived through History in the making at this school, a pandemic which has rendered the world a far more uncertain place than when I walked through these doors last September.

I was hired as an admin assistant and cover supervisor, but the number of things I can add to my CV is legion – display co-ordinator, safety associate, controller of medical trials, uniform salesman, cold caller, Prime Minister lookalike, accident first responder – the list writes itself.

But I remember Hilaire Belloc's famous quatrain: 'From quiet homes and first beginning/Out to the undiscovered ends/There's nothing worth the wear of winning/But laughter and the love of friends'. As I leave St John Wall I hope I leave a lot of happiness behind me, and not just because it's a relief that I've gone... If through the quite extraordinary last year I have made anyone feel better, or safer, for whatever reason, then my time here was time well spent".

Mr McLernan – Cover Supervisor

Please ensure that you all take care over the summer holidays to stay safe. Enjoy the break.

Miss Marston

Online Safety



Monkey is a social chatting App that uses live streaming to connect young people with strangers via a live video link. Young people can be exposed to harmful or inappropriate content while using this app.

Advice

Top Tips for talking to your child about online risks

- Engage young people in a conversation about keeping safe online and who they would talk to if someone made them feel uncomfortable online or if they see something online that worries or upsets them.
- You should support children to understand the implications of sharing content that is explicit, particularly if this involves images or chats with other children.
- You can also submit an online report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP)
- If you have concerns about the immediate safety of a young person, you should contact the emergency services on 999

By Miss Timmins



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Important Dates

July 2021

- Year 6 and Year 7 Summer school - 19 to 23 July
- Year 8 Summer school - 26 to 30 July

September 2021

- Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September INSET days, school closed to pupils
- Friday 3 September 13.00pm to 14.00pm - pupils can attend school for a covid test if they prefer to test in school rather than at home
- Monday 6 September - Year 7 (8.20am) and Year 11 (10.00am) pupils return
- Tuesday 7 September - All pupils attend school

School Day Timings

8.20am - 8.50am You can arrive any time between 8.20am and 8.50am. To avoid crowding you do not all have to be at school for 8.20am.	Site open for breakfast Pupil arrival, handwashing, separate playgrounds, breakfast service.
8.50am – 9.15am	Collective Worship/Tutor time.
9.15am - 10.30am	Lesson 1
10.30am – 10.45am	Mini Break You will be sent out to separate playgrounds, opportunity to use toilets, then return to playground. Canteen queues are socially distanced on the dots. If in PE can change and use PE Toilets.
10.45am – 12.00pm	Lesson 2
12.00am – 1.45pm	Lesson 3 (to include split lunches).
12.00pm – 12.30pm - Year 7 & Year 8 1.15pm – 1.45pm - Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11	Lunch Lunchtime outdoors, use separate playgrounds.
1.45pm – 3.00pm	Lesson 4 School will finish for all pupils at 3.00pm.



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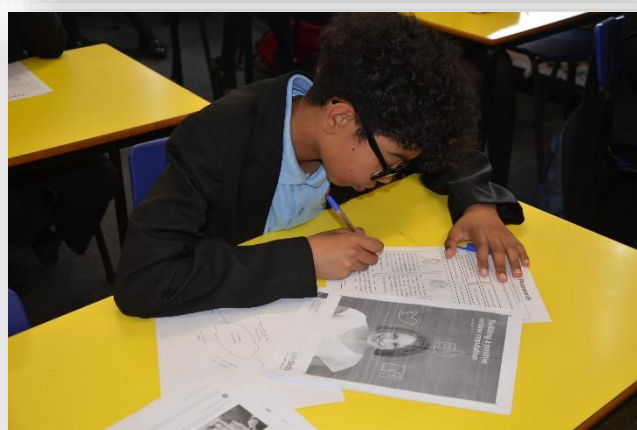
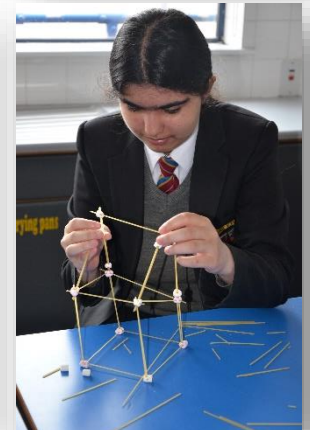
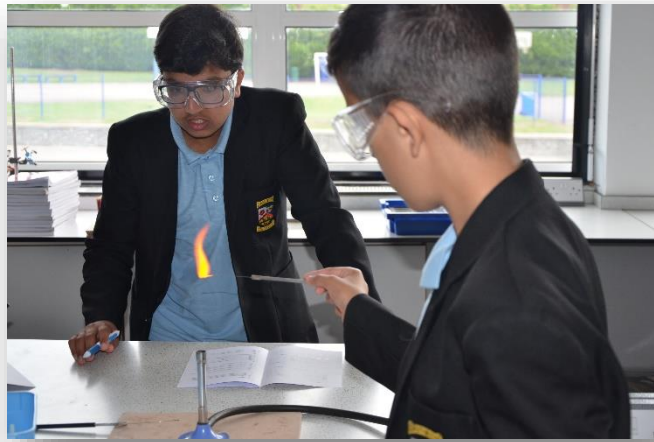


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**Mission Week – Monday 12 July
Careers Day**

**“Hear and respond to what
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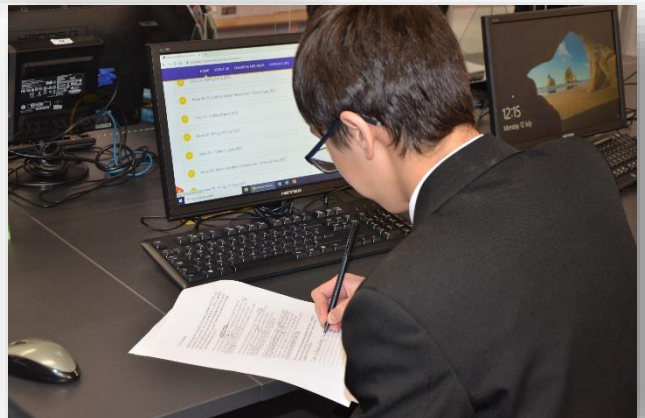
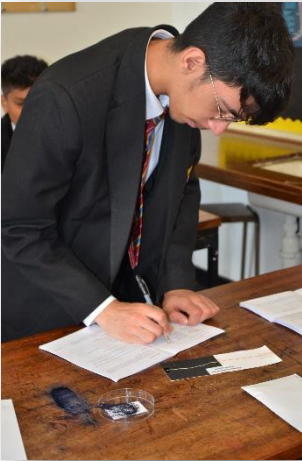
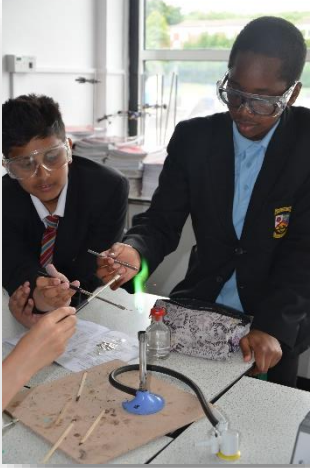
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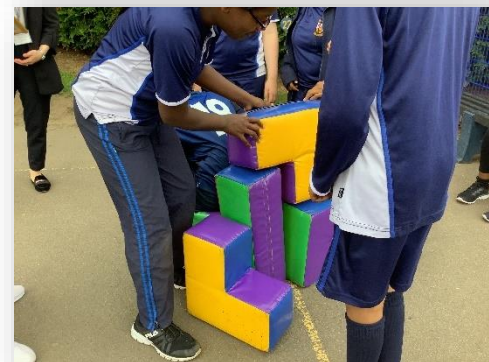


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Mission Week – Tuesday 13 July
Healthy mind, body and relationships

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Mission Week – Wednesday 14 July Department Day

“To educate each and every
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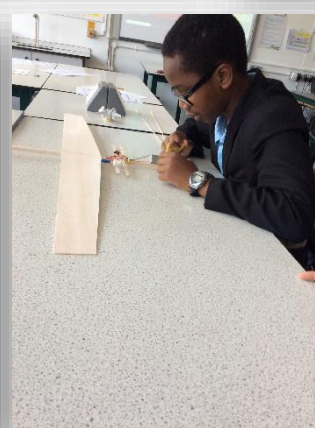
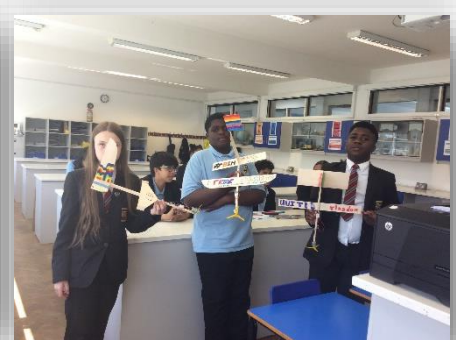
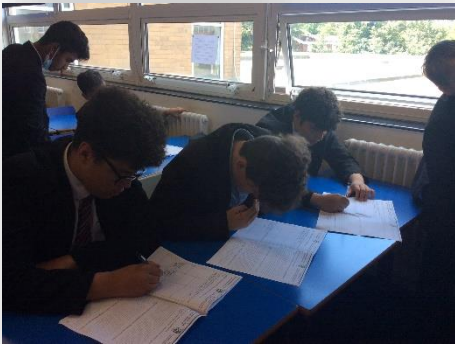
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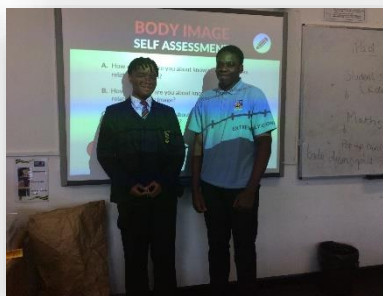
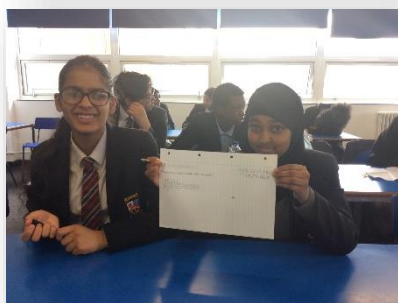
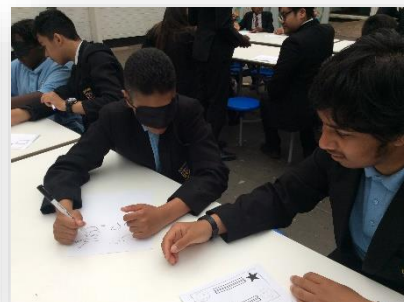


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Mission Week – Thursday 15 July SMSCV Day

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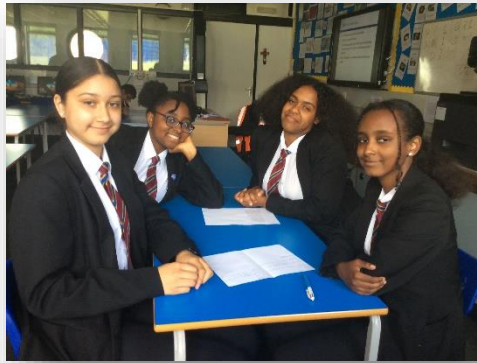
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Mission Week – Friday 16 July
End of Term Service

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End of Term Service via Teams



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Dear Parents/Carers and students

HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

The summer holiday is fast approaching, so it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to safeguard and to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to signpost you to <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/>

Here you will find all the latest COVID-19 guidance. We continue to thank you all for sticking to the rules and guidelines, you have all contributed to stopping the spread and we appreciate how hard the last year has been. As some of the rules may start to be relaxed over the summer, we still ask you to remain aware and maintain social distancing in order for us all to stay safe and stop the spread of the virus as we look to enjoy the summer break. Please be mindful of attending any large gatherings. Attending large gatherings heightens the risk of the virus spreading which may impact not just you but those around you.

Here are a few other safety reminders: -

- **Personal Safety:** Sadly, there are people out there who want what you have! We ask you to be vigilant as you enjoy your summer. Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible. We recognise that more and more people are using pedal bikes, especially within our fantastic green spaces across the West Midlands. Please never leave your bikes unattended and always use a sturdy lock to secure it if you ever need to be away from it.
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in the future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.

If you need our help, we're here for you. Ask us a question on our website or speak to us on live chat at www.west-midlands.police.uk. If you don't have access to the internet, then dial 101 for non-emergency calls, and always dial 999 in an emergency, alternatively Crimestoppers is a service available to report anonymously, you can do this by visiting their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111, this is not however for emergency incidents.

Also keep up to date with what's happening in your local area, by signing up to our free community messaging system **WMNow** at www.wmnow.co.uk.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

K Marston

Miss K Marston
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Mat Shaer
Chief Superintendent –
Birmingham East NPU
West Midlands Police

Stephen Graham
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PAMPHLET FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER (FOR FREE)

KS3 Maths

Maths Whizz have a free programme which will help your child keep up those essential maths skills over the summer. The link to the free Whizz resources [here](#).



KS3 and 4 Transition

With the pandemic this year, many students may have had a disrupted end to the year. If you have a child about to go to secondary school then take a look at our 'Be Awesome, Go Big' package that can be accessed [here](#).

The resources and the workbook are based on Matthew Burton's book 'Go Big' and Matthew Syed's book 'You Are Awesome'. Both are available to buy alongside the resources.

If your child is moving into key stage 4, then try PiXL Change Makers - found [here](#). There are PowerPoints and a workbook which go alongside Matthew Syed's latest book, 'Dare to Be You'.

GCSE get GCSEPod

It's always good to refresh knowledge over the summer ready for the return in September. Check out GCSEPod's free offering of their Summer Pod programme which you can find [here](#).



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BIRMINGHAM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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**11 TO 16 YEAR OLDS
MON TO FRI FOR 6 WEEKS**

**NJB ACADEMY, UNIT 13 RALEIGH INDUSTRIAL EST
CAMP LANE, HANDSWORTH
BIRMINGHAM, B21 8JF**

1ST SESSION 10:30am to 12:50pm

Participate in Thai Boxing, Indoor Football & Fitness Training,
Bike Rides in local park, finished off with a FREE meal.

2ND SESSION 12:50pm to 15:10pm

Participate in Thai Boxing, Indoor Football & Fitness Training,
Bike Rides in local park, finished off with a FREE meal.

3RD SESSION 15:10pm to 17:30pm

Participate in Thai Boxing, Indoor Football & Fitness Training,
Bike Rides in local park, finished off with a FREE meal.

+ CINEMA TRIPS, 10 PIN BOWLING & OTHER ACTIVITIES
5 MOUNTAIN BIKES to be given away for **FREE!**
to those that have the best attendance, during the 6 weeks

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