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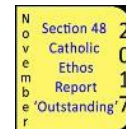
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Weekly Information Bulletin

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

Termly theme: Hope



At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Mark 1:12-13

This week we celebrated the first full week of Lent. Lent is an important time for Catholics to prepare for Easter. Throughout Lent we are asked to take some time to pray, fast and give to charity. These three things prepare us for Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter as they allow us to really focus on what is important.

Prayer encourages us to take time during Lent to get closer to God. Fasting during Lent is where people may give things up to show self-control and sacrifice.

Giving to charity shows that during Lent we are putting the needs of others before our own needs.

During form time and Collective Worship this week, we focused on the scripture above from the Gospel of Mark. This piece of scripture reminds us of the time Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. It is a story that links very closely to the time of Lent. Jesus, the Son of God, after being baptised, demonstrated excellent self-control and sacrifice whilst being tempted by the devil.

We can all learn something from this story, no matter what our religion is. We are all faced with difficult decisions and temptations, the same way that Jesus was in the desert. It is so important that we all show self-control when making the right choices in life.

Mass during Lent

Many churches are opened for social distanced masses and private prayer during Lent. If you would like more information on your local Catholic church please email tprice@sjw.bham.sch.uk.

There is also 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 <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/> for more details.

Daily Lenten Calendar

During form time, we have been working our way through our Lenten calendar. Each day there is an activity or question for us to think about to help us focus on our relationship with God. These daily questions encourage us to have hope throughout Lent and beyond.

CAFOD have also produced a daily Lenten calendar which can be accessed on this website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar>. Today (Friday 26th February) is also Family Fast Day. A day introduced by CAFOD to eat simply and donate the money you save to help those less fortunate than us.

By Mr Price

Safe return of pupils to face to face teaching, from 8 March

Following on from the government's announcement this Monday I can confirm that we are beginning to get ready for pupils to return to face to face teaching from 8 March. Next week staff will be on site for testing and safety briefings whilst online lessons continue for pupils at home. The return to school plan is that all pupils will have a phased return during 8 and 9 March so that lessons for all years should be back to normal by 10 March. All pupils will be offered the opportunity of a test before they return to face to face teaching. Testing is voluntary, but to be encouraged. Parents and pupils will receive further details about the pupil return and testing arrangements by post and email next week. Also next week, Heads of Year will show a testing video and form tutors will run through a safety refresher. The provisional plan is as follows:

Monday 8 March

Year 11 - attend at 8.00am for testing followed by lessons.
Year 10 - online lessons until 10.00am, then attend at 11.00am for testing followed by lessons.
Year 7 - online lessons until 12.45pm, then drop in to school between 1.30 and 2.30pm for testing only. You will be tested then go straight home.
Year 9 and Year 8 - online lessons all day.

Tuesday 9 March

Year 11, Year 10 and Year 7 - attend school for face to face lessons from 8.20am to 2.50pm - timings the same as before Christmas.
Year 9 - attend 8.00am for testing followed by lessons.
Year 8 - online lessons until 10.00am, then attend at 11.00am for testing followed by lessons.

Wednesday 10 March

All year groups attend normal school day from 8.20am to 2.50pm.

You will receive an information letter, testing consent form, privacy notice, safety flyer and February remote learning report in the post next week. Pupils will also be emailed the information letter and testing documents to their school emails next week.

I look forward to safely welcoming all pupils back to school soon.

By Miss Marston

Welcome to New Staff



"I am Miss Gosselin a teacher of French. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge about French language and culture with pupils. I hope I can inspire students and help them unlock their personal and academic potential."



"Hello my names is Miss Pollock and I am the Administration Assistant. Having started during lockdown, I am looking forward to when things get back to normal and getting to know the pupils and Saint John Wall school community more. I enjoy being a part of community projects and activities - I am in a local community choir and musical theatre group and would love to get involved in projects in the school."



"My name is Miss Bibi and I am delighted to join Saint John Wall School. I will be responsible for delivering Health and Social Care, Hospitality & Catering and Child Development. My background consists of Social sciences and Food Nutrition. I look forward to working with pupils in helping them to achieve their potential, being creative in their culinary skills and motivating learners who wish to pursue Further Education in Childhood studies and Health & Social Care. I also look forward to meeting and liaising with staff members in equipping pupils with values and transferring these to their academic success."



"My name is Mr Fernando and I have the role of being a Pupil Coach. As a former pupil of the school, I'd like to take all the things I have gained to spread positivity and compassion to each pupil. I can't wait to be with the children on getting them going on the right path and to be able to support them inside and out of the classroom. I look forward to meeting you all!"



"My name is Mr Moran, and I will be a pupil coach supporting pupils studying English literature and language. During my time here at Saint John Wall, I hope to provide pupils with the knowledge and confidence which will aid them during their studies and exams. I am very much excited to become part of the Saint John Wall team and look forward to learning more about the school, its pupils and its learning ethos"



"My name is Mr Esmaili, I teach computing at Saint John wall. I want to help all pupils within my lessons to understand how computer science is changing our world and how they can apply skills learnt in this topic to their day to day lives."



"Hi! My name is Miss Lai and I recently joined Saint John Wall as a Pupil Coach. I graduated in 2018 with a degree in Psychology but due to family circumstances, I had to put the brakes on my career. Despite being uncertain of what I wanted to do with my life, education was always an option. I have been at Saint John Wall for over a month now and I am very much enjoying it. My confidence in my skills and myself have grown and I hope they will continue to do so while I am here. It has been a pleasure getting to know the pupils that attended school during the lockdown, as well as supporting them during these challenging times. Given the recent news, I look forward to meeting the rest of the pupils of Saint John Wall on 8th March and supporting them too."



"My name is Miss Montaque and I am a pupil coach at Saint John Wall. So far, I have been amazed by the talent of the pupils and how generally amazing they are. I can't wait to continue to see them improve in their lessons and I hope that I can help to prepare them with the tools they need to succeed in their GCSE's."



"Hello I'm Miss Mubashar and I'm a Pupil Coach. I'm looking forward to building a good relationship with pupils and assisting them during their lessons as much as possible so they can achieve to the best of their ability."



"My name is Miss Patel and I am a Pupil Coach. I am looking forward to working with the pupils at Saint John Wall and seeing some of the teachers who were here when I was a pupil. I am hoping that I can help the Year 11 pupils in their English lessons and help them learn the content as well as helping them find ways to cope with their wellbeing. I hope that I will also have the chance to meet the other year groups and help them with their education or with their wellbeing."



"My name is Mr Lee and I am a Pupil Coach. I look forward to developing more social skills throughout the time I am at Saint John wall and also gaining experience of work life."

Remote Learning Heroes



Bucket 3 Subjects

31 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!

RE

53 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!

Humanities and MFL

45 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!



Science

33 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!

English

40 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!

Maths

28 pupils will be receiving postcards this week!



Express Yourself



By Jaskaran Singh 7RES

Remote Masterclass Timetable

Remote learning Masterclass Timetable (February - April 2021)

Timings: Evening Microsoft Teams Masterclass 5:00pm to 5:40pm

PLEASE NOTE: All masterclasses will be taking place on Microsoft Teams
(5PM Monday to Friday) until further notice

Term 2	W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February	22nd February	Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mrs Pawlowska (HIGHER)		Year 8 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mr Hussain (FOUNDATION)		YEAR 11 Evening PASTORAL Masterclass Mrs Chand
				Year 10 Evening PASTORAL Masterclass Miss Moyo	Year 9 Evening Religious Education Masterclass Mr Brooks	
March/April	1st March	Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Miss Allen (HIGHER)		Year 8 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mr Pejaffa (FOUNDATION)		
		EAL Intervention Masterclass (Mixed year group) Mrs Kawecka				
	8th March		Year 9 Evening PASTORAL Masterclass Miss Reynolds		Year 9 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mr Greedy	
		Year 8 Evening HISTORY Masterclass Miss Lally		Year 10 Evening MATHS Masterclass Mr Hussain (FOUNDATION)	STAC Intervention (Mixed year group) Mrs Kaur	
	15th March		Year 7 Evening ENGLISH Masterclass Miss Jones	Year 8 Evening SCIENCE Masterclass Mrs Habibullah	Year 9 Evening ENGLISH Masterclass Mrs Wieremiewicz	
	22nd March		SEND Intervention (Mixed year group) Mrs Adams		Year 7 Evening PASTORAL Masterclass Mrs Ellis	
					Year 9 Evening HISTORY Masterclass Miss Guest	
	29th March	Year 8 Evening PASTORAL Masterclass Mr Hussain				
	5th April	End of term				

Head of Year

Head of Year 10 Message

Hello Year 10, I hope you've all had a restful break.

Congratulations to our latest Remote Learning Heroes:

Joseph	Ajayi
Usman	Ali
Emmanuel	Baruti
Destiny	Boora
Zainab	Bouterse
Aleksy	Chmura
Tomasz	Czech
Randul Anton	Fernando
Eisa	Hasnain
Sarah	Ishma
Camya	Johnson
Simran	Kaur
Sophie	Khan
David	Kurek
Roi	Mahey
Jemima	Malundama
Aryan	Mann
Yuseph	Mufti
Regina	Mukuangu
Geremie	Ntelo
Shiv	Patel
Chenai	Pryce-Andrade
Mahfuzur	Rahman
Mariam	Rahman
Ravinder	Ram
Baljinder	Ram Rani
Sunil Rai	Sehjail
Mohammed Umar	Shaid
Joel	Wren
Szymon	Wrukowski

As we prepare to return to school in the very near future, can I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of continuing to attend your remote lessons, after-school revision sessions and masterclasses. By now it should be clear that your attendance is expected, these are not optional activities. For those of you who have been attending consistently and enthusiastically, keep up the hard work! For those of you who received a reminder of expectations before half term, ensure that you make contact with your relevant teachers at the start of next week (if you haven't already) to confirm the work that you need to catch up on.

Failing to prepare is preparation for failure, let's all ensure we are doing all we can right now, in order to make the transition into Year 11 easier and smoother.

A scripture for reflection:

Galatians 6:9

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Have a lovely weekend

By Miss Moyo

Head of Year 8 Message

Firstly, I hope everyone had a nice and restful half term and welcome back to your online remote learning on Microsoft Teams. We need to continue with our high behavioural standards and our individual goals, and this can be achieved through being faith-filled and having 100% co-operation. Please be on time for form and all your lessons, every day and should you be experiencing any issues, please let the school know, and we will do our best to help and support.

I look forward to seeing your photographs for the House Competition and please send your image(s) before the deadline. Next week you will get the opportunity to hear and understand about Careers Week - a great way for everyone to have a think about potential jobs - please remember the sky is the limit!

I am in regular communication with your form and class teachers, and furthermore I visit your online lessons and I can see you are working very hard! Please try to give this same commitment during evenings and weekends as retention of knowledge is vital.

Finally, thank you for your good and positive behaviour during our Collective Worship.

Stay safe and stay home.

By Mr Hussain

Head of Year 11 Message

Welcome back Year 11 to your virtual remote lessons. I hope you have had a good, restful break.

I would like to say a big well done to you all for your continued efforts during this lockdown completing your lessons online at home. Please continue to log onto all your lessons on time ready for your learning. It is important that you are completing all work in your remote learning books that school have provided, these will need to return to school for your teachers to assess as well as being evidence of your learning whilst you have been at home.

As always should you require any further equipment, please do let us know so we can provide and support you.

Ms Smith - our Careers Advisor will be contacting pupils on Tuesday 2 March to complete careers appointment, please ensure you log off your lessons to attend then log back onto your lessons once you are finished.

Please ensure you attend the Year 11 Masterclass on Friday 26 February as we will be having a session on Post 16 choices. The attendance for this session is compulsory and you will have all received invitations for this. This will begin at 5pm and will last 40 minutes.

As always please stay safe and look after yourselves. We will see you very soon.

By Mrs Chand

Head of Year

Head of Year 7 Message

Collective Worship

Thank you to all those who joined us on Microsoft Teams for our Collective Worship on Friday. This week our focus was on the tests that we face in life and how Jesus was tested in the desert before he began his ministry. Next week we will reflect on National Career's Week.

The Kenelm Youth Trust are currently loading a video once a week to reflect on the Gospel readings during Lent. You can find them on the link below. As we discussed during our Collective Worship, now is the time for prayer!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFnyLaNUJrWvGoiwmBOKQ>

Teams Lessons

Well done to you all for your hard work and effort over the recent weeks. Attendance has been phenomenal and your engagement has set the bar high for other year groups. Keep it up! I am truly proud of each and everyone of you for your resilience throughout this time.

House Competition

Please have your entries in to you Form Tutor as soon as possible! You need to send a picture of a hobby that you have spent time developing during the lockdown. We can't wait to see your entries!

Forward Thinking Birmingham (FTB) is the city's mental health service for 0-25 year olds. Please visit their site for tips, hints and support for mental health and wellbeing.
<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk>

Kooth.com is an online service provided for **FREE** by Birmingham City Council for pupils aged 11+ to encourage good mental health and wellbeing. Once logged in you will be able to access additional support, speak to people your own age and chat to counsellors about how you are feeling. It's good to talk! Please follow the link below and get registered:
www.kooth.com



By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year 9 Message

Welcome back Year 9, I hope you were able to have a restful break and have been able to spend some time away from the screen like I recommended to.

Return to school

As you are aware school will be returning to in person lessons from the week beginning 8th March. More information will be given out in Collective Worship and Form next week on what to expect so please ensure you are joining those team meetings in a timely manner.

Collective Worship

This week's Collective Worship was based around the power of the brain and making the right choices. Since September, I have seen a big improvement from most of Year 9 making better choices and I would just like to remind you to continue doing that over the coming months upon our return to school.

Remote Learning

Well done to everyone with their continued effort to their remote learning. We are coming to the end and we cannot wait to have you back in school. In the meantime, continue logging onto lessons and keep up the hard work. I continue to be impressed with behaviour from the year group. I would like you to focus on effort and turning in work to your teachers, you may get nominated for remote learning hero...

If you are struggling and need support let us know and we can work to help you.

Have a fantastic week.

By Miss Reynolds

World Book Day

Next week Thursday 4 March is World Book Day, we are encouraging all pupils to pick up a book and start to read throughout the week. If pupils would like to be featured in next week's newsletter they can send a photograph of themselves reading or by recommending a book to read to their form tutor.

By Mr Mull

Reassurance for our Community

On the following page there is a letter from West Midlands Police regarding the sad death of Keon Lincoln. Many of you will have joined us online for the mass at St Chad's dedicated to Keon on Monday 15 February. The letter will hopefully reassure you as to the resolve of the Police to keep our local community safe.

By Miss Marston



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Internal:
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Our Reference:

Date: 12/02/2021

Dear students,

We are sending this letter out as a way to reassure you all in the aftermath of the tragic loss of Keon Lincoln. As you all know, Keon was sadly killed on Linwood Road in late January. He was taken to hospital but sadly died a short time later from his injuries. Since then we have made a number of arrests and charges in connection to his death, and are working tirelessly to ensure justice for Keon and his loved ones.

As police officers, we work to catch criminals and to prevent crime, but we also try and offer as much support and help as we can to those affected by it. We understand that the circumstances around Keon's death can make you feel afraid to do normal activities, whether that's going to school, seeing friends, or simply spending time at home. I'm sure your teachers have worked incredibly hard to comfort you and help you, if you've been affected both directly and indirectly by what has happened. West Midlands Police would like to extend their support, and offer you an understanding of what we have done and what we will do to make sure you are all safe and that you can continue being yourselves.

We want to take this time to tell you that Handsworth is somewhere where we want you to feel safe, and we are working hard to make sure that is the case. Whatever you may see or read, please remember that the news is there to sell a story, and that can include exaggerating the truth. You may have noticed an increase in the number of police officers on the streets of Handsworth. This is a part of our work to make sure you all can carry on feeling safe, and that if ever you need to, these officers are there for you to speak to.

If you do need to speak to us, our number 101 works a bit like 999, but for anything that isn't an emergency. This can include whether you have something to say about something that you're not sure is legal, or whether you have a crime you need to discuss with someone. We also use Webchat, where you can do exactly as you would with 101, but through an online chat function. If you would like to stay anonymous, you can ask to be, or you can use Crimestoppers to report something criminal.

Please remember, that we care for your safety above anything else, but we also need your help to learn more about anything that could potentially harm someone.

Please don't put yourself, or your friends and family at risk - you matter!

Yours sincerely,

West Midlands Police



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Keep Your Child Safe Online

By Mrs Crooks

Keep your child safe online

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.

These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Inclusive Digital Safety Hub](#) and [Online Safety Hub](#), created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters - support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well

Age-inappropriate content and parental controls

If you have downloaded new apps or bought new technology to help stay connected at this time, remember to review and adjust privacy and safety settings if you or your child is signing up to a new online service.

- [Internet Matters has step-by-step guides](#) on how to set up parental controls so that you can control what content your child can access online
- the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has guidance on how to switch on family-friendly filters to prevent age-inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home
- the [NSPCC](#) has more information for parents or carers with concerns about their child seeking inappropriate or explicit content online

Apps to help children stay safe online

The BBC has a website and app called [Own It](#). The website helps children navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

[SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them protect their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, while respecting their child's rights to privacy. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free-for-life access to SafeToNet during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Support for children

If your child is worried or needs support, they can get advice and support from [Childline](#) (0800 1111) or download the 'For Me' app.

If you need help to support your child's mental wellbeing, this [list of online education resources for home education](#) includes mental wellbeing resources on how to support the wellbeing of children and young people.

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Midland Langar Seva Society
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Birmingham City Centre
B4

Asian Resource Centre
Villa Road
0121 523 0580

Food Bank Centres
New Life Wesley Church
Holyhead Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 0RA
0121 507 0734
(Thursdays 1-3pm)

Salma Food Bank
Unit 8
Ash Court
Crystal Drive
Smethwick
B66 1Q
07767164246

Aspire Housing Rookery Road
308 Rookery Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 9QG
1pm Mon/Wed/Fri

The Soup Kitchen, Street Food Bank every Friday & Saturday 6pm - 7pm in front of Handsworth College, Soho Road, Birmingham

Returning to school:

As we prepare to return to school, be careful what you read online.

Different schools will be returning in different ways, many with different rules and requirements.

Please wait for staff at St John Wall to speak to you about returning to school.

If you have any worries or concerns about returning to school then email the wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk email address.

Bereavement & Loss:

If you or anyone in your family suffers the loss of a family member or friend at this difficult time, there are some websites below that may help & comfort you:

Winston's Wish

Website: <https://help2makesense.org/>

Email: ask@winstonswish.org

Cruse Bereavement Care

Website: <https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>

Phone: 0808 808 1677

Keeping Safe Online

1. Manage your digital footprints and 'THINK before you post.'
2. Know where to find help: understand how to report to the website and use blocking and deleting tools.
3. Don't give in to pressure: once you've pressed send you can't take it back.
4. Respect the law: use reliable services and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.
5. Check your sources: use trustworthy content and check that the website has good reviews.