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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 32

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 27 May 2022

Catholic Life - This year 's theme is based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Termly theme: Respect (thorny soil)

Termly SJW values – Compassionate and Loving

Dear Lord, We thank you for the many years of devoted duty and service of our gracious Queen to the people of our country. Help us, by her example, to serve others with wisdom, humility, understanding and tolerance.

Amen

Message from the Chair of Governors

"The concrete and the clay beneath my feet begin to crumble".

You might have heard a report in the news recently concerning the worrying condition of school buildings across the country. It came from a government document which said: "the deteriorating condition of the estate continues to be a risk". Many schools, like ours, were built 60 or so years ago using technology that is now well out of date and materials that have inevitably deteriorated. Funding to improve school buildings has been reduced over the past dozen years or so. We were delighted therefore to hear that our bid for pipe replacement and to repair our flat-roofs has been successful. Many other schools have also, without success, submitted bids of a similar nature. The work to be done may appear mundane and go unseen by outsiders but it is much needed and unquestionably a money-saving investment for the future. The decision is also a vote of confidence in our school. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Whitehouse and Mr Holden for putting our successful bid together. I'd also like to take this opportunity to mention Mr Uddin and all site staff for ensuring our school is a safe place to work in for pupils as well as staff.

With Easter being celebrated late in the year this has been a short half term. Having said that, a lot has still been going on. To find out please remember to look at our superb website especially on a Friday when Mr Mull publishes our weekly newsletter on Twitter. Governors' meetings therefore have been few. An important one saw the appointment, from

September, of Mr Holder as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. He will I'm sure bring energy and ideas in supporting Miss Marston and help her lead the school to further success. His appointment has been well received as a number of staff have worked with Mr Holder in his present role as Assistant Headteacher at Stuart Bathurst Catholic School.

Although we as governors have continued our own discussions on academisation, I'm afraid I've nothing further to report on the decision by the Diocese for us to join the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi-Academy Company (MAC). As I've said previously I will keep you informed should there be any further developments.

I was so grateful to have been invited to our recent Awards Evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents witnessing the achievements of their sons and daughters. Miss Marston regularly comments on the support you give her and the school not only when attending parents' evenings but also throughout the year. Without yourselves working together with the school pupils cannot succeed. The occasion was enriched by a short drama presentation and a rendition by our steel band. By the way you can find plenty of coverage of the event in the 29th April edition of the weekly newsletter on our website.

Recently we were given a presentation by senior staff outlining how pupils in Year 11 are receiving support, guidance and encouragement as their public exams begin. Staff have gone to incredible lengths including providing daily after-school sessions as well as on Saturdays and during the Easter holidays.



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They are pulling out all the stops. With yesterday being National Thank a Teacher Day it is timely to say on behalf of governors how grateful we are to them for all they are doing.

The forthcoming half term, the final one of the school year, promises to be a hectic one but before then I hope you and your families, and indeed the staff, despite the gloomy news that surrounds us, enjoy a restful holiday and to our Year 11 pupils good luck with their ongoing revision and the exams that lie ahead of them. Until the next time I'll end with this prayer:

Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on all sitting exams. Help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately and to express themselves well. Amen.

Saint John Wall, pray for us.

Martin Jones, Chair of Governors

Important Dates to Note

- **Half Term**
Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022
- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 13 June 2022 to Friday 24 June 2022
- **James Watt College (Year 10 – 122 Pupils)**
Wednesday 22 June 2022 – 9am to 3pm
- **Royal Air Force Museum (Year 10 - 34 Pupils)**
Thursday 30 June 2022 – 8.45am to 4pm

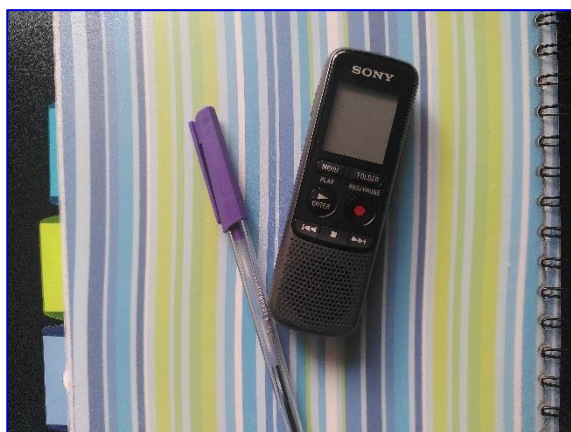
Jubilee Food Bank

Aspire Housing which is located on the corner of Rookery Road are providing FREE food for the Jubilee on 2nd June 2022. If you are interested all you have to do is turn up with a carrier bag.

Research Project for University of Derby

I have been conducting a research project about bilingual or multilingual pupils and their learning. It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff and pupils at SJW, and I have learnt so much which I will share with others in the future, so that schools can better understand the needs of pupils who speak different languages. Thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Kawecka, for letting me visit your classrooms and interview you, and thanks to Miss Marston for facilitating the research. Most of all, thank you to the young people who have taken the time to talk to me, and been so honest about their experiences and feelings. I wish you all the best for the future!

Ms Valenzuela - University of Derby



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Year 11 External Examination Timetable

Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
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Week 3

06/06/2022	OCR	Cambridge National	Child Development	Health and well-being for child development-Y10 X5	AM	1h 15m
07/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator) Foundation Tier	AM	1h 30m
07/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator) Higher Tier	AM	1h 30m
07/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Geography	Geography Paper 2	PM	1h 30m
08/06/2022	WJEC	GCSE	English Literature	English Literature (Eduqas) Component 2-Poetry Anthology; 19th Century Prose; Unseen Poetry)	AM	2h
08/06/2022	WJEC	GCSE	Religious Studies	Religious Studies (Full Course) (Eduqas)Route B Component 3 (Option 4)	PM	1h
09/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	History# 2	Paper 3: Modern depth study	AM	1h 20m
09/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 3: Physics 1 Foundation Tier	PM	1h 10m
09/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 3: Physics 1 Higher Tier	PM	1h 10m
10/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	English Language	English Language Paper 2	AM	1h 45m
10/06/2022	OCR	GCSE	Physical Education	Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology	PM	1h

Week 4

13/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator) Foundation Tier	AM	1h 30m
13/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator) Higher Tier	AM	1h 30m
13/06/2022	OCR	Cambridge National	Creative iMedia	Pre-production skills-Y10	PM	1h 15m
14/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Geography	Geography Paper 3	AM	1h
14/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Italian	Italian Paper 4	PM	1h 20m
15/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 4: Biology 2 Foundation Tier	AM	1h 10m
15/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 4: Biology 2 Higher Tier	AM	1h 10m
15/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 1	PM	45m
15/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 3	PM	1h
15/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Design and Technology	Component 1: Metals	PM	1h 45m
16/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	History #3	Paper 2: British depth study	AM	55m



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16/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	French	French Paper 4	PM	1h 05m
16/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	French	French Paper 4	PM	1h 20m
16/06/2022	OCR	Cambridge National	Health & Social Care	Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings Y10* 1 clash	PM	1h
17/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 4	AM	1h 05m
17/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 4	AM	1h 20m
17/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 1	PM	45m
17/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Persian Paper 1	PM	45m
17/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 3	PM	1h
17/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Persian Paper 3	PM	45m

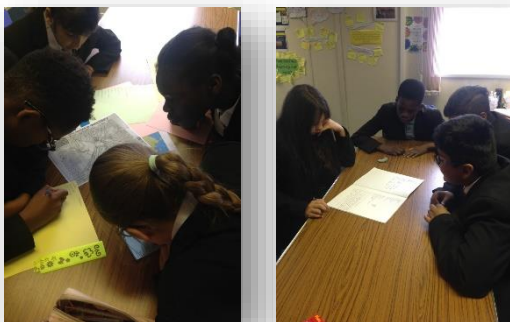
Week 5						
20/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 5: Chemistry 2 Foundation Tier	AM	1h 10m
20/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 5: Chemistry 2 Higher Tier	AM	1h 10m
21/06/2022	WJEC	VOC	Hospitality	Hospitality & Catering Y10	PM	1h 30m
23/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 6: Physics 2 Foundation Tier	AM	1h 10m
23/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 6: Physics 2 Higher Tier	AM	1h 10m
Week 6						
27/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 4	AM	1h 05m
27/06/2022	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Paper 4: Writing in Persian Higher Tier	AM	1h 25m
28/06/2022	AQA	GCSE	Panjabi	Panjabi Paper 4	AM	1h 20m
29/06/2022		GCSE		CONTINGENCY DAY		
30/06/2022	Pearson	BTEC O/S	SPORT	SPORT Y10 Fitness for Sport & Exercise Y10	PM	(1H 15M)



Catholic Life

Year 7 SVP Group

This week the SVP groups have met to discuss our Collective Worship which they are organising in June during Refugee Week. The groups focus will be on the work of St Chad's Sanctuary.



Year 8 One World Group

The One World Group have been putting together an action plan for the school to enable pupils and staff to participate in the 'Live Simply' awards. Pupils have discussed and decided on our charity focus for next year both internationally and locally as well as plans for our school to become more environmentally friendly.

Year 7 Student Leadership Opportunities September 2022

This term pupils from Year 7 have been given the opportunity to apply for two new Pupil Leadership Groups which will run from July 2022 through until July 2023. Entry for our Sanctuary Team is now closed. We will announce the names of our new team in next month's newsletter.

One World Group

Our CAFOD One World Group focuses on Living Simply. You need to have a drive to be a steward of the world, with an interest in climate change, living in solidarity with those in need and charity work. For those who are interested in joining the team, please leave your name with Mrs Ellis by Monday 6 June. All applicants will be asked to complete a short task. Good luck!

Year 8 Student Leadership Opportunities September 2022

This term pupils from Year 8 have been given the opportunity to apply for a new Pupil Leadership Group which will run from July 2022 through until July 2023.

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors will receive wellbeing lead training during July and work alongside other pupils in their year group from September in organising, creating and leading on events throughout the school year, such as Mental Health Awareness Week.

If you are interested in wellbeing and would like to be considered for a place in the team, please sign up in the HOY offices during break and lunch time. Closing date is Friday 17 June 2022.

One World- Live Simply Corner

One way to live simply is to reduce the amount of meat that we eat each week.

Here is a great recipe to try at home:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/orzo-tomato-soup>

RE

This week pupils in 8YW have been learning about the events of Maundy Thursday. 'Maundy' is derived from the word 'commandment'. Pupils showed their understanding of Jesus' commandment, to 'love one another, as I have loved you' by creating their own Romero Cross, celebrating God's love for us as well as their own cultural backgrounds.

By Mrs Ellis



Visit to St Mary's Jubilee Party Thursday 26 May

We have had a wonderful morning celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in singing the National Anthem, helping serve tea, coffee and cake and spending time with ladies who visit every week. It's been an emotional morning as our pupils have made some close friendships and will miss them. A big thank you is needed though to everyone at St Mary's for engaging with pupils and making them feel so welcome and for the lovely gifts that they so kindly shared with them. Well done to **Bianca Emuke, Jakub Letowski, Borys Morawski and Andrea Zajacova**.

By Mrs Clayton



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Head of Year Messages

Head of Year 7

On Monday pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 visited Aston Villa for a conference which detailed careers in cyber security. The speakers talked about internet safety and the importance of our digital footprint. All of our pupils were reminded that nothing can be deleted permanently from the internet, and to ensure that they keep in mind their future careers before posting messages in anger.



The internet can be a scary place. Aside from the risks of online bullying, grooming, or device addiction, children are now facing mental health concerns, along with concerns regarding the content they are viewing and what they are posting online. We urge all parents to show interest in your children's social media accounts. Most come with an age limit for a reason.



I would like to bring attention to an app that is being used by a lot of pupils in school at the moment called 'Lobby'. As you are well aware, when apps are used safely and with parental guidance, children can find a lot of enjoyment in them. Please ensure that if your child is using this app that they are doing so in a safe way. There is concern that pupils may be talking to older strangers on the app and have access to inappropriate content that could be damaging to their wellbeing.

By Mrs Ellis



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Head of Year Messages

Head of Year 8

This has been a short but very interesting term. Pupils had the task of making some very important decisions this term choosing their pathways subjects. Pupils have shown a very mature attitude during this time and I would like to say well done.

This term we have been focusing on random acts of kindness;



I am particularly happy to say that I am constantly seeing this around the school especially during times when pupils go on trips. On Monday 23 May girls from Year 7, 8 and 9 went to Aston Villa stadium to take part in a careers fair. The girls' behaviour was impeccable and I know that the Year 8 girls made an effort to support the Year 7 girls during this time on the trip. Well done for showing maturity and kindness on this day looking after each other.

Milcah Yousef in 8BAR supports an after-school intervention with Mrs Chand and works with pupils to support their reading and understanding. She has volunteered to work with the class with me and I can say that the pupils really appreciate the support and guidance they get.

This term we celebrated Saints League and I was happy to award many certificates and prizes to pupils for their continued hard work in school.

Today we start our half-term break and will return to school on the 6th June. Please make sure you are staying safe over the holidays and as always take care.

By Mrs Chand

Head of Year 9

It has been great to see all our year participating and supporting the school through our compassionate and loving behaviour.

Our return to school after the Easter break has been good, 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 is on properly. Behaviour - please be sensible when going to lessons, including lining up correctly and always following instructions. We need to set the highest standards for younger pupils to follow - lead by example.

We participated in our successful Saints League collective worship, well done to all the bronze, silver, and gold saints. Congratulations to the 100% attendance pupils, form teacher and HOY award winners and 9HEA for winning the **form of the term** award. It was great to present and share your achievements and we have so much yet to aim and achieve!

I hope everyone and your families have a nice and restful May half term, and you return refreshed to school for the second part of the summer term.

"If you focus on what you left behind, you will never see what lies ahead"

Best wishes,

Mr Hussain

Head of Year 10

A reminder to Year 10s that the week beginning 13 June you have your assessment week. Please use the time over half term and beyond to revise and prepare.

It is also important that all pupils attend school on time every day with the correct equipment in a school bag and the correct school uniform.

As the days are getting warmer pupils have the choice to wear the summer uniform.

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Summer Uniform Standards

Hot Days	Warm Days	Colder Days
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School polo shirt No tie Can be untucked No blazers required No coats permitted 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School polo shirt No tie Can be untucked With blazer <p>or</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirt and tie with blazer <p>No coats permitted</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirt and tie with blazer Jumper permitted Coat permitted

Enjoy the half term, have a restful break and I look forward to seeing everyone for the second part of the summer term.

By Miss Reynolds



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Head of Year Messages

Head of Year 11

Dear Year 11, well done, you have worked extremely hard over the last two weeks, completing your external exams. Over the half term some of you will be expected to come into school, this is extremely important that you attended, your teachers will be giving you vital information which you don't want to miss out on. Over the half term make sure you continue your hard work. I have 5 tips to help with your revision:

1. Start early - If your exam is a few weeks away don't leave your revision until the last minute. Start early to allow your brain to absorb the information.
2. Plan your time - Failing to prepare is preparing to fail, use your revision timetables to plan your time.
3. Avoid distractions especially your phone!!!
4. Practise - Ask your teachers for mock papers to help you revise this can re-enforce your knowledge.
5. Take breaks and get enough sleep. Your body needs rest in order to get stronger and so does your brain! Be sure you are going to bed at an appropriate time and getting enough sleep.

Let's keep the momentum going Year 11!
#be the greatest!!!!!!

By Miss Fox-Roberts

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your time
at SJW

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Class of 2022

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Stars of the Month

Geography

Omar Crossgill 11LAK - excellent effort in preparation for his GCSEs.
Simran Tiwana 10HAB - excellent examination homework in Geography.
Eisa Hasnain 11RAT - hard work and motivation in Geography revision.
Malick Jarju 11WOO - excellent GCSE preparation.

By Mr Woodward

Crystabel Owusu 10HAB - excellent examination homework and effort in lessons.
Samuel Wren 10HAB - being active and curious while learning about our Rivers topic.
Awais Hussain 8BAR - consistent good effort in Geography- Active and curious.
Yakob Binyam 7HAY - attentive and discerning in their approach to Geography.

By Mr Cockburn

MFL – Spanish/French

Salem Ghebrezghi 11LAK - For her excellent effort and progress in Spanish.
Bradley Nguefack 7PAW - For being learned and wise and completing work at a very high standard.
Kymani Harvey 10HAR - For his excellent attitude and contribution towards Spanish lessons.
Ranveer Mall 9JON - Excellent effort, engagement and consistency in Spanish, well done!

By Mr Rosellón

Cristi Zamfir 7GRE - For being learned and wise and completing work at a very high standards.
Lovejeet Malliya 8MCI - For consistently showing excellence and achievement in his Spanish lessons.
Grace Irwin 8HUL - For being consistently curious and active in her French lesson.
Francisca Idemudia 8BRK - For consistently showing excellence and for being learned and wise.

By Miss Gosselin

History

Abraham White 11RAT - showing resilience and motivation in the lead up to his GCSE exams.
Jarhle Ingram 10ESM - being active and curious by asking thoughtful and considerate questions about the topic.
Manmeet Khosa 10ESM - being conscientious in his approach to lessons and examination homework for History.
Adnan Tariq 11RAT - for showing resilience and determination in preparation for GCSE History exams.
Priya Kaur 7HAY - being conscientious and dedicated to succeeding in her upcoming assessments by creating a revision checklist and seeking advice.

By Miss Lally





Stars of the Month

Deborah Gebrekiristos 10HAR - excellent focus and effort in History.
Azailea Tweede 10HAB - for excellent work and focus in History lessons.
Grace Ihaza 11WOO - excellent work and focus in History.

By Miss Guest

Shania-Anne McDermott 8MCI - excellent contributions in History.
Denzel Okyei 8MCI - excellent contributions in History.
Julita Wrukowska 9HEA - excellent source analysis in History.
9C History - for always being attentive and positive in their History lessons.

By Mr John

Abi Brown 8HUL - fantastic effort and engagement in History!
Nikita Marsden 8BAR - for consistently showing excellence in History lessons.
Darling Dikoko 7COB - excellent effort and contributions during History.
Priya Chem 7PAW - excellent effort and contributions during History.
Jose Malundama 8BRK - for producing a wonderful piece of written work in History.
Borys Morawski 7PAW - for being learned and wise by completing development homework.

By Mr McIntosh

Rehan Khan 7PAW - For being attentive and Discerning.
Africa Beauty Garcia George 7HAY - Learned and wise for great knowledge recall of the Wives of Henry VIII.

By Mr Nugent



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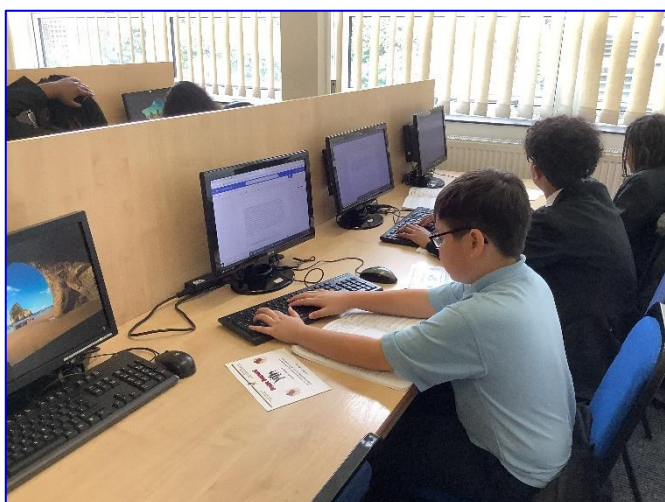
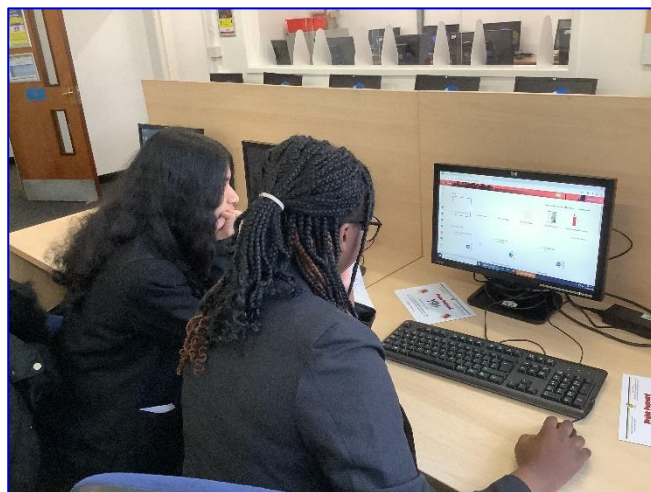


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Scholars Programme

This half term, 12 Year 8 pupils have been involved in the Scholars Programme. On the programme, pupils work with a university researcher to give them an experience of what it's like to study at university. With their university tutor, pupils are learning about 'Windrush, migration and belonging in modern Britain'. This is a relevant and engaging topic given our multi-faith and multi-cultural school community and wider community. Pupils are now in the process of completing their final assignment and at the end of the programme pupils will attend a celebration event at the University of Warwick. The university researcher has been very impressed with the engagement and enthusiasm of the group and consequently we sent pupils home with a praise postcard. Thank you to Miss Raybe for supporting pupils with their tutorials and assignments.

By Miss Guest



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Martineau Gardens Science Trip

On Tuesday 24 May 2022, thirteen Year 7 pupils went on a Science trip to Martineau Gardens, Edgbaston.

The trip directly linked to the Science Curriculum where they carried out Fieldwork techniques, such as freshwater sampling methods and quadrat/transect sampling.

They studied different ecosystems (such as temperate woodland and ponds at Martineau Gardens).

Our pupils enjoyed the atmosphere and activities on the trip. They even had the opportunity to take a tour of the growing areas including tasting herbs/crops. The pupils spent time in the play area, making garden mood boards, sketching etc. Then they went into the woodland where the pupils had to choose activity cards to survey the woodland habitat, including invertebrate sampling and tree identification and a sensory game in the woods.

The visit helped pupils to become more aware of their own responsibilities and to develop a more caring approach towards the environment. **By Mrs Habibullah**

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

"Today we had a lot of fun, and looked around and learnt about nature." **By Danvir Bains 7FOR**

"Today I learnt about how plants grow and what types of plants. Today I enjoyed my day." **By Arashjit Singh 7HAY**

"Today I learnt about different of types of plants, I really enjoyed the trip." **By Sumrit Lal 7FOR**

"I enjoyed this trip because I have explored and seen new types of wild life creatures and had the time to play." **By Harrum Sajid 7GRE**

"I have really enjoyed the trip and it was fun. It was creative and we tried some delicious herbs (which were fun to eat). Everything was fun and impressive." **By Sham Behane 7HAY**

"It was fun and very exciting to find animals and capture them." **By Dominik Gruszczynski 7FOR**

"I enjoyed the natural surroundings and the activities." **By Rehan Khan 7PAW**

"I have enjoyed this trip and I have learnt lots of different herbs and plants. This also reminds me that I have enjoyed this time on the trip. (NATURE IS LOVE)" **By Maja Karwanska 7PAW**

"I have enjoyed this trip because I was looking forward to different types of plants. It reminds me (NATURE, I LOVE IT SO FAR)." By Valentina Opoku 7PAW

"I really enjoyed seeing the different plants." **By Muhammed Ayaan Khan 7HAY**

"We did a lot of stuff today one of the things was catching newts. It was the best." **By Hazem Omar Rahma Al Ashrafani 7HAY**



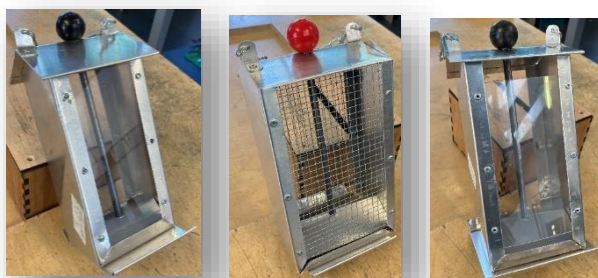
Department News

Engineering

Year 10 have finished their recent project of clocks, they designed the clock on 2D Design and had them cut out on Perspex.



Additionally, Year 9 Resistant Materials have nearly finished their project of Birdfeeders, these are made from aluminium, steel, plastic and Perspex. As you can see some students have had clear Perspex on the sides of the birdfeeder while others have had mesh wire on the sides.



We hope to get more photos to you soon showing off the great work the students have been doing, including some 3D Printing!

By Mr Hulme



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Department News

Upcoming trips in Humanities

Year 8 History

National Memorial Arboretum (Thursday 14 July)

£5

"All about Remembrance, it's meaning, the history and its importance in society today"



Year 9 + 10 History

National Justice Museum (Wednesday 20 July)

£5

"A deep dive into the study of crime and punishment throughout time with an interactive tour and mock court case"



Year 10 History

RAF Cosford (Thursday 30 June)

£5

"A journey throughout the Cold War, with fantastic links to GCSE study"



Year 10 Geography

Carding Mill Valley (Wednesday 13 July)

£1.50

"A journey up and down the course of a river in the Long Mynd"

Year 10 Geography

Weston Super Mare (Wednesday 6 July)

£5

"All about coastal landforms and processes, with sports, arcades and fish + chips"



**The deadline for payment for all of these trips is
Friday 24 June!**

By Mr Woodward



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Book Reviews

Epic Adventure by Tom Gates

"It was about a kid who had two sets of grandparents, the kid got a spy watch that made some kind of animal noises and almost got it confiscated. Then he had to go to the school disco and his parents decided to go out and he had to miss it because when he came back he was late."

By Jalal Aziz 8BAR

CRESS by Marissa Meyer

"Cress is the protagonist of the 3rd book of the lunar chronicles by Marissa Meyer. In the book, Crescent Moon is a shell, a lunar without any abilities. They are looked down on, and because of that they are given away at birth to die. The special soldiers of Queen Levana, actually keep them to make tests on them. After seeing Cress amazing hacking abilities, they decided to use her to spy at the Commonwealth, on Earth, and so trapped in a satellite for 7 years, she's finally going to be rescued by Cinder Lihn's squad. Although things go wrong and she ended up in the Sahara Desert with Thorne Carswell, 'the man of her dreams'. The book is amazing I really recommend it, especially when you like/dislike Disney princess, since its inspired by Rapunzel."

By Sarah Manu 8MCI

The World of Norm by Jonathan Meres

"The book was about a boy that got his bike stolen and his dad didn't insure the bike so he couldn't get a new one. He also hated football but played in a match and scored a great goal and people now assume he's good at football. Then he was offered to play in a school match, so he had to borrow a pair of football boots from his neighbour, he found out his dad had a job interview and he would buy him new ones, when he arrived at the game, the person he was playing for came so he didn't have to play and on the way back home he found his bike outside someone's house."

By Akealia Higgins 8BRK

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Andrew Mathews and Tony Ross

"It was an extraordinary book to have read, it was humorous and full of twists and turns I would suggest this book to people my age to read."

By Jaskirat Sahota 7FOR

Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

"I have read the book Dork Diaries, it was about a girl called Nikki Maxwell moving to a new school, she was very excited about it until she realised she had a locker next to one of the meanest girls in the school, Mackenzie Hollister. Nikki met two girls called Chloe and Zoey, she thought they would be good friends until they didn't want Nikki to sign up for the Avant Garde Art competition, Nikki didn't realise until after Chloe and Zoey tried to help her by making her a collage of all the cool (not permanent) tattoos she did on people as her artwork got run over. Nikki even tried to move schools because of the fiasco of the art show and that she knew Mackenzie was going to win, when Nikki went to have a look at the art show ten minutes before she was going to leave the school, she couldn't believe her eyes she had won. Nikki decided to stay in WCD after all. Her friends were happy to see her, but they also told her not to do any more tattoos on anyone this month, but Chloe and Zoey insisted that she should do one more herself. They all liked her tattoo. I would give this book 5/5."

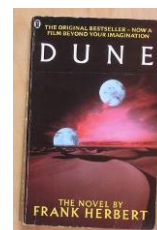
By Diya Chana 8TOW

Staff Book Review

Dune by Frank Herbert

"I remember watching the original 1984 movie version of Dune when I was a teenager and thinking "this movie has amazing lore but rubbish special effects". It was only after recently watching the new Denis Villeneuve 2021 adaption of Dune did my interest in the franchise get re-kindled. Since I started reading the first book in the series a few months ago I have been able to read how the original material has been adapted. On the surface I would say that if you are a fan of Sci-Fi and the houses element of Game of Thrones then you will really enjoy Dune, at least for the first half of the book. The worlds are well crafted and the characters have a lot of depth. One underlining aspect of the book that I find really intriguing is the journey the main character goes on, both in terms of the new planet and its people but also the psychologically and spiritually. I have only read a few chapters past where the 2021 film ended but because the book is so vivid in its story telling, I am excited to find out how the original author envisioned his space epic. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a deep expansive sci-fi story that explores how someone can integrate into a new culture"

By Mr Rathbone



House News

Here are the top achievers for this month!

Gandhi

Maja Majrowska (7FOR)	62
Bianca Emuke Lole (10HAR)	59
Laaiba Akhtar (9WIO)	48
Muhammed Sheraz	47
Rafaqat Begum (8TOW)	

John Paul

Fasika Mehari Araya (7COB)	58
Denzel Okyei (8MCI)	57
Dimitre Vernon (10ESM)	46
Pavan Kumar (9OWE)	38

Luther King

Deborah Agbolade (7PAW)	49
Tyreike Bailey (10FOD)	46
Zakarya Abdalla (8BAR)	40
Rohan Sehjail (9HEA)	32

Mandela

Bartosz Jan Hamela (9GOS)	73
Jakub Letowski (8HUL)	64
Aqsa Nawaz (7GRE)	55
Manjot Kaur (10PAR)	45

Pankhurst

Yakob Binyam (7HAY)	103
Eryk Romanowski (8BRK)	62
Crystabel Owusu (10HAB)	62
Fidele Randy	56
Kelian Huyge (9JON)	

How can pupils spend their positive points?

Pupils now have the opportunity to purchase some amazing prizes with the positive points they have been earning since September!

Each Year group has been assigned a time during form to claim their prizes.

Tuesday – Year 9 & 8
Wednesday – Year 11
Thursday – Year 7 & 10

Recent House Competition

KS3 Board Game Competition

Year 7 and Year 8 have been testing their acting and creative skills in this month's KS3 Challenge. During their lunch time each form went head to head to see how many points they can earn playing the famous games – Boggle and Headbands.

In teams of 4, each form had the challenge to play these two games. Boggle testing the pupil's vocabulary as they had to create as many words from a letter grid. The game Headbands tested the pupils acting and questioning skills as they were put to the test to guess the card on their teammates head.

It was great to see everyone get involved and come to support their house. Well Done to 7FOR and 8BAR who came out on top in the end!



Upcoming House Competition

MFL Takeover!

Next month, we will be seeing Modern Foreign Languages taking over for their 'Department Challenge' to see who knows their knowledge of staff and different languages as each form goes head to head in a quiz!

Keep an eye out in form time on how to enter!

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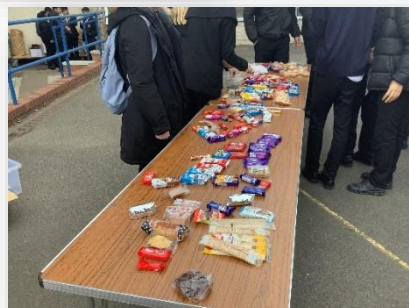
This term, the House Captains organised a Charity Bake Sale. After the raring success of our Macmillan one back in September they felt this was the best way to raise money for people who need it most!

The House Captains chose to raise money for a local Birmingham Charity called 'Stories of Hope and Home'. This charity is a project focused around building a community and creating a safe space in which Asylum Seekers and Refugees can explore and share their stories. It encourages and empowers them to discover their voice, allowing them to share their narrative in their own words, and helping to realise that their stories, individually and collectively have worth and value.

We still have some cakes to sell so this will continue after half term so keep an eye out for our grand total!

I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated cakes before and on the day, to people who donated spare change and money towards this charity and of course to everyone who bought a cake across the two days. Without your support and generosity, we could have not raised this amount!

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