

# 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 3

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 24 September 2021

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

Termly theme: Excellence (hard soil)

Termly SJW values - Attentive and Discerning

Dear Lord, Help me to think of others before myself. I know that this will bring me closer to you and strengthen our bond. I can learn a great deal by helping others and by listening. I pray for the strength to remember this. Amen

**Virtual Open Evening – Please visit our website and look at the videos to find out more about our Catholic Life and Curriculum at Saint John Wall Catholic School. [Click here to view the videos.](#)**

**School Tours – Parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to visit our school for a tour starting from Tuesday 28 September. Please ring the school to book a tour.**

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## School Tours For Parents and Year 6 Pupils



**School Tours**  
Tuesday to Thursday  
mornings/afternoons  
Starting  
Tuesday 28 September 2021

By appointment only.

Please ring the school to book your appointment slot.

loving  
hopeful  
attentive  
faith-filled  
generous  
eloquent  
intentional  
truthful  
discerning  
compassionate  
active  
wise  
grateful  
prophetic

SJW Values

APRIL



**About our school:**

- A small and friendly secondary school with an outstanding Catholic ethos
- Specialist teaching and support staff
- Well-equipped learning environment
- A focus on academic and personal excellence

November 2021



**\* Deadline for applications 31 October 2021**

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## Important Dates to Note

- **Year 10 Assessment Week**  
Monday 11 October – Friday 15 October
- **Remote learning preparation afternoon**  
Wednesday 20 October
- **Cultural Heritage Day**  
Thursday 21 October
- **Half Term**  
Thursday 21 October – Friday 29 October
- **INSET Day – Pupils to access form time via Teams**  
Friday 22 October
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**  
Monday 1 November – Friday 5 November

## Parents' Evenings and Afternoons

- **Year 11 Parents' Evening & targeted Year 10 pupils**  
Thursday 18 November 2021 - 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- **Year 7 & Year 9 Parents' Afternoon & targeted Year 8 pupils**  
Wednesday 15 December 2021 - 1.00pm – 4.00pm

## Notices

### Absence in Term Time

Birmingham City Council and the Department of Education will not authorise leave in term time. Parents taking their children out of school without authorisation may be served with a Penalty Notice by the Local Authority, which may result in court action and could result in your child's name being removed from our school roll. This means your child would no longer have a place at this school. The school is operating Fast Track on Attendance.

### Parking Outside School

Parents are asked to take due care and attention when dropping off and picking up their children. Please observe the road traffic signs and be aware of children crossing between cars and buses.

### Change of Details

If you have recently changed address, contact number or your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please can you provide details to the school office. It is very important that the school has been notified of any new medical conditions your child has so that if any emergency arises we are aware on how to deal with it.



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## Operation Encompass Letter to Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that with effect from September 2021, Saint John Wall Catholic School will be taking part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This will formally be known as **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in, any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9.00am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

Here at Saint John Wall Catholic School we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours faithfully

*K Marston*

Miss K Marston  
Headteacher



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# Top tips to care for your Uniform

## Wash your clothes inside out

This will help to stop fading and stop logos from cracking .

## Don't use too much detergent

Excess detergent and soap can hold dirt and will not rinse clean.

## Don't Iron if you do not need to!

Repeated ironing causes wear and tear. Hanging clothes to dry will reduce creases.

## Don't tumble dry

Tumble drying will wear out your uniform prematurely, far better to air dry your school uniform.

## Wash your uniform cool – not too hot!

Washing at around 30 degrees, makes it much less likely for clothes to shrink or fade.



## Hospitality & Catering

Key Stage 4 pupils have been partaking in a 4 week focus and thoroughly enjoyed being able to develop their presentation and technical skills. Last week they cooked and presented quiches. Here are some photos to display their creativity. Well done!

By Miss Bibi

### Quiche



By Camya Johnson 11SIM



By Sara Rebeca 9JOS



By Amelia Wrukowska 9GOS



By Jamal Ul Hassan 11RAT and Umar Shaid 11RAT



By Kyra Mills 9OWE



By John Kushehin 9JOS



By Ayesha Kaur 10ESM and Crystabel Owusu 10HAB



By Akeyo Cunningham 9WIO

### Comments:

"It was nice to make quiche because it's something different and it's quite challenging but at the end it was worth it. I got to learn about presentation techniques."

By Ayesha Kaur 10ESM

"It was good to make my quiche because it improved my cooking skills and I learnt many techniques that I can use in future cooking lessons."

By Kyra Mills 9OWE



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Communication and Autism



Access to  
Education

## MOVING ON Information Session

**A session focussing upon transition after Year 11 for pupils, parents and carers.**

This event is open to pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11.

The session will provide you with the information you need  
about preparing for POST 16.

The session will cover:

- POST 16 timeline
- Placements- what are my options?
  - Applications
  - What to expect
- Support at Post 16

This session will be led by the Communication and Autism Team.  
We will also have a representative from Birmingham Metropolitan College.

**THURSDAY 30th September 2021**

**6.00pm - 7.30 pm**

The session will take place via Microsoft Teams. To book your place, please visit  
<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/> or send an email to  
[kyle.simms@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:kyle.simms@birmingham.gov.uk)



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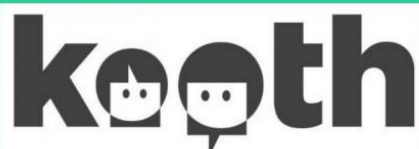
**Monday 27th September at 1pm**

## **Mental Health Information for Parents/ Carers**

**Join for free for a 1 hour session online about how Kooth can  
support young people in your life**

**Register on Eventbrite using link below:**

**[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-for-age-11-25-parent-carer-information-session-with-kooth-tickets-169821425455](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-for-age-11-25-parent-carer-information-session-with-kooth-tickets-169821425455)**



**Birmingham**  
Children's Partnership



**Green  
Square  
Accord**



**Hall Green  
Families**

**Kooth is the UK's largest  
digital mental health  
platform, providing free  
mental health and wellbeing  
support services for young  
people aged 11-25.**



**An online Parenting Intervention to Prevent  
affective disorders in high-risk Adolescents:  
The PIPA Trial**

Mental health during childhood and adolescence is very important. Difficulties like anxiety and depression can start when people are young and it is important for young people and their families to understand these difficulties and get support when needed.

The PIPA Trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for parents/carers to help reduce depression and anxiety in young people. The trial is being coordinated by the University of Warwick and involves families of young people aged 11-15 years from schools in Birmingham, Coventry and surrounding areas.

The trial is free and conducted completely online. Eligible parents/carers and young people will be asked to complete some questionnaires. Parents/carers will then receive access to some online parenting resources: either the standard educational package of factsheets or the personalised programme with up to nine modules. Parents/carers and young people will also be asked to complete some follow-up questionnaires.

Please look out for the letter about how to sign up which also contains some information sheets with more details. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs L Ellis or contact the PIPA trial team at [PIPA@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PIPA@warwick.ac.uk) or 02476574316/02476575078.



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## The British Transport Police Cadets

The BTP Volunteer Cadets are currently recruiting for young people from the local area to take part in a truly unique experience. A chance to work alongside Police Officers and Staff. Taking part in various schemes and projects all over Birmingham and Nationally.

- Based close to Birmingham New Street station
- Meetings are every Tuesday 6pm – 8pm
- With events during weekends, evening and throughout the holidays.
- Membership is FREE.
- Activities include – Working with BTP officers, visiting specialist units within the BTP, Camping, Outdoor activities and Team building.

For More Details Please Contact:

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