

# 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 11

End of the Month Newsletter

Date: Friday 26 November 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**

Father, thank you for seeing us through another work week and bringing us to the weekend. We pray that this weekend will be filled with rest and time with those we love. We hope we also get the opportunity to spend some quiet time with you, Lord, in the busyness of our lives. Amen

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

Last week Thursday we held our first face to face parents' evening since the pandemic began. It was brilliant to see so many parents turn up to speak to the teachers and discuss the progress of their children. Many of the discussions were based on Year 11's recent mock examination results and I am glad to say that there were many happy faces!! However, there were some signs of disappointment and I hope that the mock exam results will make everyone consider what it is they need to do to next to succeed.

The overall attendance was 82.8% with over 50% attending with parents. There will be another Year 11 parents' evening in the new year.



By Mr John

### Proposed Admissions Policy 2023-2024

We are going under a full consultation of our Admissions Policy for 2023 – 2024 as per the School Admissions Code. We are sharing the proposed policy with you before the final determination in order for responses, comments or objections to be submitted and considered.

If you wish to view the proposed admission arrangements and supplementary information form (SIF), you may do that on:

<https://www.sjw.bham.sch.uk/contact-us/about-us/ofsted-and-s48-reports/policies>

The proposed admission arrangements and Supplementary Information Form (SIF) are also available to view at [Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2023-2024](#)

Any comments or responses to the consultation can be made by clicking on [Birmingham BeHeard](#)

### Nasal Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccination for all pupils will take place on **Tuesday 11 January 2022**. If you would like your child to have the vaccination, please ensure that the forms are returned to the school as soon as possible.



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## Important Dates to Note

## Attendance and Punctuality

### Trips

- **Alexandra Theatre Trip – Year 7**  
Friday 3 December 2021 – 9am to 3pm
- **Showcase Cinema Trip – Year 11**  
Thursday 16 December 2021 – 9.15am to 1.30pm
- **University of Worcester – Year 10 & 11**  
Monday 10 January 2022 – 8.50am to 3pm

### Parents' Evenings and Afternoons

- **Year 7 & Year 9 Parents' Afternoon & targeted Year 8 pupils**  
Wednesday 15 December 2021 - 1.00pm – 4.00pm. School will close to all other pupils at 12.30pm.

### End of Term

- **Christmas Holiday**  
Thursday 16 December 2021 – 1.00pm
- **Teacher Training Day**  
Friday 17 December 2021 – School closed to all Pupils

## Vacancy

We have the following vacancy here at Saint John Wall Catholic School.

- **Temporary Cleaner**  
(From 1 December 2021 to 31 December 2022)

**Closing Date:** Monday 29 November 2021 – 9am

For more information and job description visit our website or [click here](#)

Job descriptions are available on our website under the 'About Us' drop down menu 'Vacancies' or you can click here -

[Vacancies](#)

It is really good to see so many pupils coming to school every day on time.

The regeneration of our local area has caused significant disruption to our daily travel routes. Therefore, it is extremely important that we are up early enough to get to school on time.

The school office's phone systems were recently upgraded. This will allow our team to efficiently receive absence voicemail notifications. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact school by selecting option 1 for absence and leave a voicemail. Please remember to leave your child's name, date of birth and class details and don't forget to tell us the reason for absence.

Don't Forget !! call school as soon as possible and select OPTION 1 to report an absence.

Miss J Hanson

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### BEST PERFORMING FORM GROUPS

**7FOR 94.60%**

**9GOS 94.10%**

**8BRK 93.80%**

**11WOO 92.50%**

**10FOD 92.20%**

**Whole school attendance: 91.1%**

Well done for good attendance. All pupils should aim for 95% or higher.



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## Tuition at Saint John Wall

There are two types of tuition at Saint John Wall:

**5 for 5 tuition:** Five pupils are chosen by a class teacher. This teacher will work with the pupils for five 1-hour sessions, focusing on areas for development specific to those pupils. These sessions take place after school between 3pm to 4pm.

**Masterclass:** A masterclass will be led with a larger group, this may be a specially selected group of pupils, a full class or a whole year group. This will take place either face to face afterschool at 3pm to 3.45pm or on Teams at 5pm to 5:45pm.

If your child has been chosen to take part in our tuition, you will receive a text or a letter. Attendance is compulsory, your child must attend these sessions as they have been invited to support them in making progress.

By Mr Lloyd-Price

Here is the programme for next week:

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday			Thursday		Friday		
Week 5 29 <sup>th</sup> November – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Yr 10 English Mrs Hillier 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 Maths Mr Hussain 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	9B Spanish Masterclass Mr Rosellon 5pm-5:45pm	Year 8 Computing Masterclass Mr Esmail 3pm-3:50pm	Yr 10 RE Miss Fox-Roberts 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 Maths Mr Simmons 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 History Miss Lally 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 History Miss Lally 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 Geography Mr Woodward 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 History Miss Lally 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 Geography Mr Woodward 5 for 5 3pm-4pm
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## Catholic Life

### Year 7SVP Group

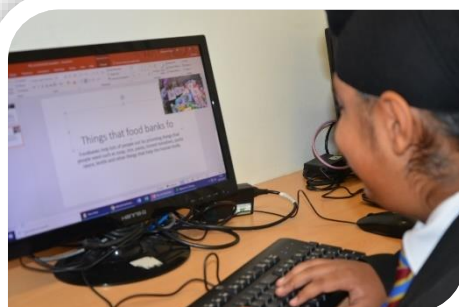


### The winners are:

Diya Chana 8TOW  
Stefania Holodeair 8BRK  
Sarah Manu 8MCI  
Sakshi Mahey 9JON  
Hannah Khan 9JON

Congratulations to you all. Prizes will be awarded during your Saints League Collective Worship with your designs featuring in next month's newsletter.

### Can Drive



This month our two SVP groups have been working hard to organise and lead on our Christmas Card Competition and our Can Drive.

Members of our first SVP group created posters, speeches and a power point to raise awareness of the importance to look after our local community. The winner of the competition will win chocolates and a voucher, and all who have taken part will be awarded class charts points.

We had a large number of entries this year and it was difficult to choose just one design. We have 5 winners, and all 5 designs will feature on our Christmas cards that will then be hand delivered by our pupils to our local community this term.

Our second SVP group has been working hard to organise and lead on a can drive being held in school from next week.

### SVP food bank collection!

From the 29 November- 3 December we will be asking all pupils to contribute to our local foodbank.

The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free. Luke 4:18

**Please bring goods to your form room each morning.**

**We would like for you to bring in canned food**

Items needed are:

- ☐ Toiletries like:
  - ❖ Toothpaste
  - ❖ Soap
  - ❖ Nappies
  - ❖ Toilet paper
  - ❖ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Canned food like:
  - ❖ Sweetcorn
  - ❖ Beans
  - ❖ Green peas
  - ❖ Jam
- ☐ Food like:
  - ❖ Pasta
  - ❖ Rice
  - ❖ Cereal

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## Year 7 National Youth Sunday



On Friday 19 November pupils from Year 7 were invited to the school Chapel to take part in National Youth Sunday. This was to celebrate National Youth Sunday held on the Feast of Christ the King. Pupils listened to a special interactive assembly on COP 26, the role of the SVP and the importance of our youth in society today.

## Year 8 One World

Year 8 have been leading on our 'Eyes of the World' Campaign in school. They have spent time discussing sustainable targets for our school which will be shared with forms in the coming weeks.

## Year 9 Services in the Chapel

Throughout November, pupils in Year 10, 9 and 7 have been visiting the school Chapel to take part in a special class service which has been based on Remembrance. Pupils were able to reflect, pray and think about those who have died, using our 'Empty Chair' which has been in place since the beginning of the month. Pupils have also been given the opportunity to pray and write down the names of loved ones during break and lunchtimes.



## Year 7 Christmas Tree Decorating

Three of our Year 7 pupils decorated our school Christmas tree this week in preparation for Advent. A special thank you to Africa Beauty Garcia George, Greg Mwakatobe and Bhagwant Singh for your brilliant efforts to bring us all some Christmas cheer.



By Mrs Ellis





## Head of Year Messages

### Head of Year 7 Message

#### Year 7 Assessments

Year 7 Assessment week began today with several examinations taking place. The Assessment week continues through to Thursday 2 December. Please encourage your child to use their booklets that come home with them each day. If they have finished their booklets, they can continue to revise using development homework, mind maps, short quizzes, and games.

Pupils need to remember to bring their correct equipment every day including two pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber, and purple pen. This is not only important for their assessments but for their learning each day too. Additional equipment can be purchased at Reception. It is important to pack bags the night before and use the assessment timetable which has been given out to all Year 7 pupils so that you are aware of what assessments are happening each day.

#### Change in weather

The weather appears to have taken a turn for the worst. Please ensure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat for school each day. Due to our one-way system in school pupils do have to walk outside to go to some of their lessons, as well as playing outside at break and lunchtime.

#### Year 7 behaviour on the playground

We have seen a significant improvement in behaviour within Year 7 over the last two weeks. I'd like to congratulate each of you for remembering our 'Kind hands, kind words, kind heart', and look forward to rewarding you all during our Saints League Collective Worship in the coming weeks. Well done also to our two SVP teams who have done a fabulous job ensuring that our Christmas Card Competition was a huge success and working hard to work alongside our local community by arranging a can drive. Should you have any food/toiletries donations please send them into school with your child over the next few weeks. Every little helps.

By Mrs Ellis

### Head of Year 8 Message

A big congratulations to Year 8 for the continuous excellence in everything they are doing.

This term we have been remembering the fallen for Remembrance Day by wearing poppies and reflecting during the 2 minutes silence, as always pupils were attentive and discerning.

Pupils have also taken part in one of our first Values@ days by taking part in many activities based around 'Making the right choices'. Pupils had sessions with external visitors as well as staff delivering interactive activities for students to take part in. The visitors did comment on how extremely polite and respectful they all were during the day. Well done to all pupils who took part.

As the weather is getting colder a reminder to parents to ensure that pupils are wearing a warm coat and they are making sure that once they leave school they are going straight home. Pupils are still representing our school when they go home so please can they continue their good behaviour and show the community that we have caring pupils who are respectful to property and people.

A big well done to all Year 8 pupils who have taken the time out to enter the Christmas card competition, I have seen some amazing entries and I am pleased we have some Year 8 pupils amongst the winners.

As always take care and look after yourselves.

By Mrs Chand

### Head of Year 9 Message

Our year have continued to be engaged by maintaining appropriate distance from other year groups and following the correct procedures.

You made a strong effort during Remembrance by being respectful and contributing during form time, and I am proud of the leadership shown by Year 9 pupils in distributing poppies across the school, including to form classes. Our year were excellent during Values@ Day and were very positive about the experience and learning during the different sessions.

All our pupils should be arriving to school on time and when escorted off school premises at the end of the day; every pupil must go home straightaway to maintain health and safety. Every pupil is responsible for following and maintaining acceptable school behaviour and this includes indoors and outdoors.

We have a lot of exciting work our pupils are doing during form time (house competitions) and in lessons and we look forward to showcasing this across the school in the coming weeks and before half term. Please continue to utilise your homework booklets in preparation for your assessment week and respond to your calling.

*"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone"*

Best wishes,

By Mr Hussain



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## Head of Year 10 Message

### Behaviour

I would like to say a big thank you to Year 10 for the behaviour that they have displayed over the last few weeks. You have shown that you have started to mature and become responsible young adults. Well done.

### Reports and Assessment Results

This month pupils have received their school report and their assessment results. Some pupils will be very happy with how they performed but there are others that need to start focusing more on their work. We will make some changes going forward in ways to help prepare for exams but it is important that pupils use the results that they have received to indicate what they need to work on for the next set of assessments. New examination homework booklets will be being given out to all Year 10s in the coming weeks to prepare them for their exams.

### Remembrance service

This month we have been remembering those who have lost their lives to war with poppies and services with all year groups. During the collective worship lead by Mrs Ellis Year 10 were outstandingly behaved and very respectful. The time they spent reflecting and remembering allowed for a real unity with the year group after such a difficult 18 months. I am proud of how they conducted themselves throughout this time as well as the 2-minute silence.

### Anti-Bullying

We have launched a new initiative in school "Safe, Just and Wise" pupils should access this when they feel they need to report something that they are not comfortable with whether that is bullying or any other peer on peer abuse. It is important that pupils know that they can access this from the desktops in school and look out for the logo around school.

### Values@ day

During November we had our first of many for this year. This time the sessions were around making the right choices. We had several visitors delivering sessions as well as some SJW staff that lead them too, all of which commended Year 10 on their participation and maturity with each session. This shows that these days are worth it and we look forward to the next one.

### Home time

Now the nights are drawing in it is important that all pupils make it home in a timely fashion so that they are not out with dark and cold nights. We want to show our school has polite and respectful students and it is important that pupils show this to everyone in our community.

Well done this month and as every stay safe and look after yourself and each other.

**By Miss Reynolds**

## Heads of Year 11 Message

Now that you have had your first set of mock results, I am aware that there has been a mixed bag of results, and some of you were happy and some perhaps not as much. However regardless of how you may feel about your Mock 1 result, the message that I want to push primarily is that, you can all push yourselves much more to surpass this in Mock 2, and you are all more than capable. As your Head of Year, I want to see you take responsibility for your learning, and close those gaps in your knowledge, or perhaps practise those exam style questions, or whatever needs development to focus all your energy on that. As we are approaching the Christmas break, mix your time up with a well-earned rest and some studying. Always remember that we are available in the Head of Year office whenever you need assistance. Lastly, there is an acronym I would like you to remember which is: TEAM - Together Everybody Achieves More. So as long as we work together, things will undoubtedly fall into place, so keep working hard, and you will reap the rewards.

**By Mr Brooks**

Hello Year 11, well done on completing your exams. You are amazing! I know some of you are disappointed with your grades and marks, but this is your chance to get back up and get back in the race. Even though your mocks are finished and the next aren't for a few months you can continue working hard and being the amazing pupils that you are. Next month we have a lot to look forward to, the cinema trip which is a treat for your hard work and amazing behaviour, and the Christmas holidays. Continue your hard work and amazing behaviour.

**By Miss Fox-Roberts**







# Year 7 Assessment Week

Monday 29 November 2021 to Friday 3 December 2021

Period	Friday 26 Nov	Monday 29 Nov	Tuesday 30 Nov	Wednesday 1 Dec	Thursday 2 Dec	Friday 3 Dec
<b>1</b> 9:15 Start	7XJ/Mfl- GOS 023	<b>Year 7 English Writing</b> 30 mins  <b>GYM</b>	7XW/Geography ComputingB 024	7XJ/History MCI 032	<b>Year 7 RE</b> 1 hour  <b>GYM</b>	<b>None</b>
	7YJ/Geography WOO 021			7XW/Computing ESM 002		
	7YW/History LAL 022			7YW/Geography WOO 033		
<b>Break</b>						
<b>2</b> 10:45 Start		7YJ/Mfl- GOS 023	<b>Year 7 Science</b> 1 hour  <b>Calculators</b>  <b>GYM</b>	7XJ/Computing ESM 002	7YJ/Computing ESM 003	
		7YS/Computing ESM 002		7YJ/History LAL 022	7YS/History MCI 032	
				7YS/Geography Computing 024	7YW/Mfl- GOS 023	
<b>3</b> 12:00 Start						
		7XJ/Geography WOO 021	7XS/History LAL 022	7XS/Geography Computing 024	7YW/Computing ESM 002	
			7YS/Mfl- GOS 023			
<b>Lunch</b>						
<b>4</b> 13:45 start	7XW/History JOH 022	7XS/Mfl- ROS 032	<b>Year 7 Maths</b> 1 hour <b>Non Calculator</b>  <b>GYM</b>	7XS/Computing ESM 002	<b>Year 7 English</b> (Oliver Twist) 1 Hour  <b>GYM</b>	
		7XW/Mfl- GOS 023				
in Class	in the GYM					



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# Year 9 Assessment Week

Monday 29 November 2021 to Friday 3 December 2021

Period	Monday 29 Nov	Tuesday 30 Nov	Wednesday 1 Dec	Thursday 2 Dec	Friday 3 Dec
1 9:15		Y9 Computer Science (1 hour) Y9 PE (9A) 1 Hour Y9 DIT (9A) 1 Hour Y9 Music (9A) + Y10 1 hour	Y9 Separate Science (9B) 1 hour Calculators Performing Arts (9B) 1 hour (in T2) Y9 French Reading (9B) 1 Hour Y9 Polish Reading (9B) 1 Hour Y9 Spanish Reading (9B) 1 Hour		Y9 English Lit 1 hour
Break					
2 10:45 Start	Y9 Science (Combined) 1 hour Calculators		Y9 Health and SC (9A 9C) 1 hour	Y9 RE 1 hour	Y9 French Writing (9B) 1 hour/15 Y9 Polish Writing (9B) 1 hour/15 Y9 Spanish Writing (9B) 1 hour/15
3 12:00 Start		Y9 History (9A 9B 9C) 1 hour		Y9 Enterprise (9B 9C) 1 Hour Calculators	Y9 Catering (9C) 1 Hour Y9 Resistant Mats (9C) 1 hour Calculators
Lunch					
4 13:45	Y9 Geography (9A 9C) 45 Mins Calculators		Y9 Maths F/H 45 Mins Non Calculator		



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## Stars of the Month

### Humanities

**Aleksy Chumra 11WOO** - Excellent mock result in Geography.

**Randal Fernando 11LAK** - Excellent mock result in Geography.

**Tyrese Francis 10HAR** - A real marked improvement in attitude and behaviour in geography lessons, keep it up.

**Hannah Nyika 8BRK** - Always offering thoughtful responses to class discussions in Geography, being active and curious in her learning.

By Mr Woodward

**Amaru Masih 11RAH** - Good effort on mock 1.

By Mr Cockburn

### English

#### 11XW

**Ricky Sangar 11RAH** - Super progress in English assessments

**Kosi Nwananoch 11SIM** - Positive attitude to learning

**Mariam Rahman 11RAH** - Constant effort in all lessons

#### 9YJ

**Janelle Ajayi 9OWE** - Dedication to English through completing extra work outside of lessons to improve her skills.

**Muhammed Esa 9JOS** - A positive presence in English.

**Derrek Omali 9JOS** - Highly thoughtful contributions in class discussion.

#### 7YS

**Daryll Djuikouo 7COB** - Fantastic class reading.

**Aqsa Nawaz 7PEJ** - Highly thoughtful contributions to class.

**Richard Oye 7PAW** - Always 100% effort in English.

Special mention to 9JON for huge efforts for the Christmas com  
Especially David, Gabriel and Ranveer for 'gathering' resources!

By Miss Jones

#### 10XJ

**Alvin Titah 10FOD** - Fantastic contributions in class.

**Ivie Imadonmwinyi 10ESM** - Consistently hard working in all lessons.

**Natalia Moszczynska 10PAR** - Huge efforts made prior to assessment.

#### 9XJ

**Stefan Dahorea 9JON** - Huge efforts to improve progress in English.

**Robertina Nae 9WIO** - Being highly helpful to her peers.

**Cairo Herbert 9JOS** - Great contributions through development HW.





## Stars of the Month

### Music/Technology

8XS - Omari Harvey 8TOW

Haider Ali 8tow

9a - Emmanuel Dinu 9WIO  
Ranveer Mall 9JON

Emmanuel Ifeosame 9OWE

Rhodasia Welch 9OWE

Beniamin Bujor 9OWE

8XW Technology - Denzel Okyei 8MCI

Hoodo Omar 8BAR

Shriya Nandy 8TOW

By Mrs Crooks

### Science

7HAY - Kodi Brown

Maria Tibuleac

7Y1 - Richard Oye

Maja Majrowska

8Y3 - Elisabeth Ajayi

Mohammed Nawaz

9SC2 - Rahma Samia MiahDhiraj Ram

10SC6 - Yuvraj Singh

Lole Bianca Emuke

11SC4 - Baljinder Ram Rani Kaur Michal Zajac

By Mr Hayaat

### MFL/EAL

#### Spanish

**Kritika Basra 7PEJ** - For showing excellence in her attitude towards learning Spanish.

**Ravjot Singh 10PAR** - For her excellent attitude towards Spanish and her great achievement in the Spanish assessment.

**Bryan Le 7HAY** - Being continuously learned and wise in his attitude towards Spanish.

**Manjot Kaur 10PAR** - For being active and curious in Spanish as well as having an excellent engagement.

By Mr Rosellon

#### French/Spanish

**Maja Majrowska 7FOR** - For consistently showing excellent and going above and beyond in her French lessons.

**Tyreike Bailey 10FOD** - For consistently showing perseverance and acting upon feedback.

**Mohit Badhan 10FOD** - Consistently demonstrating excellence and completing high quality work.

By Miss Gosselin



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## Stars of the Month

### EAL

**Aynaz Nojehdehi 11RAT** - For being active and curious and trying to achieve her best.

**Rihana Guesh 7FOR** - For her great effort and exceptional progress in reading.

By Mrs Kawecka

### English

**8XJ: Mercedes Johnson** - for her development homework and independent research for the Sherlock Holmes topic.

**10YW: Bianca Emuke Lole** - since she came midway to SJW, she has developed in her writing, engaged with the learning, always contributing and volunteering to read in lessons.

**11XC: Salem Ghebrezghi** - Salem has become more confident now in her lessons and has come a long way in her engagement in the lesson and writing since September.

**11YW: Roi Mahey** - for his improvement in his writing and contribution in the lessons. Roi has become more confident now since the start of September.

By Mrs Heathcote

### Hospitality and Catering

**Akeyo Cunningham 9WIO and Amelia Wrukowska 9GOS** - Excellent behaviour and attitude for learning in Hospitality and Catering, great technical skills and creativity applied in lessons. Well done!

By Miss Bibi

### Health and Social Care

**Holly Kiely 9OWE** - Being attentive and learning in Health and Social Care, doing extremely well in this subject. Great discussions in class, well done keep it up!

By Miss Bibi

**Dimitre Vernon 10ESM** - Very helpful and generous during Values Day, helping others when making a healthy breakfast. Excellent progress in results from assessment and practical skills. well done, keep it up!

By Miss Bibi



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## Stars of the Month

### History

**Natalia Frackowiak 9GOS** - For being learned and wise by producing some excellent work so far in GCSE History.

**Malcolm Ngandu 9JON** - For being learned and wise by producing some excellent work so far in GCSE History.

**Linh Hoang 11WOO** - Fantastic set of mock 1 results.

#### By Miss Lally

**Ti Andre Wade 9GOS** - For making an excellent start to GCSE History.

**Chandani Chana 11WOO** - Active and curious during our trip to the National Justice Museum.

**Kyra Mills 9OWE** - Active and curious in History, excellent work.

#### By Miss Guest

**Success Ihaza 7FOR** - Superb work in completing her Examination Homework in History.

**K'Yanna Douglas 8MCI** - Excellent source analysis in her History lessons.

**Christel Mjeda 8MCI** and **Lovejeet Malliya 8MCI** - Excellent work in History.

**Natasha Glenn 8BRK** - excellent contribution in History lessons.

**Warren Bauwise 9WIO** - excellent attitude in History.

#### By Mr John

**Michal Zajac 11RAT** - For making great progress in History. Well done!

**Italia Holder 8BAR** - Fantastic effort in History lessons.

**Kai Chand 11SIM** - For being eloquent and truthful during our trip to the NJM.

#### By Mr McIntosh

### Drama

**Godson Omenma 7FOR**

**Samuel Wren 10HAB**

**Christel Mjeda 8MCI**

**Hyab Woldai 11SIM**

**Sebastian Paul 9JOS**

All the above are for their great effort and progress in Drama.

#### By Miss Cummings





## Values@SJW Day – Year 7

Year 7 attended sessions focusing on showing respect to others and how to have positive relationships with those around us.

The sessions were about:

- Stop & Search which focused on what our rights are when the police stop and search
- Precious Lives focusing on joint enterprise
- Road Safety looked at how we can be safe in the local area
- 'Going too far' focused on grooming and online safety
- Relationships: this session encouraged our pupils to think about what makes a healthy relationship

Pupils had the following comments to make about these sessions:

*"I liked the precious life's session because we got to talk about how precious everyone's life is."*

**By Maria Tibuleac 7HAY**

*"I thought stop and search was very educational and it was fun and I really liked it."*

**By Samuel Kinavuidi 7PAW**

*"What I liked about Values Day was the videos we watched as it really made a big impact on me and the perspective I had on knife crime, jail and others. It really made me think."*

**By Bradley Nguefack 7PAW**

*"I enjoyed the fact that we learnt about topics that children are not aware of or understand. It helped us acknowledge different situations around our community and world. It helped me understand the situations in a real-life scenario."*

**By Elnael Fasil 7COB**

*"I loved the stop and search because I learned all about why the Police stop people."*

**By Andrew Le 7COB**



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## Values@SJW Day – Year 8

Year 8 attended sessions focusing on keeping safe and staying out of trouble.

The sessions were about:

- Knife awareness focusing on what to do in an emergency situation and understanding how the police would respond.
- 'Going too far' which looked at the dangers of extreme behavior on line
- Mindfulness where pupils looked at their own mental health and wellbeing and ways to look after themselves
- Online Safety focusing on how to keep safe online and avoid any dangers
- Med Minds where pupils heard from current trainee doctors about how to keep safe and mentally healthy

Pupils had the following comments to make about these sessions:

*"I valued the night awareness session because it taught me a lot of things about crime safety."*

**By Emmanuel Erikowa 8TOW**

*"We learnt about online safety and knife crime."*

**By Nikola Buksa 8BRK**

*"On Values Day I had fun during the knife crime because I got to scream because I had to fake that I got stabbed on my leg."*

**By Daisy Idemudia 8RES**

*"I learned what the Police do when there is an incident and I liked it."*

**By Alberto Stanciu 8BAR**

*"We learnt how to keep safe online and the Police also came in to tell us how to keep safe."*

**By Qasim Rehman 8RES**

*"I learnt all about self-defence and what I can and can't do if I am being attacked. I also learnt about the dangers of knife crime."*

**By O'Mari Harvey 8TOW**







## Values@SJW Day – Year 9

Year 9 attended sessions focusing on crime and the law

The sessions were about:

- Anti-bullying which helped pupils understand what to do if they are being bullied
- County Lines where pupils understood the law on transporting drugs and gangs
- Peer-pressure focusing on joint enterprise and making the right choices as an individual
- Online Safety focusing on the law around hate crime and 'trolling'

*"I really enjoyed the visitors talked to us, they really inspired and educated me on gang life, bullying etc... my most favourite lesson of the day was county lines because the visitor was really realistic in his words and made me understand what county lines are and why it is such a bad topic."*

**By Meher Saeed 9OWE**

*"This Values Day was very informative and inspiring. I really enjoyed the County Lines session where we learned about drugs and drug mules. We learned about peer pressure and all the negative impacts it has on individuals."*

**By Laaiba Akhtar 9WIO**

*"At values day we did a range of different lessons with different people coming to our school. Me and my form had teachers and visitors teaching us many things in life that can happen. Some lessons we did was peer pressure, county lines etc. I really enjoyed the county lines session and hope we do more lessons like that."*

**By Sophia Baloghova 9WIO**

*"I really enjoyed learning about county lines and online safety on values @ day because I found it interesting, and the visitor was funny."*

**By David Tran 9JON**

*"At values day, I was doing different activities with my form about real life matters. It taught me new things like what county lines are. I really enjoyed that day because it was super fun with new visitors coming to school and telling us what can happen in life."*

**By Natalia Budna 9GOS**



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## Values@SJW Day – Year 10

Year 10 attended sessions focusing on their mental health and personal safety

The sessions were about:

- Violence Awareness which focused on how to keep safe out in the community
- Healthy Breakfast where pupils had the opportunity to create and eat their own healthy breakfast based on nutritional guidance.
- Gambling which focused on the dangers and issues associated with addiction
- Going too far where pupils looked at keeping safe online and the current issue with 'fake news'
- Dangers of drugs which focused on how pupils can spot the signs of drug addiction

*"On Wednesday I took part in Values Day, I really enjoyed learning all about the dangers of drugs and the impact they can have on you and your family."*

**By Olamide Adekunle-Olayiwola 10PAR**

*"I liked the talk about drugs awareness, and the knife crime talk was very eye opening."*

**By Mohammed Asad 10FOD**

*"I enjoyed learning about things I don't normally learn, also expanding my knowledge about new topics."*

**By Dylan Masih 10ESM**

*"We learnt about drugs and violence awareness. We were told the consequences of violence and how we need to think before we act."*

**By Naima Choudury 10FOD**

*"We learnt about drugs and gambling, especially that gambling is not good for you as you can lose a lot of money. The consequences of using drugs can be life changing."*

**By Alisha Shafiq 10HAB**



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## National Justice Museum

On Values@ Day last week, Miss Lally, Miss Guest, Mr McIntosh and myself accompanied the Year 11 Historian's to The National Justice Museum in Nottingham.

Pupils took part in a variety of activities and undertook a tour of the museum. The day involved acting out a Mock trial on Cyberbullying, pupils played a variety of roles including judge, defence barristers, solicitors, jurors, and witnesses. A big congratulations to Destiny Boora, Mikhail Ayoub, Joshua Fadola, Kai Chand, Pamela Sidhu and Alexandra Tatomir who took on particularly challenging roles in the courtroom and adapted excellently.

As well as taking part in this trial, pupils had the chance to explore how their GCSE History studies link to a variety of future careers in the courtroom and travel on a journey through time, learning all about the hardships of crime and punishment throughout History, the visit supported pupils in visualising what they learnt inside the classroom during Year 9. Pupils got the chance to look at many historical items such as a pillory, scold's bridle and ducking stool which they have heard about when looking at punishments in the past. There was also the opportunity to experience how prisons changed over time with the recreation of many different cells from the past.

**By Mr Woodward**



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# National Justice Museum

## Pupil Comments:

*"The jailer and Matron Linton were very interesting characters. Their actors portrayed prisoners in that time period very well and added a bit of humour to the trip."*

**By Aleksy Chmura 11WOO**

*"I enjoyed the meeting the Jailor, it was fun seeing everything first hand and visually learning. It was fascinating seeing Valentine Marshall name carved into the wall by him."*

**By Jenny Tran 11WOO**

*"I enjoyed the whole trip and the paid actors in the museum, the acts they performed were very good. I learnt about prison reforms and how they changed over time."*

**By Dylan Kainth 11WOO**

*"The actors were good they gave me extra information about the time and how prisoners were treated. I did not know prisoners had to pay for food and for a bed."*

**By Nehemiah Fuller 11WOO**

*"I learnt how prisons have changed from the Victorian era to prisons now."*

**By Szymon Wrukowski 11WOO**

*"I learnt more about the prison reformers, Elizabeth Fry and John Howard. Also. I got to know more about what things they changed and how they made prisons better."*

**By Chandani Chana 11WOO**

*"The court trial was enjoyable and taught us how courts in the UK work. We also learnt about Georgian prisons."*

**By Pamela Sidhu 11WOO**

*"I enjoyed going to the prison and looking at the devices used for punishment. I liked being able to go into the area where real prisoners were kept, I was able to experience it in real life (it was very scary!)"*

**By Linh Hoang**

*"I learnt how severe punishments were in the past and how they changed over time. Seeing the appearance of prison cells and the work they did made a lot of people suffer. I learnt how criminals were punished and how minor crimes led to the death penalty."*

**By Yuseph Mufti and Destiny Boora 11WOO**



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## Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Last week Wednesday, 30 Year 8 pupils visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens as part of their study of global ecosystems. They saw, felt, and smelt what it was like to be in a rainforest and a desert, which will aid their understanding of the topic in the coming weeks. This was an excellent opportunity to build their cultural capital and team building skills, venturing around the gardens on a scavenger hunt too.

**By Mr Cockburn**



*"Today was Year 8 Botanical Gardens trip, we had different activities. When we got there, we had a tour of the place it was nice. After that we had a hunt here, we had to find number stations by the map we were given. Finally, we went to the playground."*

**By Yousma Mustafa 10HAR**

*"On the trip we saw exotic birds and plants. We sat tropical forests, Mediterranean forests and arid forests. I also did a treasure hunt and saw all the different types of trees. My favourite part was seeing the vibrant colours of the plants, trees and flowers."*

**By Alicja Gomes 8RES**

*"During the trip we saw exotic animals and plants. We went into many green houses like the tropical and sub-tropical. We also saw some big fish. My favourite part was the treasure hunt and seeing the Peacocks."*

**By Nadia Yentumi 8BRK**



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## Anti-Bullying Week

### Odd Sock Day

#### Antibullying Week 2021

This year's theme for antibullying week is 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. Pupils at school wore odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique but can stand together against bullying. **By Miss Timmins**



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## Book Reviews

Year 7 and 8 pupils have been participating in our Accelerated Reader programme where pupils have been reading books fortnightly and being tested to see if they have understood the book they have been reading. In addition, pupils have been writing book reviews to share with their fellow pupils.

**By Mr Mull**

Here are some of their reviews:

*"Hilarious but sad at the same time. The book is about a group of teenagers with power, the Medusa..."*

*Geri, a woman who worked with the creator who made the medusa project, had sent, Nico, Dylan, Ketty and Ed to a camp in Spain; I don't want to spoil it too much but it's bad.*

*I give this book 8.9 out of 10, I recommend it!"*

**By Sham Mehari-Gabremicael 7HAY**

**Colour of the sun**

*"The book was very interesting as it focused on solely one character and one character and his adventure. I was also intrigued on how the main character Davie wasn't very basic and had different feelings to the other characters. While going on his daily wonders he stumbles past a friend who shows him the corpse of a supposedly dead body after this Davie continues his wondering encountering different characters along the way, each unique and different to the other. Personally, I think this book is easily one of the best books I've read and got my attention instantly and will get you invested very quickly."*

**By Miradi Pembele 7HAY**

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Hard Luck**

*"It was a good book. I think it taught me that sometimes there is a time in life where you just have to let things go and about true friendship and that time should not be wasted because somethings people take for granted when they should not be."*

**By Taio Taylor 7FOR**

**Julius Caesar**

*"The book (Julius Caesar) is a sad book since good friends had to be killed. It's also a short book but has a good story and you wouldn't expect it to be a good story because it has a few pages.*

*It's about two friends and one of them killed he's friend (Brutus) is the guy who tries to kill Cassius."*

**By Gucci Traila 7COB**

**Staff Book Review**

**The Man in the High Castle**

This is a science fiction tale by Phillip K. Dick which envisions a frightening world where the Axis powers won World War Two, and the resulting society which now exists in 1960's America.

The story follows the lives of multiple characters from different cultural backgrounds (ranging from Americans, Japanese, Nazi's and Jews) and their overlapping storylines. The book serves as the author's commentary on historical and political aspects of both war and day-to-day life, as well as highlighting racial prejudices that would have certainly only gotten worse had this fictional world come to be.

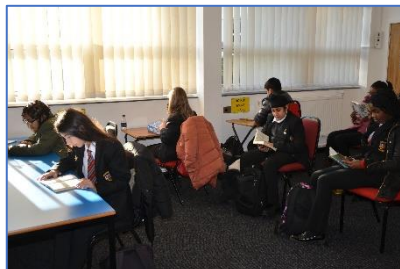
Overall, I found this book to be a very interesting read and one which any lover of history would find fascinating. The alternative world/ 'what if' nature of the story kept me engaged throughout, as did its core cast of diverse characters, all of whom allow for many different and conflicting insights into the 'modern' Nazi led world.

**By Mr Moran**

**Reading Club**

Well done to the reading club pupils who regularly give up part of their lunch time so they can sit and read in the Library to improve their reading.

**By Mr Mull**



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## Lifestyle Lessons

Lifestyle pupils have been investigating how to grow things. Dougal has helped us plant Daffodils which will hopefully be ready to take home after Christmas.

By Mrs Clayton



*"This house is exceptionally aesthetic as all materials have a purpose such as the fluffy material for the carpet. This is good for insulation. We also have a draft excluder for our door. The walls are layered with bubble wrap so no energy escapes. We also used cotton wool for the corners of the house. There is also a windmill and solar panels for renewable energy. It is suitable as the energy inside cannot be wasted. The house is energy efficient."*

**By Eryk Romanowski 8BRK, Jamie Van Le Ashford 8BRK, Jakub Letowski 8RES and Krish Harjiv 8BRK**

*"The house is made up of solar panels in the roof which takes in the sun's light, the insulators that are in the walls, floorings and roof which makes heat to remain within the house and also the little gaps in the ground."*

**By Sarah Manu 8MCI, Wiktor Domagala 8TOW, Chinazam Okeke 8MCI, Tahseen Khanom 8MCI and Yoosuf Bouterse 8RES**

*"The windows are made from Lego pieces and we installed draft protectors to prevent cold air coming in and hot air from going out. The energy is going to be renewable and the house is energy efficient due to the lights being run by a wind turbine."*

**By Simran Gill 8MCI, Alicja Gomes 8RES, Nadia Yentumi 8BRK and Hannah Nyika 8BRK**

## Science

### Energy in the Home

8Y1 have been learning about energy in the home. To demonstrate what they have learnt, pupils worked in groups to design and build energy efficient homes using a variety of materials.

By Ms Forbes

*"Our house is energy efficient because it has insulators around the windows and the roof so heat doesn't get out. We are also saving energy by insulating under the door."*

**By Christel Mjeda 8MCI, Yousma Mustafa 8TOW and Teniola Adekunle-Olayiwola 8RES**





## Business & Enterprise

Last week the Year 10 Business Enterprise pupils were given the opportunity to receive a talk from our guest speaker Bill Dunphy. Bill is the owner and founder of the highly successful Wolverhampton based signs manufacturing enterprise, SignsNow. Bill came in to talk to the pupils about his journey from his humble beginnings in a small home in Sparkbrook, to the owner of a multi-million-pound enterprise that has produced signs all over the world. Some of the insights that he was able to share with the pupils were how technology has changed over the years since he started the world of work and the various positions he has held prior to his current venture. Both the staff and pupils found the talk really interesting and it has clearly inspired some of our pupils to consider a future in Entrepreneurialism.

**By Mr Rathbone**

Here is what some of the pupils had to say about the talk:

*"The key things I learnt is whatever you want to become work hard but if it doesn't work out go work hard for another option, because Bill wanted to become a footballer and now he is an entrepreneur and owns his own business"*

**By Rayaan Akbar 10FOD**

*"I learnt that if you want to achieve a goal strive for it and never give up because Bill said that when he started his business, he was given a 5 million offer from Sonico for him to work for them, but he declined the offer and continued working on his business which became successful."*

**By Tyreese Francis 10HAR**

*"The key to Bills success is the way he treats his customers and employees which is kindly, and they are like a family to him."*

**By Arnav Grewal 10HAR**

*"I have learnt that further educations play a vital part in the entrepreneur system"*

**By Chetan Sohal 10FOD**





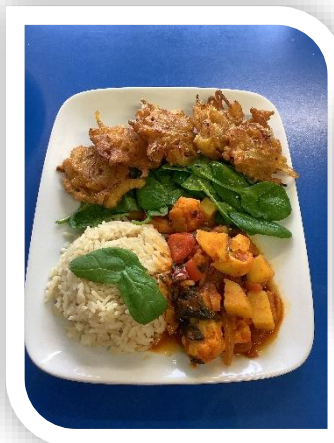
## KS4 Catering

Years 9-11 have been working very hard, developing different technical skills and, using their professional creativity to produce dishes. Here are a highlight of what they have made this term. Well done all!

By Miss Bibi



Jennifer Adamova 11SIM and Mariam Ali 11RAT



Camya Johnson 11SIM, Tina Nguyen 11LAK & Simran Sheemar 11SIM



Simran Sheemar 11SIM and Jennifer Adamova 11SIM



Alexandru Dovleag 9JON



Alin-Iulian Bozoanga 11RAT, Emmanuel Baruti 11SIM & Amaan Hussain 11RAH



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## House News

### Here are the top achievers for this month

#### Gandhi

Hussian Ahmedzai (7FOR)	74
Connie Grant (10HAR)	74
Francis Idemudia (8TOW)	47
Robertina Nae (9WIO)	39

#### John Paul

Danyana Henry (9OWE)	79
Harsh Kumar (7COB)	68
Sahar Stosray (10ESM)	42
Sarah Manu (8MCI)	40

#### Luther King

Sunnah Rafiq (7PAW)	55
Deborah Fadola (8BAR)	49
Lovinnia Rose (9JOS)	40
Leah Badhan (10FOD)	40

#### Mandela

Veer Kaura (7PEJ)	72
Manjot Kaur (10PAR)	57
Alicja Gomes (8RES)	44
Elizabeth Mpesi (9GOS)	42

#### Pankhurst

Crystabel Owusu (10HAB)	66
Hannah Nyika (8BRK)	64
Maria Tibuleac (7HAY)	48
Sakshi Mahey (9JON)	44

## Upcoming House Competition

### The Christmas Project:

Each form has begun getting stuck into this year's Christmas House Competition.

Year 7 have been given the challenge to get creative and create the Nativity Scene, they can create their scene in any way they want for example, a display or a drama piece or a model.

Here are some examples from last year's competitions:



Years 8 – 10 have been given the challenge this year for our new Christmas Competition of designing a Jesse Tree. A Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's Family tree. As each form creates and decorates the tree, they will see how God prepared Jesus to be born through many generations.

Here are some examples of what a Jesse Tree looks like:



### 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.

Monday – Year 10

Tuesday – Year 9

Wednesday – Year 11

Thursday – Year 7

Friday – Year 8

By Miss Cummings





## Online Safety



**THE GOING VIRAL SPIRAL**

Childnet International

No way she posted that  
1 hour ago

Attention seeker!  
1 hour ago

How embarrassing  
30 minutes ago

Ha ha. Thanks for sharing  
6 hours ago

Wonder if she knows how many people have seen it?  
7 minutes ago

Who would let that pic be online  
1 hour ago

More please!  
1 day ago

She's gonna flip when she sees that  
1 hour ago

Like it!  
2 hours ago

I think I know that girl  
6 hours ago

Everyone knows THAT girl!  
Just now

**SHARE WITH RESPECT**

On social media think about...

- ...what you share,
- ...who you share it with,
- ...who might see it in the future,
- ...how it makes you and others feel,
- ...what impression it gives.

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