

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 37

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 8 July 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 ask of you to help each and every unique child to become educated in our school. We also ask of you to hear and respond to each and every prayer of the students in our care, we ask you to guide them to what God calls them to be. We pray that our pupils become learned and wise and are grateful for your love, support and generosity. Amen

Important Dates to Note

- **Paris Trip – Year 8 and 9 Pupils (Leaving at 2.30am on Monday arriving back at 7.15pm on Friday)**

Monday 11 July 2022 to Friday 15 July 2022

- **Witness Week**
Monday 18 July 2022 to Thursday 21 July 2022

- **Summer Holidays**
Thursday 21 July 2022 – Pupils to finish at 12.15pm

Consultation regarding changes to the school day

The government recently released an education White Paper titled Opportunity for all. This sets out their long-term vision for education. You can read the full report using the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/opportunity-for-all-strong-schools-with-great-teachers-for-your-child>

Part of this White Paper states that the government expect schools to operate a 32.5 hour week from September 2023. In order to fulfil this requirement, we need to extend the school day for our pupils at Saint John Wall. We plan to extend the school day by 10 minutes from September 2022. This means that school will finish at 3.10pm instead of 3.00pm. Before the covid pandemic the school used to finish at 3.10pm, so in effect we will be returning to pre-pandemic timings.

So, from September 2022 the school day for pupils will be 8.50am to 3.10pm. The school gates will continue to open from 8.20am for pupils if they wish to arrive early and use the breakfast club.

If parents and carers have any comments or feedback regarding this later finish time, please let me know by either telephoning the school, or putting your comments in writing by email or a letter.

Please provide me with your comments before Monday 18 July.

By Miss Marston

Summer Uniform

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Summer Uniform Standards

Hot Days



- School polo shirt
- No tie
- Can be untucked
- No blazers required
- No coats permitted

Warm Days



- School polo shirt
- No tie
- Can be untucked
- With blazer

or



- Shirt and tie with blazer

No coats permitted

Colder Days



- Shirt and tie with blazer
- Jumper permitted
- Coat permitted



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Leavers' 2022 Survey Results

When Year 11 left school we asked them to complete a survey based on their thoughts and feelings about their time at our school. The results are really positive, and they show how much the children value their time at Saint John Wall.

By Mr John

The teaching at school is good



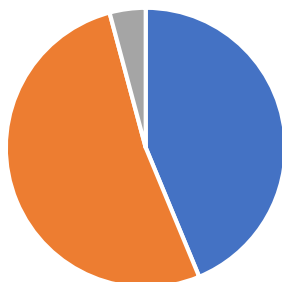
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I have been helped to do my best at school



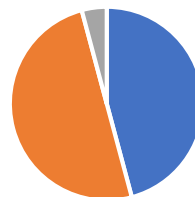
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I felt safe at school



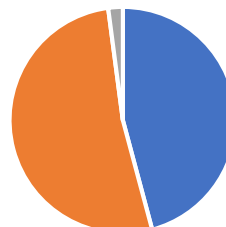
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Behaviour was good at my school



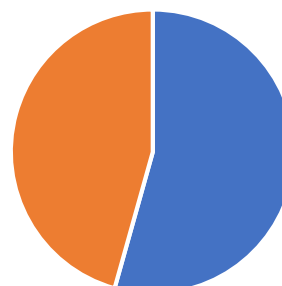
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I was happy with the careers guidance that I was given at school



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■

I have enjoyed school



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■



Catholic Life

Visit to Saint Chad's Sanctuary

Our visit to Saint Chad's Sanctuary was the last for this academic year. It was wonderful to take so many donations of food and toiletries from our school to help those in need. Abbie who is the manager of the Sanctuary said that it is so important to help give some dignity back to those who have lost everything. The food donations went straight onto the shelves as we arrived and will be handed out later today. We will continue to support this local charity from September with our monthly trips resuming. Donations are always welcome.



"We learned a lot about why St Chad's Sanctuary is there. Abbie told us that she wanted us to spread the message of refugees." **By Danvir Bains 7FOR**

"I learnt more about refugees and how much they have to suffer. There are people putting effort into helping them by giving food, clothes and other stuff" **By Oliver Rai 7FOR**



Catholic Life

Year 7 Leadership Opportunities

Our One World team for next year is:

Ryan Kanna	Elnael Fasil
Salim Ali	Muhammad Sahil Adam
Huzaifah Yamin	Damaris Tofei
Aaphyrl Antonio Pereira	Ella Prescott-Hopkins
Rehan Khan	Precious Ilori
Borys Morawski	Jacob Bohene
Kyreese Williams	

Year 8 Leadership Opportunities.

Our Year 9 Wellbeing Ambassadors from September will be:

Sarah Manu	Teniola Adekunle-Olayiwola
Krish Harjiv	Wiktor Domagala
Aqib Khan	Kibriya Jawaid
Mohammed Nawaz	

Well done!

Natural High

This month we welcomed David Graham who performed his 'Natural High' presentation for Year 7. The presentation focuses on pupils getting a natural high from sports, education and their unique talents, rather than turning other means. Several pupils won prizes throughout the morning through various competitions and all pupils received a discount card for ten pin bowling.

'Natural high is the way to go,
No need for drugs, that's what you need to know.
Bring the talents,
take on the challenge,
Embrace yourself,
And have good health.'

By Anthony John Anthony Tikimo Mongo 7PAW

'Don't do drugs, it's not a game,
it won't give you any fame.
You want to be old before you die
so find your own natural high.'

By Emmanuel Umogbai 7COB

'Don't ever do drugs,
if you do you won't live a full life.
Drugs are just as deadly as a knife.'

By Dylan Tura 7FOR



Year 6 Transition Day

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year 6 pupils to Saint John Wall. They took part in short taster lessons throughout the day and also had a talk from PC Manns. Thank you to all the staff and Year 7 Sanctuary Team for your help and support throughout the day.



By Mrs Ellis

Year 7 Summer Languages Contest

Continue
showing you are
curious and
active...

Prove you are
intentional and
prophetic...

Earn the first
house points
of Year 8!

Are you up for the challenge?

Booklets have been emailed.
All entries must be submitted to
Mrs Wallace by **16th September 2022**



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Alton Castle Retreat

Between Monday 27th and Wednesday 29 June, 29 Year 7 pupils went on a residential retreat to Alton Castle. During the retreat, the theme was 'Who am I?', where we all got involved in a range of activities that allowed us to discover who we are in God's image and what makes us unique. Each morning and evening we have prayer time where the pupils completed booklets with a series of questions to discover their identity.

During the different days, we got to take part in lots of fun activities which were led by the fantastic team at the castle. This included archery, biking, a trek through the countryside, survival skills, and low ropes. These different activities helped to build our resilience, and throughout each activity there was a moment of guided meditation, where we could take a short break and reconnect with ourselves and our surroundings.

On the final night, we also took part in mass, which also celebrated the feast day of St Peter and St Paul. During the mass we learnt how it is ok to make mistakes and this should not deter us from listening to our calling. After the mass, we then headed to the marquis where we had a fun final disco and competitions, which were really fun.

The pupils were a credit to the school and we hope that they enjoyed their time away! A huge thank you to Mr Price, Mr Hayaat and Mr Woodward for making this trip happen.

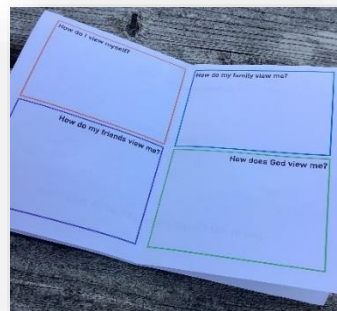
By Miss Cummings

"We had tons of games to play throughout the trip and we also made friends with the other school too! One activity we got to do was survival and we made a fire. My favourite activity was biking." **By Oliver Rai 7FOR**

"The Alton Castle trip was great, we played lots of games. The other school pupils were great and we had lots of fun with them. My favourite activity was low ropes where we had to be in a team with the other school to get around a course. It was a challenge but fun!" **By Shamelia Mclean 7FOR**

"I learnt lots of new skills. The food was nice and the other school were nice too. I loved spending time with my friends." **By Imogen Babalola 7FOR**

"In the Alton Castle trip, we did lots of activities including bike riding, archery and walking. The trip overall was very fun because we made friends with the other school and done fun activities." **By Jake Le 7COB**



Tune Up Project

Over the past week, Year 10 have been busy with Tune Up to create a short piece of theatre for this year 'Culture in Common' project as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival during the Commonwealth Games.

Saint John Wall were asked to be a partner school in this project to allow pupils to create their own work based around the theme of culture in and around Birmingham. The Year 10s have taken part in mini workshops to explore what it means by culture in their lives and in society.

Once they had brainstormed the ideas, these were sent off to TuneUp so ideas for their pieces can be combined together. We were very lucky to be able to have TuneUp come in and work with the pupils alongside Honor from Vamos (Uk's leading full mask theatre company) to create their scenes using mask. The pupils created mini scenes about different cultures that you may find in a school setting.

This project not only allowed Year 10 to experience the Performing Arts industry but allowed them to develop their performance skills and creativity skills which will help then in their external component in January.

Thank you to TuneUp and Vamos for allowing us to take part and to Year 10 for giving it their all throughout the whole project! Keep an eye during the festival for their performance.

By Miss Cummings

"Working with Vamos and tune up was absolutely incredible I learnt many new skills to take with me from the workshop. It was a great opportunity to work with masks in the workshops, loved working with everyone I would definitely consider taking mask work into consideration when I leave school."

By Malika Rahman 10PAL

"I really liked the masks on during the project and learning about how you can create any character with a mask. I really enjoyed working with Vamos and Tune Up."

By Andrei Petru Dahorea 10HAB

"I enjoyed the Tune Up project because it enabled me to develop my acting skills further and it also shown me that you don't always have to communicate to others on stage with your voice."

By Connie Grant 10HAR



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Weston Super Mare Trip

On Wednesday this week, 46 of our Year 10 Geography pupils travelled to Weston-Super-Mare, accompanied by Mr Woodward, Mr Cockburn, Miss Young and Mr Hayaat.

The pupils were able to experience the landforms and processes we have studied in class in real life, including headlands, bays and the beach. Students were enthralled to see Geography in action!

The pupils spent half the day on the beach, playing games and enjoying the scenery. Some highlights were Samuel Wren getting buried in the sand by Navraj Sabharwal and Andrei Petru-Dahorea and Neeraj Kaler taking a paddle in the icy Bristol Channel!

Pupils were then given the chance to go to the famous Grand Pier arcades and try their luck at winning some games. Daniel Slowikowski managed to beat Ahser Rogers on the go karts, whilst Yuvraj Shergill beat the arcade record on the boxing machine! Theo Shelley used height to his advantage and got a top score on the basketball game, closely followed by Asad Mohammed. Prizes galore were available, with pupils taking home sweets, teddy bears and Rubik's cubes!

By Mr Cockburn

"This trip was very educational and it was great to be able to apply what we have learnt in lessons to real life!"

By Ivie Imadonmwinyi 10ESM

"At the beach we saw headlands and bays and it was interesting to see how longshore drift had carried sediment such as seashells up the beach."

By Amelia Baldyga 10HAB

"It was a very joyful trip, we had lots of fun in the sun at the beach and on the pier. I visited the arcades, shops, got close to the sea had lots of fun with the activities provided. Thank you, Mr Woodward!"

By Darin Diako 10ESM

"I enjoyed my day at the beach because I got to take part in many fun activities such as beach volleyball and cricket. I also enjoyed spending time with my friends in the arcade and relaxing on the beach."

By Jaspreet Kaur 10PAL



Duke of Edinburgh Award

On the Friday 1 July, myself and Miss Lally accompanied 5 Year 9 and 10 pupils: Tanvir, Logan, Anay, Tobi and Jaydon to rural Worcestershire as they set off on the expedition element of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. In the weeks previous, pupils had completed various elements of preparation for this expedition, including: valuable first aid skills; cooking skills; map reading and how to set up camp. We were joined on the expedition by staff and pupils from Holy Trinity Catholic School.

On arrival to the Clent Hills, we were met with drizzling rain and grey skies. Not letting this deter them, the boys set off on their first ascent, leaving myself and Miss Lally behind. Despite a few challenges including a wrong turning and a hill or two, the boys completed their first day's walking in record pace, finishing the day's walk quicker than any of Holy Trinity's groups.

After a short minibus trip to Blackwell Court, our campsite for the night, the boys quickly got stuck into setting up their tents, a feat arguably more taxing than the walk itself. Although the Year 9 boys managed to pitch their tent with no issues, the same can unfortunately not be said for the Year 10 boys who needed the support of their younger compatriots to set up their shelter for the night. The boys also had to cook their own dinner and tidy the campsite before a well-deserved rest.

After a good night's sleep for most of our expeditioners, day 2 began. Although the route was less challenging than the previous day's, the boys still had to use problem solving to get themselves to their final destination, for example, asking members of the public for help when they wandered off course.

We were very proud of our pupils who worked together, showing resilience and upholding the Catholic values which have been instilled in them during their time at Saint John Wall.

By Mr Woodward



RAF Museum Cosford

On Thursday 30 June, Miss Lastun and myself accompanied 18 Year 10 Historians to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford. The trip was an opportunity for pupils to deepen their knowledge of the Cold War which pupils had been learning about in class. RAF Cosford opened in 1938 as a training site for RAF technicians but today houses the National Cold War Exhibition along with many different types of aircraft that have been used in some of Britain's greatest battles. Pupils explored the tense relationship between the Western Allies and the Soviet Bloc through interactive workshops and immersive museum exhibits. Through these learning experiences pupils were able to understand more about the very real threat of a nuclear war and the effects that this might have had on Britain. The most enjoyable part of the day for pupils was handling some very important Cold War artefacts. You can see how our Year 10 Historians got on in the images below!

By Mr McIntosh



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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

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

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

In partnership with the police, we would like to provide some reminders about the following:

- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **Swimming in rivers/reservoirs:** Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are extremely dangerous places to swim. If you jump in, you may not be able to get out as the sides are very steep; the water never gets above 11 degrees, and this will affect your ability to breathe and to move. Rivers and reservoirs may contain broken glass and may be deeper than you think.
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about your actions towards others; a little thought & respect goes a long way.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.



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If a student is in a position where they need help, they should talk to an adult they trust. Crimes can be reported directly to the police via 101; alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. **If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.**

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

K Marston

Miss K Marston
Headteacher
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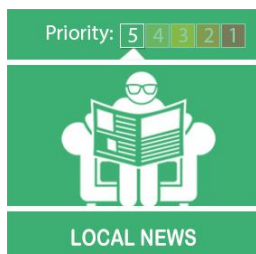
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WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE



Community Events This Summer - Join Us For Summer of Rescue and Festival of Rescue Events

Hi!

We hope you're well and staying safe this summer! We'd like to tell you about some exciting public events that we have coming up.

We have the pleasure of hosting this year's UKRO Festival of Rescue, on behalf of the UK Rescue Organisation.

We'll be bringing together competitors from more than 30 fire and rescue services - including some international teams - to compete in several rescue challenges.

It's a fantastic event, with lots for everyone to watch and enjoy. Find out more here: <https://for-wmfs.co.uk/festival-of-rescue/>

But that's not all! In the lead up to the Festival of Rescue, we've got our very own 'Summer of Rescue' events across the West Midlands.

Entry is free* and you'll get to see your very own firefighters demonstrating their specialist skills, such as rescuing people from vehicles, by rope and from water (activities vary by venue):

Saturday 16 July: Sandwell Valley Country Park, 11am-6pm

Friday 12 August: Star City, Birmingham, 11am-4pm

Saturday 13 August: Coventry Motor Museum, 12noon-4pm.

Saturday 27 August: Dudley Zoo, 10am-5.30pm (*zoo entry fee applies)

Saturday 10 September: Mell Square, Solihull, 12noon-4pm

We hope you can join us! Head over to the events page on our website for more information: <https://www.wmfs.net/events/>

Stay safe!

James Round (West Midlands Fire Service, Digital Communications, West Midlands)



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SOHO HOUSE

Soho House Museum English Language Club

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00pm.

Free, drop-in English Language conversation club at Soho House Museum, Handsworth. Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00pm in School Term-Time. Children welcome.

Naadiga Luqadda Ingiriisiga ee bilaashka ah, bilaa ballan ee guriga Soho House, Handsworth. Maalmaha Talaaddada 3.30-5.00 galabnimo Waqtiga Xilli-Dugsiyeedka, bilaabeyaasha ayaa la soo dhawaynayaa.

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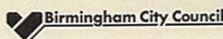
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سوهو ہاؤس، ہینڈزور تھ میں مفت، ڈراپ ان انگلش لینگویج کلب۔

سکول ٹرم ٹائم کے دوران منگل کوسہ پہر 3.30 بجے تا شام 5.00 بجے تک، نئے شروع کرنے والوں کو خوش آمدید۔

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