

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'



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Weekly Information Bulletin

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Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'The Year of Sanctuary'.
Termly theme: Option for the Poor/Parable of the Great Banquet
Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship... "We focused on Pentecost. This day marks 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is special as the Holy Spirit came down and allowed the disciples to speak different languages to everyone. This is special to us, as a Catholic School for All, because there are different communities and languages that are in our school. During Weekly Worship, we watched a video that showed us the story of Pentecost. During this video, we discussed as a form, different opinions about how we might have felt if we were in that situation.

By Khaleel Cunningham 7LEV

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "We prayed for Water Saving Week and thought about ways that we can help to save water. One way to do this is by turning off the tap or taking shorter showers. We also prayed for National Conversation Week and thought about why conversations are important. On Wednesday, we prayed for the Church and Places of Worship. We thought about the different Places of Worship within our communities and reflected on why they are important to us. On Friday, we prayed for Pentecost. This celebrates the start of the Church's mission. For the reflection, we thought about what Pentecost is and what happened.

By Shoaib Ghalib 9RES

Message from Chair of Governors

"Trust arrives on foot and leaves on horseback."

This old Dutch proverb applies to all relationships not least for schools whether it is with pupils, their parents or indeed the wider community. Recent events emphasise the strong bond of trust Saint John Wall Catholic School has established.

Much attention in the media has been given to the anxiety young people are currently experiencing. Particularly as for the first time in four years no extra help is being provided in exams to compensate for the interruption to education caused by the Covid pandemic. I happened to be in school on the first day our Year 11s started their exams and was taken aback to hear staff tell me that the pupils were "buzzing". Now I can imagine Villa supporters are buzzing on their way to Villa Park as their team is playing so well but it's not a description I'd associate with pupils about to sit an exam paper. Perhaps I ought not to have been that surprised though as governors recently heard a detailed presentation by Mr Holder of the support, guidance and encouragement Year 11 pupils have been given in preparation for their exams. Staff have pulled out all the stops offering daily after-school sessions as well as on Saturdays and during the Easter holidays. Nothing is ever guaranteed in life but our pupils could not have been better prepared. Simply put - they trust their teachers. Fingers crossed their efforts will be duly rewarded. Enormous thanks are due to our staff for their commitment and hard work.

Earlier this term we received the welcome news that the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service (BDES) has awarded us almost £400,000 to improve our school building.



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This again underlines the trust the BDES has in the school that the money will be spent wisely. The bid Mr Holden, Mrs Whitehouse and Mr Uddin successfully submitted will enable repairs to the roof as well as renovation of the changing rooms to be carried out and so help improve the fabric of the school site. As the work has to be completed by next March there is no time to lose.

Ever since Saint John Wall School opened over sixty years ago it has always prided itself on being a Catholic school where pupils of all backgrounds, cultures and faiths feel welcome and safe. For example, we have a specialist English as an Additional Language (EAL) department helping children (including refugee children) to learn English rapidly. Governors, therefore, were delighted to hear the wonderful news that Saint John Wall has been declared a 'School of Sanctuary'. Barbara Forbes, one of the scheme's adjudicators, wrote in her report that: "Our team unanimously loved all the work you do at SJW" Miss Marston and Mr Lloyd-Price would be the first to acknowledge the work done by so many staff and pupils in achieving this award. It is a further example of the trust outside agencies place in the school. You'll find the School of Sanctuary logo prominently featured on our superb website as well as further information about this prestigious award.

I was thrilled to have been at our recent Awards Evening. It was uplifting to share with so many parents the achievements of their sons and daughters. We were also treated to a short drama presentation as well as a musical rendition. I have to mention the stunning art work contained in the Awards Evening booklet. It really was of the highest standard. The event again confirmed the trust parents show our staff in enabling their children to enjoy the best possible education. A full account of the occasion may be found on our website.

This term, however, also saw the most sombre of occasions. On 5 May, Miss Marston closed the school early to enable staff to pay their respects at the funeral of Miss Slee. She left the school due to ill-health just before Christmas. Prior to Easter she sadly passed away. Miss Slee was a highly respected colleague much loved by all who knew her. I'm sure it was consoling to her family and friends to witness the solidarity of the staff of Saint John Wall on such a sad occasion.

Until the next time I'll end with this prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Saint John Wall, pray for us.

Martin Jones, Chair of Governors

Goodbye and Good luck for the future

Today we say goodbye to Mr Ahmed and Mr John. Mr Ahmed has been temporarily helping with cover and teaching PE. He has helped to develop the PE department's core PE teaching and also supported the team with teaching some of the PE and Health qualification lessons. We wish him all the best for his future teaching career.

Mr John has worked at Saint John Wall for over 17 years. He was originally appointed as a History teacher, then he took on additional responsibilities first as Co-ordinator of Citizenship and then as Co-ordinator of Humanities. Finally, Mr John became Assistant Principal. He led on lots of different strategies and specialised in raising standards and improving outcomes for pupils, with great success. This year Mr John has been supporting the senior leadership team at another Catholic School. We thank Mr John for his commitment and lengthy service to the school community and wish him all the best for the future.

By Miss Marston

Important Dates to Note

- **Formal External Examinations Continue for Year 11**
Monday 15 May to Friday 23 June 2023
- **Half Term**
Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 12 June 2023 to Friday 23 June 2023



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Year 11 Examination Timetable – Week 3

Day	Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
Monday	05/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	English Language	English Language Paper 1	AM	1h 00m
	05/06/2023		GCE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 2	PM	2h 00m
	05/06/2023	OCR	CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL	Health and Social Care	Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings: Written Paper	PM	1h 00m
	05/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	French	French Paper 4 F	PM	1h 00m
	05/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	French	French Paper 4 H	PM	1H 15m
	05/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Bengali	Bengali Paper 1	PM	0h 45m
	05/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Bengali	Bengali Paper 3	PM	1h 00m
Tuesday	06/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 1	AM	0h 35m
	06/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 1	AM	0h 45m
	06/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 3	AM	0h 45m
	06/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 3	AM	1h 00m
	06/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Arabic	Paper 4: Writing in Arabic Higher Tier	AM	1h 25m
	06/06/2023	WJEC	GCSE	RE	Religious Studies FC (Eduqas) Route B Component 3	PM	1h 00m
Wednesday	07/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator) Foundation/Higher Tiers	AM	1h 45m
	07/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	History	Paper 2: British depth study & Period study EEE+SUPERPOWER	PM	1h 45m
Thursday	08/06/2023	ALL			CONTINGENCY SESSION	AM	
	08/06/2023	OCR	GCSE (9-1)	Physical Education	Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology - Written Paper	AM	1h 00m
	08/06/2023	ALL			CONTINGENCY SESSION	PM	
Friday	09/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Geography	Geography Paper 2	AM	1h 30m
	09/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Biology	Paper 2 Higher Tier	PM	1h 45m
	09/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 4: Biology 2 Foundation/Higher Tiers	PM	1h 10m



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Year 11 Examination Timetable – Week 4

Day	Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
Monday	12/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	English Language	English Language Paper 2	AM	1h 45m
	12/06/2023	OCR	CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL	Creative iMedia	Pre-production skills: Written Paper	PM	1h 15m
Tuesday	13/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Chemistry	Paper 2 Higher Tier	AM	1h 45m
	13/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Combined Science	Paper 5: Chemistry 2 Foundation/Higher Tiers	AM	1h 10m
	13/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Spanish	Spanish Paper 4 F/H	PM	1h 15m
	13/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Bengali	Bengali Paper 4	PM	1h 15m
Wednesday	14/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator) Foundation/Higher Tiers	AM	1h 30m
	14/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 1	PM	0h 45m
	14/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 3	PM	1h 00m
	14/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 1	PM	0h 45m
	14/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 3	PM	1h 00m
	14/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Persian H Paper 1	PM	0h 45m
	14/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Persian H Paper 3	PM	1h 05m
Thursday	15/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	History	Paper 3: Modern depth study- 31 Weimar & Nazi	AM	1h 20m
	15/06/2023	AQA	GCE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 3	AM	2h 30m
Friday	16/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Physics	Paper 2 Higher Tier	AM	1h 45m
	16/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Geography	Geography Paper 3	PM	1h 15m

Year 11 Examination Timetable – Week 5

Day	Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
Monday	19/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Design and Technology	Component 1: Metals	AM	1h 45m
Wednesday	21/06/2023	WJEC	VOC AWARD	Hospitality & Catering	The Hospitality & Catering Industry	AM	1h 30m
	21/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Punjabi	Punjabi Paper 4	AM	1h 15m
	21/06/2023	AQA	GCSE	Polish	Polish Paper 4	AM	1h 15m
	21/06/2023	Pearson	GCSE	Persian	Persian H Paper 4	AM	1h 25m



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Catholic Life

St Mary's Coffee Morning

Pupils did an amazing job reading their poetry on our visit this morning despite being quite nervous and having to remember to speak loudly and slowly for some of the more hard of hearing guests. They also kept themselves busy taking orders for tea and coffee and chatting and have become more confident in their conversation over the last few weeks helped along by the addition of a dementia ball which is designed to generate chat.

By Mrs Clayton



Visit to St Teresa's Church Perry Barr

Last week we travelled to Saint Teresa's in Perry Barr to celebrate Ascension Day. Pupils from our leadership groups represented Saint John Wall at the Mass, and a separate service was held for everyone in school.



Trip to Saint Chad's Sanctuary

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 visited the Sanctuary and donated the goods collected in school this term. Thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for your continued support with the charity.



Good Shepherd Mass

Last Wednesday our pupils visited Saint Chad's Cathedral and took part in the Good Shepherd Mass, supporting Father Hudson's Homes. The Charity give support to many vulnerable people around Birmingham.



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Visit from Saint Teresa's Primary School

We had a lovely time with the Year 5 pupils from Saint Teresa's Primary School for their retreat day. We hope they are enjoying the planning that will go into creating their own full retreat day in school next half term.



By Mrs Ellis and Mr Lysaght





Head of Year Messages

Year 7 and Year 8

Uniform

As we are nearing the end of the school term, I would like to remind pupils and parents of our high uniform standards in school. We pride ourselves on our uniform, as we know that having these high standards sets them in good stead for the world of work. Please use the time over the half term break to check our uniform policy and ensure that all uniform is ready for our return on Monday 5 June. Please remember we do have summer uniform polo shirts in stock for the summer months.

Water Bottles

It is very important as the weather is warming up, that all pupils have access to a water bottle. Please ensure that your child has a refillable bottle available each day filled with water. Remember, all liquids must be colourless. Re-usable bottles are available in school to purchase for 50p.

Mass and Services

I would like to say a huge well done to everyone in Year 7 and 8 who participated in our Masses and services throughout the month of May, especially to those who have been out in the local community representing our school. I have had so many wonderful compliments regarding you all.

Navy Visit

It was wonderful to welcome the Navy into school this month. Pupils in Year 7 had a talk about careers. They explained the rankings in the navy and the type of places Navy personnel travel to. Pupils then took part in practical sessions where they had to design helicopters out of paper and raced to see which would fly for the longest. All in all, it was a very positive experience for the Year group.

Next Year- Chaplaincy Teams

Thank you so much to all our pupils who have handed in their written interests to join our chaplaincy teams from September 2023. We have a lot of reading to do over the holidays. I have to say, the efforts that have been made are phenomenal. You've made these decisions very difficult. Announcements will be made for the teams at the end of June. Good luck!

By Mrs Ellis

Year 9

As we will be heading into half term could I please ask parents to remind pupils about continuing to keep safe online over the week. It is important that pupils continue to keep themselves safe whilst using online platforms and keep passwords safe. Reminder for pupils with school devices that these are continuously monitored so please make sure you are using them for schoolwork and research only.

This term we have launched House Captain applications and we have had a great response from many pupils who are keen to show and share their reasons for why they would like the responsibility of being a House Captain. Good luck to everyone that has applied, and Miss Young and I look forward to reading all applications.

As the weather is getting warmer a reminder to parents that pupils can wear their Summer uniform which is our blue polo shirt with our school logo on. Hoodies are banned so we should not be seeing any pupils wearing these in school. Please make sure pupils are bringing in water to keep hydrated throughout the day, water bottles can be filled during breaktime and lunchtime only. Coloured drinks are banned in school.

Punctuality and attendance are still a concern at the moment with Year 9 pupils. Pupils need to ensure they are in school for 8.50am and if your child is absent parents are expected to call the office and let us know of the absence.

As always please take care and stay safe.

By Mrs Chand



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Year 10

A reminder after half term in June, you have your assessment week so 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 wearing the correct school uniform.

We started our Year 10 punctuality week, and it was good to see you using your initiative and love for learning and arriving to lessons on time. Some members of Year 10 had to be reminded of the expectations through action points and follow ups, but I am pleased that the vast majority were on time.

Thank you to our Year 10 House Captains for the excellent work and always representing the school including during induction evenings. You all spoke very well and gave the new parents and pupils a great flavour of school life. We have started the prefect interview process and will have new prefects in place ready to lead by example from June.

We need to continue to keep high standards in certain aspects of our school life and this includes our uniform and behaviour around the school. Uniform - correct and full uniform at all times and please make sure your shirt is tucked in and tie is on properly. Behaviour - please be sensible when going to lessons, including inside the building and always following instructions. You need to set the highest standards for younger pupils to follow - lead by example.

I hope you 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.

By Mr Hussain

Year 11

Hi Year 11. Well done on completing the first part of your formal examinations. It has been so lovely to see how dedicated you are. You have been coming in early and taking advantage of your teachers and breakfast in the mornings before your exams. Half term is time for you to rest, revise, and reset ready for the next stint on exams.

Over half term there are some revision sessions that some of you are invited to attend, so please ensure you are in school on time ready to start.

	Wednesday 31 May 2023	Thursday 1 June 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
AM Session 9:30am - 12:00pm	RE	English BTEC Sport	Maths (Foundation) Triple Science
PM Session 12:30pm - 3:00pm	History	Geography	Maths (Higher)

This is the final step now and we are so very proud of you. Keep going and remember communication is key. Please let us know if you need anything- we are here to help.

"Champions do not need to be asked to do extra work. They do it. They understand that excellence involves doing more than what is required. The more you put in the more you get out."

Allistair McCaw, Author and Speaker about leadership

By Miss Reynolds



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Stars of the Month

Geography

Crystabel Owusu 11LAL - For going out of her way to help and support other pupils with their Geography revision. Good luck with all your exams Crystabel, but especially Geography!

Alvin Titah 11FOD - For being attentive and discerning in Geography. Well done on your questioning.

Brian Fenes 9MCI - For making an excellent start to Year 9 geography.

Mohammed Musa 10JON - For being learned and wise putting in increased effort in Geography lessons.

Bianca Emuke Lole 11FOD - For being attentive and discerning in revision for her exams.

By Ms Levine

Roland Ofori 11BRE - For excellent pre - release preparation.

Alan Adamkowski 7LEV - For being learned and wise putting in 100% effort in Geography lessons.

Kacper Skomski 7LEV - For being learned and wise putting in 100% effort in Geography lessons.

Oyinkansola Olayiwola 7JAS - For being learned and wise putting in 100% effort in Geography lessons.

By Mr Woodward

Science

Kimba Musah 7LEV, Sidra Hamaraim 7LEV, Neha Kaur Sagoo 7REG, Armando-Ionut Constantin 7RAH, Francisca Idemudia 10BRK, Wiktoria Domagala 10WOO, Ali Mirshekarikazerouni 10JON and Daniel Wainer Kodua 10JON - For being Compassionate and Active in all Science lessons this term.

By Mrs Habibullah

Titus Grayburn 7LEV – for effort

Zaakir Hussain 9BRK – for achievement

Martyna Wrukowska 7REG – for effort

Peter Pham 10WIO - for effort

Bindiya Badhan 9BAR – for excellence

Sanamdeep Kaur 10HEA – for effort

By Ms Forbes

Timothy Renju 11SIM - Very attentive in class, learned & wise.

Kyra Mills 10HAL - Excellent written work and progress in lesson.

Kyle Niemiec 10HEA - Outstanding attitude to learning.

Chelle Omozee John 10WIO - Good behaviour and learned in class.

Kelly Odiase 9BAR - Outstanding bookwork and good attitude to learning.

Muhammed Sheraz 9WOO - Good interaction in class and classwork finished to a good standard.

By Mr Rahman





Stars of the Month

MFL and EAL

Billy Harrison 7REG - for showing excellence in Spanish by always trying his best.

Joshua Michael Berhe 7REG - For being active and curious in his Spanish lesson and producing an excellent piece of writing in Spanish.

Danvir Bains 8FOR - For being curious and active by completing extra French homework. Well done for going above and being in your learning of French!

By Miss Gosselin

Richard Oye 8PAW - For showing excellence in French by being learned and wise and always trying to do his best.

Ellie Mai 8BAK - For being focused on task and showing great effort in French lessons.

By Mrs Kroitoru

Kritika Basra 8GRE - For showing excellence in Spanish by being focused and engaged and always attempting to do her best.

Dominik Gruszczynski 8FOR - For being learned and wise by going above and beyond in his Spanish lessons.

Rayna Jassal 8GRE - For showing excellence in Spanish by being focused and engaged and always attempting to do her best.

Ritvik Lal 9BAR - For being attentive and discerning in Spanish lessons as well as showing excellent commitment to the subject.

Samir Safi (Y11/EAL) - For showing excellence in EAL by being focused and engaged and always attempting to do his best.

Musa Younus (Y11/EAL) - For being curious and active and taking an active role in EAL lessons.

Zabihullah Shinwari (Y11/EAL) - For being learned and wise in EAL lessons by always making the effort.

Musa Qurishi (Y10/EAL) - For being respectful and kind as well as a great representation of SJW values.

By Mr Rosellon

History

Richard Oye 8PAW - For consistently showing excellence in History lessons.

Maja Karwanska 8PAW - For consistently showing excellence in History lessons.

Malika Rahman 11FOD - Fantastic effort and focus in lesson in the run up to GCSE History exams.

Natalia Frackowiak 10GOS - Demonstrating excellent subject knowledge about the Cold War.

Teya Davidson Harris 10HAL - Demonstrating excellent subject knowledge about the Cold War.

By Miss Lally

Alan Adamkowski 7LEV - For being attentive and discerning in History lessons.

Betelehem Eyob-Germai 7RAH - For being attentive and discerning in History lessons.

Isaiah Foster 7LEV - For being attentive and discerning in History lessons.

Khaleel Cunningham 7LEV - For being attentive and discerning in History lessons.

Hamza Mehmood 7REG - For putting 100% effort into his history lessons.

By Miss Levine

Ameera Arogundade 7REG - For consistently showing excellence in History lessons.

Demi-Lee Hulme 7RAH and **David Ejiofor 9WOO** - For fantastic effort in History lessons.

Mercedes Johnson 9WOO - For completing great homework on the Jack the Ripper murders.

Julia Moszczynska 11FOD - Fantastic effort and focus in lessons in the run up to GCSE History exams.

Deborah Gebrekiristos 11BAT - Fantastic effort and focus in lessons in the run up to GCSE History exams.

By Mr McIntosh



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Stars of the Month

Performing Arts

Music

Trae Nguyen 7RAH
Africa Beauty Garcia George 8HAY
Natasha Glenn 9BRK
Ranveer Mall 10JON

For being learned and wise in Music.

By Miss Antonucci

Drama

Sami Ahmed 7REG
Ryan Masih 7RAH
Arjan Badhan 8GRE
Shaniah Graham 9BRK
Laiba Shahzadi 10HAL

For being curious and active in Drama.

By Miss Cummings

RE

Hero Dania 7ESM - positive change in focus and attitude to learning - well done Hero!
Kelly Odiase 9BAR - positive attitude to learning
Jose Malundama 9BRK - positive attitude to learning
Francis Idemudia 9WOO - positive attitude to learning
Paul Baco 9BRK- High quality work
Shania McDermott 9MCI - excellent participation in lessons
Akeyo Cunningham 10WIO - excellent contribution to discussions
Tanvir Ridwan 10JON - excellent contribution to discussions

By Mr Lloyd-Price



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Alexandra Theatre Trip

KS4 Performing Arts pupils and a few Years 8's went on a trip to see the West End show 'Ocean at the End of the Lane' at the Alexandra theatre on Wednesday. This production is an adaptation of Neil Gaiman's 2013 novel which follows two young friends as they set out to defeat various supernatural forces. This was represented through puppetry, special effects, breathtaking music and various acting techniques. It was great to see the works of National Theatre and how they can bring a book to life on stage. Through naturalism and physical theatre, it allowed our pupils to experience how creative you can be using a piece of script. All pupils enjoyed the show, and it gave them inspiration for when they are working on their own practical pieces in lessons to help draw in the audience's attention through different styles and the use of music.

By Miss Cummings

"The crescendo dynamics of music that were used to open up the play were instantly gripping. The acting skills that were used in this play were great, such as emotions, body language and emphasised speech. I also noticed that high pitches were used for sad moments and low pitches were used for evil parts of the play in the music. In conclusion, the play was very well set and overall, very good. On behalf of the members of SJW that came on the Alexandra Theatre Trip, I can say it was very nice."

By Renato Dinu 10HAL

"Yesterday I went on a drama trip to watch this play and I thought it was really great and impressive. It's the best show I have seen. I really enjoyed the atmosphere during the show, the physical theatre and how the music suited the piece so well. I also thought the acting was phenomenal"

By Mercedes Johnson 9RES

"I absolutely loved the play! I really loved the part where the monster was trying to catch the two kids as this was done using other actors in the cast as they used physical theatre and puppetry, it was great. I also liked how it gave me some inspiration moving forward into my KS4 journey and how when I am creating pieces I can think outside the box by using other styles of theatre."

By Rayna Jassal 8GRE





Book Reviews

Noughts and crosses by Malorie Blackman

"I have been reading this book called Noughts and Crosses this book is about black people (crosses) being in power over white people (noughts) also known as "Blankers". Two people called Sephy and Callum fight to be in a relationship together despite having different skin colours. I like all the plot twist and how much drama they have between families."

By Natasha Glenn 9BRK

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin

"My newest read was a book called "Pride and Prejudice." This book is about a family whose 2 eldest sisters were said to have 'rose above the rest' since their other siblings acted embarrassing, which tainted the reputation of their family. Since they had no sons, the house would be passed onto a male relative, so their mother wanted her children to marry into good families. I thoroughly enjoyed the part where Mr Wickham meets Elizabeth Bennet's younger sister, Lydia Bennet, and is paid to marry her, by Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth's love interest. After this moment everyone reveals their true colours and they all confess their feelings to each other, ending the story with all children married off to good families."

By Ellie May 8AHM

Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney

"This book was very good. It was about a boy called Greg and at the start it talks about how him and his brothers lived when they were a child and how Greg had to wear/use every single thing his brother used/wore when he was his age."

By Priya Chem 8PAW

Jon Quinn's Poltergeist by David Almond

"This book was very interesting and good. This book was about a poltergeist. A poltergeist is a another meaning of a ghost."

By Alina Mathews 8PAW

The Rainbow Boots by Chris Powling

"The book was actually quite interesting and had many page turners and overall was a very good book it had adventure, cliff-hangers and most importantly it had a lot of life lessons such as lying will never get you anywhere. I especially loved the bit where Nadeem (the main characters best friend) said yes to his best friend even though what he asked him was very crazy but still decided to do it anyway because he thought of himself as a good friend."

By Hermona Fremkael 8AHM

WAR STORIES: Home and Away by Jill Atkins

"I really enjoyed this book, as I am a person who enjoys reading as well as history. It was a way to find out about the individual experiences of some people who did go through terrific things such as war, so if you do enjoy reading diaries as well as history, then Jill Atkins is the author for you!"

The book is a diary, featuring Sophie, a messenger for a Resistance group in France; Kitty, a VAD nurse, and Edie, a young evacuee, forced to leave her London home and move to Wales. The overall message of this book is that not only men are heroes, but women can be too. Really worth the reading."

By Sarah Manu 9MCI

After The War Was Over by Foreman

"The book was about when the world war ended. It told you about what everyone did after the world. The book was ok to read."

By Lovepreet Guru 8GRE

The Mad Women's Ball by Victoria Mas

A literary historical novel detailing the horrors faced by institutionalized women in 19th century Paris.

"The Mad Women's Ball is a quick but enthralling Gothic debut from French author, Victoria Mas. This is a very haunting but beautifully written story that takes you back to Paris in the late 1800s (the Victorian era). I quickly became invested in all of these women's lives and was always rooting for their happiness and freedom. Of course, with a setting as dark as an asylum, there are dark themes present. Please proceed with caution."

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House News

This month our forms have been creating a poster about how we can be more Eco Friendly. Each pupil created a poster and forms then voted for their favourite poster which will be entered into a competition in a bid to win £10,000 for the school! The winners are below:

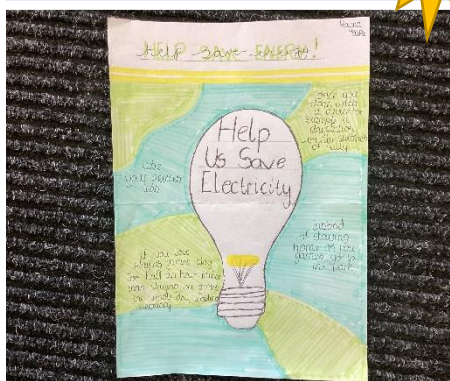
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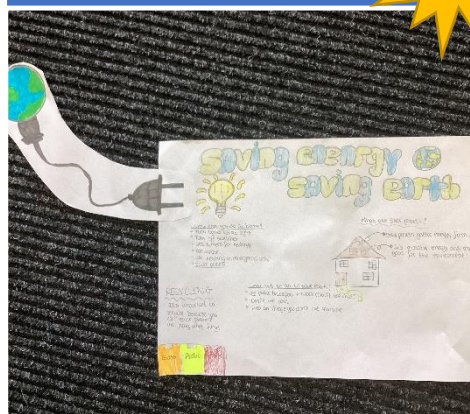
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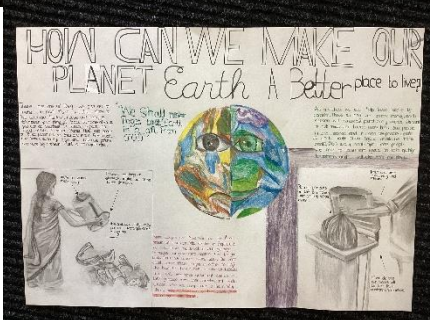
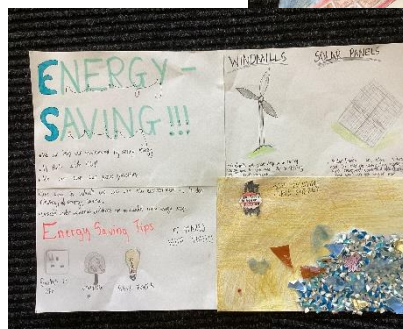
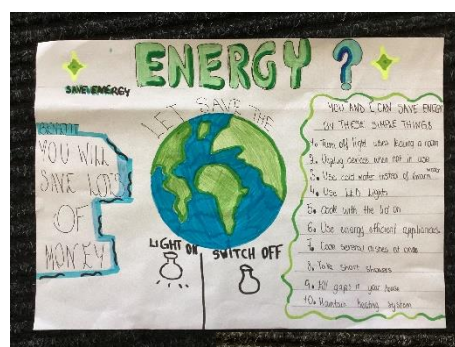


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Some of our entries



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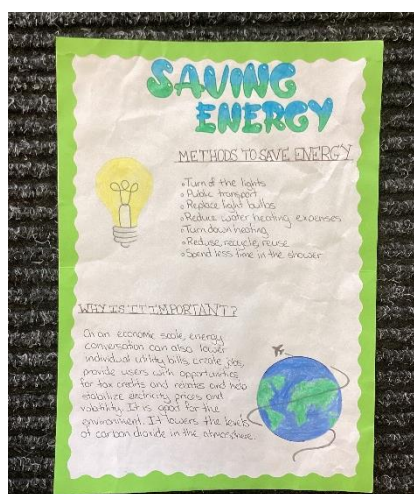
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There has been a change in the house leader board this month which is as follows:

- 1st - Gandhi
- 2nd - Pankhurst
- 3rd - Luther king
- 4th - John Paul
- 5th - Mandela

I can see pupils have been working extremely hard this half term in order to come out on top at the end of the year. There are 7 weeks left of school this year, time for the leaderboard to change again! It is important that you all continue to be active and curious around school alongside our other values to gain points for your house and win the rewards trip.



Next half term we have a Geography house competition, each year group will be given a scenario to create a country in a box. I am looking forward to seeing your creativity shine. This will be accompanied by a writing task about your country for pupils to demonstrate their creativeness through writing too. This will be the last competition of the year, followed by sports day and the summer fete. Your final push to achieve points. Good Luck to all forms and thank you for your hard work, team spirit and determination through House competitions this year.

Year 9 House Captains

We have had an overwhelming response to applications for Year 9 House Captains. It is fantastic to see so many of you enthusiastically providing great ideas for the role. Myself and Mrs Chand have short listed candidates and informed them they were successful for a group interview after half term. Well done to everyone who has applied your applications are brilliant and great practice for applying for further jobs post 16.

By Miss Young



Online Safety

