

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

Date: Friday 8 March 2024

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.
Termly Theme: Dignity of Work and Participation
Termly SJW Values – Eloquent and Truthful

This week in weekly worship... "We looked over Careers Week. Careers Week is a period of time to look at our future jobs and become the people that **God is calling us to be**. When looking at a career, we should look for a job that treats us with **dignity**, which gives us equality and the opportunity to **participate**. We can use this week as an opportunity to try out different activities. This will give us the experience we need for a bright future.

By Noh Yosef 7HEA

This week in afternoon prayer... "We prayed for those fasting. Fasting is where people take a break from eating or give something up for their beliefs. For example, Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan. We also prayed the Our Father. This prayer is important because it is the prayer that we were taught. We should use this prayer to treat everyone with kindness. We also prayed for International Women's Day. This is important as we can celebrate all the contributions that women make".

By T-arjhaae Holder 7HEA

Class Mass

"This week, we have continued with our class Masses at St Augustine's. "I really enjoyed the Mass because it was calm, and I felt like I was in a safe place. Fr Subba was speaking about Lent and how Catholics fast and give up their gifts".

By Rayna Jassal 9GRE

Dates to Note

- **Literacy Week**
Monday 11 March 2024 to Friday 15 March 2024
- **World Book Day at Saint John Wall**
Thursday 14 March 2024
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening & Targeted Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Pupils**
Thursday 21 March 2024 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Easter Holidays**
Monday 25 March 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

On Thursday we played bingo at coffee club. Pupils had a chance to play their own games but also helped other guests who can sometimes find it hard to keep up with the bingo caller. They were also very busy collecting empty mugs and plates to help out in the kitchen. Next week is chat week which guests and pupils love as it gives them a chance to get to know each other better.

By Mrs Clayton



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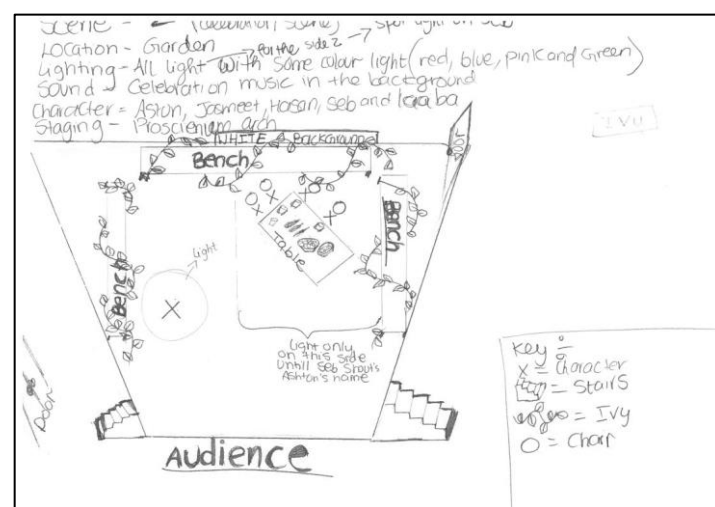
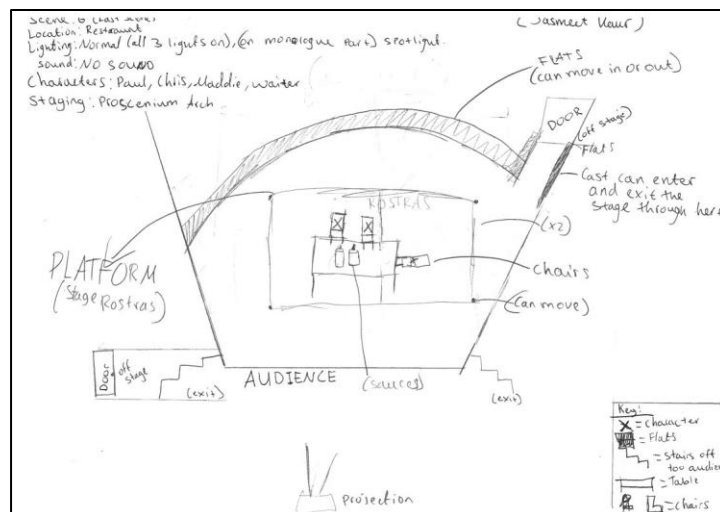


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National Careers Week in Performing Arts

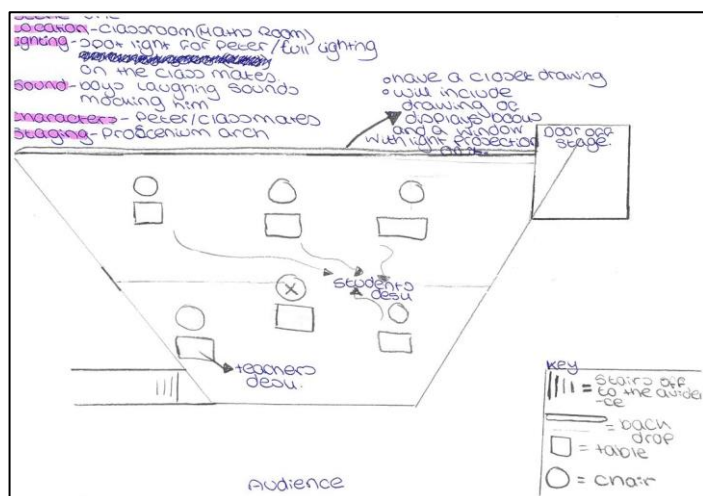
This week in Performing Arts, Music and Drama, Year 11's have been working on stage design. They must use the Theatre in a Box to help them create their ideal stage set up for their performance. Stage design is a career found in any concert hall or theatre, their job is to design the stage set up and then bring it to life. Year 11 pupils had a real experience of this career as well as it being a part of their coursework.

By Miss Antonucci



Year 11 have been looking at the role of the Set Designer for their Unit 3 Event. As a class, we discussed what tasks the Set Designer must complete to make the production a success when it is performed in front of a live audience. The Year 11's had a lot of fun exploring different set and discussing their ideas for their event which will help for their Pitches in April.

By Miss Cummings



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Birmingham Civil Court Justice Trip

Today pupils from Years 9 and 10 visited the Birmingham civil Justice court to take part in an interactive workshop. The pupils took part in role play as if they were sitting in a real case. Pupils did excellently playing the variety of roles and they even dressed up. At the end of the session a real judge took questions from them and talked about how interesting being a judge is even if he had to make difficult decisions.

By Mr McIntosh



"My role was being a judge, I listened to both sides of the argument before deciding the verdict. I really enjoyed being the judge. I also learnt to become more diplomatic this will help me with my relationships with others". By Kelly Odiase 10WIO

"I was the usher I and my role was to bring the witnesses to the stand. I enjoyed this role". By Mercedes Johnson 10HAS

"I was part of the defence barrister my role was to defend my client. I asked witnesses questions to try and defend my client". By Riya Bains 9ANT



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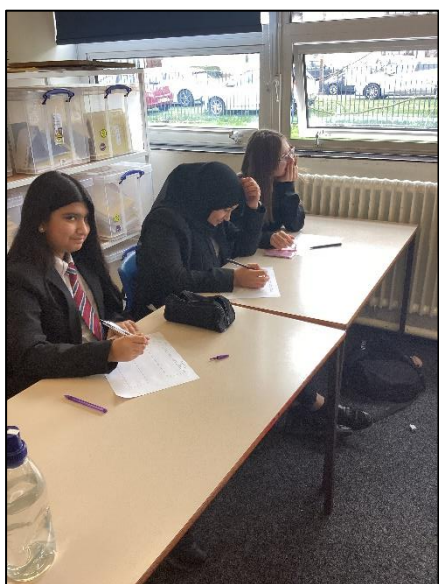
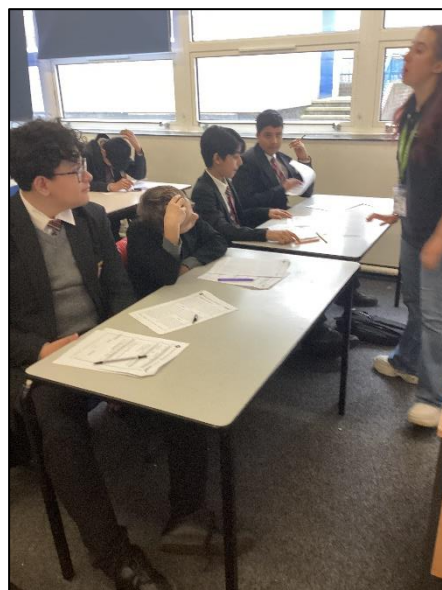
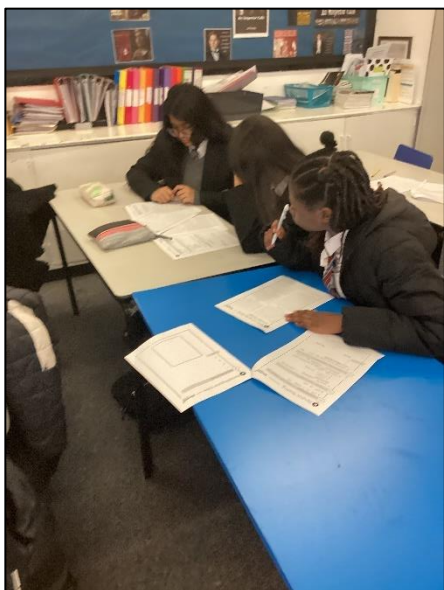


Values@Day – Year 7

During our Careers Values@Day, Year 7 worked with PC Manns to look at promoting equality in the workplace, they discussed real life situations where discrimination occurs against the Protected Characteristics.

They also worked with Elevate on study skills as they prepare for Year 8.

Our St John Wall staff also helped our pupils respond to what God calls them to be through their sessions on Aspiration and problem solving.



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Values@Day – Year 8

Year 8 took part in their Pathway taster days, having the opportunity to experience new subjects which are on offer for the next stage of their curriculum.

Pupils attended sessions on Computing, Business, Drama, Music, Catering, Engineering, Humanities & Languages, PE & Health.

Thank you to all parents and pupils who were able to attend the Pathways afternoon on Thursday. Pupils will receive their Pathway Microsoft Forms today and then need to make their choices by Friday 12 April 2024. If pupils or parents have any questions, please contact the school.



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Values@Day – Year 9

Half of Year 9 worked with representatives from HS2 on our Values@Day looking at infrastructure and transport. In teams they were able to design their own infrastructure and discuss the processes that take place prior to infrastructure being built.

Bouncing Statistics led an inspirational session combining fitness and motivation.

The remainder of the year group worked with St John Wall teaching staff looking at sustainability, money management and leadership with businesses.



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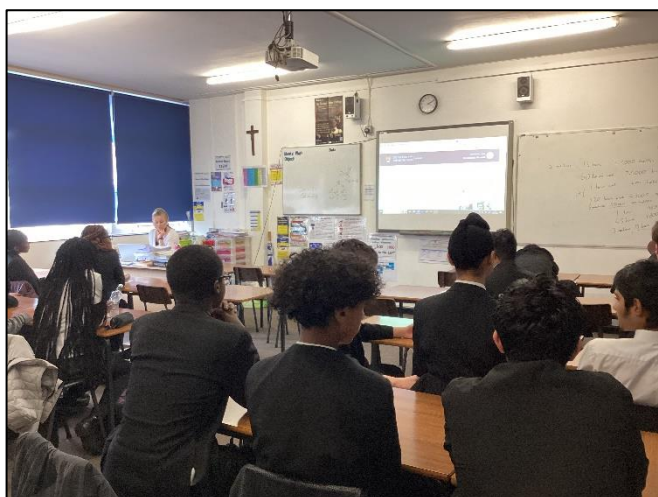
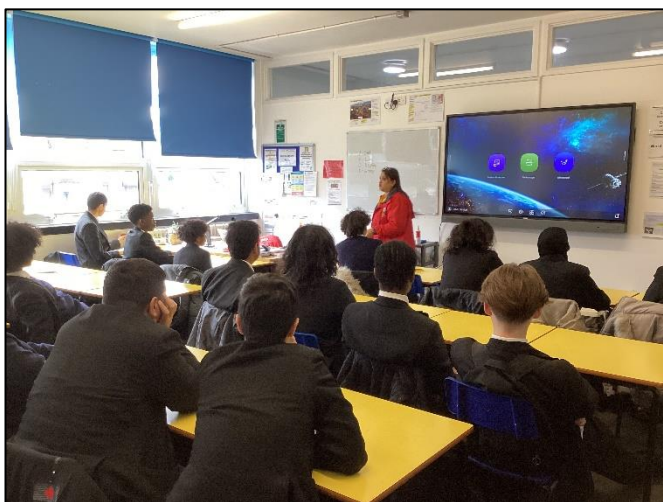


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Values@Day – Year 10

Year 10 worked with Severn Trent on our Values@Day in a variety of workshops including problem solving, CV writing and communication. Thank you to Severn Trent for providing a full day worth of activities to help our pupils consider what God is calling them to be.



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Careers Fair

Our annual careers fair took place welcoming over 15 providers into school from the world of work and post-16 providers. We welcomed:

- Severn Trent
- Titan
- Bouncing Statistics
- Dudley College
- West Midlands Police
- RAF
- Sandwell College
- BMET
- South and City College
- British Army
- British Academy of Jewellery
- Department for Work and Pension



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