

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 7

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 18 October 2024



Catholic Life Annual Theme: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Termly Theme: 'Each and every unique child'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity

Termly SJW Values: Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on Black History Month and Reconciliation. We listened to a piece of scripture about being respectful and **compassionate**. This is because if one member of our community suffers, we will all suffer. We focused on Marcus Rashford who is an example of someone who has used their platform to fight for what is right. As a year group, we wrote pledges about what we can do during Black History Month. I enjoy Weekly Worship because it is an opportunity for us to come together as a year group. We can also focus on always showing **dignity** by being respectful and **loving** to each other".

By Wendy Thompson 9CAL

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for World Food Day. World Food Day is important because it allows us to think about all those around the world that might not have any food. We can help to celebrate World Food Day by donating to charity or by bringing items of food into school. We also prayed for the Year of Prayer. We listened to the Our Father in Italian. We came together as a school to hear the Our Father, following Pope Francis' request to come together to pray. I like Afternoon Prayer because it is a time that allows me to feel closer to God".

By Dante Blair 9CAL

Class Mass

"During our Mass, Fr Subba spoke about the importance of education and our studies, along with always showing **love** and **generosity** to one another. In my opinion, this personally opened my eyes to go deeper in my studies for a more successful future." By Nathanael Byfield 9ESM

Dates to Note

- **House Trip to Inflata Nation – 100 Pupils (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11)**
Monday 21 October 2024 – 12pm to 4pm
- **Kayaking @ Ackers (16 Pupils)**
Monday 21 October 2024 – 11.30am to 2.30pm
- **Future Prospects @Trinity Road (10 pupils)**
Tuesday 22 October 2024 – 9.30am to 2pm
- **Cultural Heritage Day**
Thursday 24 October 2024
- **INSET Day – School Closed to all Pupils**
Friday 25 October 2024
- **Half Term**
Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024



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New Governors

We would like to welcome 2 new governors, Mrs Crooks and Mr Uddin to the governing body.

"As most of you know I have been part of the Saint John Wall family since I started teaching in 2004. I am now looking forward to the challenge of being part of the governing body and supporting Miss Marston in providing the best opportunities for all our pupils and families".

By Mrs Crooks

"I am honoured to have the opportunity serve as a part of the governing body of Saint John Wall Catholic School. In this role, I am committed to working collaboratively with the rest of the governors, staff and the wider community to ensure that we create the best possible environment for both pupils and staff to thrive".

By Mr Uddin

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Please contact Miss Marston if you are interested in volunteering to be a Parent Governor for the school.

- You would be given training to support you in the role.
- You would need to be able to attend Governor meetings at least three times per year.

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Upcoming Course: Supporting Fussy Eaters

We are pleased to announce that Maximus (Birmingham's Family Weight Management provider) will be delivering a FREE online webinar on Supporting Fussy Eaters.

If you would like to attend, please sign up using the link below.

Public Health - Healthy Schools SUPPORTING FUSSY EATERS	Facilitator: MAXIMUS (Birmingham’s Family Weight Management provider)	Duration: 1 hour
PLEASE FOLLOW LINK TO SIGN UP Virtual		
This session is open to staff working at schools in Birmingham and parents of children attending schools in Birmingham.		
The session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what fussy eating is• the causes of fussy eating• the types of fussy eaters• a range of practical solutions to manage and improve fussy eating		
Monday 21 October 2024 6.00pm – 7.00pm Please follow link to sign up to the session: Supporting Fussy Eaters		

By Miss Timmins

Health and Safety

During each term we aim to practice a fire drill and lockdown. It's important for pupils to understand how to keep themselves calm and safe should anything like this arise.

Pupils are expected to line up in register order on their nominated playgrounds for a fire drill, following the instructions of staff and for a lockdown pupils are to get off the corridors quickly and safely, follow instructions of their teachers and be quiet in classrooms.

Hopefully we won't ever need to put these drills into practice!

By Mrs Crooks



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Year 10 Football Report

Holyhead 4 - 2 Saint John Wall

Saint John Wall Year 10 pupils demonstrated exceptional team spirit, bolstered by the enthusiastic support of several Year 9 pupils, in what can only be described as a match of two tales. The Year 10 team approached the game with an active and positive outlook, showcasing a robust performance throughout the first half.

The first half was marked by a series of thrilling moments, including a standout save by Lovepreet that left the opposition in sheer dismay. This pivotal moment sparked a counterattack for Saint John Wall, leading to an exhilarating sequence of play:

"Phan on the ball, he spots Miradi and sends the ball across the pitch. Miradi controls the ball with ease, lines it up for Kyreese - he shoots - oh my gosh, what a goal!"

Despite facing tough periods, particularly when conceding two penalties on a wet and uneven surface, the team remained resilient. The halftime instructions and motivational team talk from Head Coach Miss Young and the coaching team kept the pupils' spirits high and their determination unwavering.

The attributes displayed by the Year 10 team have cemented their reputation as the Golden Generation. Their faith-filled quest for more goals and their unwavering team spirit were truly commendable. The passionate support from the away fans, who cheered the team on until the final whistle, added an extra layer of encouragement on a challenging pitch.

The match was a testament to the dedication and skill of the pupils, supported by their teachers and coaches. Their performance not only showcased their footballing talents but also highlighted the strong community spirit within the school.

"The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure" Sven-Goran Eriksson

By Mr Hussain

Year 7 Football Report

The Year 7 Football Club had their first game on Tuesday with pupils heading to Hamstead Hall. Despite being the better team for the majority of the game and often playing a lovely brand of passing and attacking football the team found themselves on the wrong end of a 3-2 scoreline. Teon and Hussain scoring the goals for SJW. The pupils were a credit to themselves and the school in their attitude, respect and desire. Well done to all.

Football Club runs every Tuesday after school and is open to anyone in Year 7 to attend. We have 2 main agreed objectives as a club: to have fun and to develop as young people and footballers.

By Mr Holden

RE Development Homework

I am proud to share some great news! We have received a fantastic number of RE Development homework submitted by many Year 7 and 8 pupils (only had 1 from a Year 9 pupil!). And lots of positives and prizes have been given out! Please share more of your wonderful development homework pieces with your RE Teacher to get a chance to get additional rewards in the next couple of weeks!

By Mrs Begum





Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of 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 also like to remind our students about the following: -

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Halloween can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at their door. Think about how your actions and behaviour affect others; elderly and vulnerable people may be frightened by 'trick or treat' – only approach houses that have been decorated for the occasion, as they are potentially inviting callers to the door.
- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables (such as smartphones/watches/headphones) out of public view whenever possible.
 - For apple devices parents/carers can active 'Find My' which includes Activation Lock – A feature that is designed to prevent anyone else from using your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, if it's ever lost or stolen. Activation Lock turns on automatically when you turn on 'Find My' on your device – more details on this feature are available here: [Activation Lock for iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#) - Google have 'Find my Device' & android manufacturers also offer similar location apps (Samsung have 'Find' for example) these can be found on the Google 'Play store'.
 - 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 and could even have fatal consequences - Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **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. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.
- **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.
- **E-Scooters:** In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e- scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.
- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, your association with that person may have legal consequences for you, which could be very serious – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

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.**

Yours faithfully,

K Marston

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Reap the Rewards with RE!

To be in it to win it, you must complete 2 pieces of development homework, to be entered into the draw.

Every 2 weeks we will pick 2 names from the prize draw!

Prizes range from:
Fancy pens, colourful gel pens, glitter pens and much more!!!

Please ask your RE teacher for more information...



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Cultural Heritage Day

The canteen will be serving a
variety of cultural foods.

Thursday 24 October 2024

**Wear a traditional outfit or an item of
traditional clothing that represents
your culture.**

Your outfit must be cultural.

You are NOT allowed to wear jeans, trainers, hats,
bandanas and hoodies or anything else on our banned
list.

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Next Steps

● **07.11.24**

Register your interest on the Portal based on the Sixth Form Web Page

● **06.01.25**

Deadline for registration is 23.59hrs on 10.01.2025

● **21.08.25**

- Upload your results onto the portal from 05.30hrs - 10.30hrs
- In Sixth Form, we operate a post GCSE application process and do not make conditional offers.
- Successful students will be called to discuss their A Level choices on 21.08.2025 and 22.08.2025.



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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday, 20 November, 2024

18:00 - 20:00

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ASTON UNIVERSITY SIXTH FORM PATHWAYS SEPTEMBER 2025

ALL applicants to meet minimum entry requirements (5 GCSEs grade 4/5 and above including Maths & English)

PATHWAY					
	ELITE	ACADEMIC	ELITE PROFESSIONAL	PROFESSIONAL	T-LEVELS
MAIN CURRICULUM	CHOICE OF 4 A LEVELS A Level Mathematics PLUS 3 from below: Art and Design Biology Business Studies Chemistry English Literature Further Mathematics Physics Product Design Economics	A CHOICE OF 3 A LEVELS A Level Art and Design Biology Business Studies Chemistry English Literature Further Mathematics* Mathematics Physics Product Design Economics *Only in addition to Mathematics	BUSINESS BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Business HEALTH BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Applied Science (Biomedical Science) ENGINEERING BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Engineering	BUSINESS BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Business (RQF) HEALTH BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Applied Science (Biomedical Science RQF) ENGINEERING BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma** in Engineering BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Engineering (GCSE Average* Point = 3.8)	BUSINESS Accounting Finance Marketing Legal Studies HEALTH Adult Nursing Midwifery Optometry ENGINEERING Civil Engineering Surveying and Design Mechanical Electrical and Electronic Machining Jewellery
OPTIONS	NEW Aerospace Mechanical (T Level) A Level Maths				
	Extended Project (EPQ) Oxford / Cambridge Exam Medicine & Dentistry Early Entry	Extended Project (EPQ) Oxford / Cambridge Exam Medicine & Dentistry Early Entry	Extended Project (EPQ)*** Optional choice of 1 A Level****	Extended Project (EPQ)*** Optional Core Mathematics Level 3 mathematical studies	Optional Core Mathematics Level 3 mathematical studies
ENTRY	Min. Grade 5 GCSE Maths & English A Level Maths requires Grade 7+ Further Maths requires Grade 8+ GCSE Average* Point = 7+	Min. Grade 5 GCSE Maths & English A Level Maths, Physics & Chemistry requires Grade 7+ GCSE Average* Point = 6.5+	Min. Grade 5 GCSE Maths & English A Level Maths, Physics & Chemistry requires Grade 7+ GCSE Average* Point = 6.5+	Minimum Grade 5 GCSE Maths Minimum Grade 4 GCSE English GCSE Average* Point = 4.8+	Minimum Grade 5 GCSE Maths Minimum Grade 5 GCSE English GCSE Average* Point = 5.5+

Disclaimer: Information is accurate as of September 2024. BTEC courses may change, and additional courses may be introduced. Please check our website for updates.

*GCSE Average Point Score = Based on 8 subjects including GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English

**BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (e.g D*D*D*) = 3 A Levels (e.g. A*A*A*)

***BTEC+L3 Maths+EPQ = Eligible for Technical Baccalaureate

****Limited choice of A Level subjects

*****Successful completion of Diploma option of a further year of study to upgrade to Extended Diploma



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