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Mission Statement
'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Issue 9 **Weekly Information Bulletin** **Date: Friday 13 November 2026**

Catholic Life Termly Theme:	**Kind Hearts**
Termly Catholic Social Teaching:	**Peace**
Termly SJW Values:	**Loving and Compassionate**

Celebration of the Word

Last week in Celebration of the Word, we focused on our Advent Appeal Launch. We listened to a piece of scripture that told us about the importance of being prepared and the importance of helping others. This Advent, we can all show **love and compassion** by supporting Fr Hudson's Caritas. Fr Hudson's help those individuals in need by ensuring they can live a fulfilled life. Through our donations, we will support families most in need this Christmas.

By Alex Adesola 8BAI

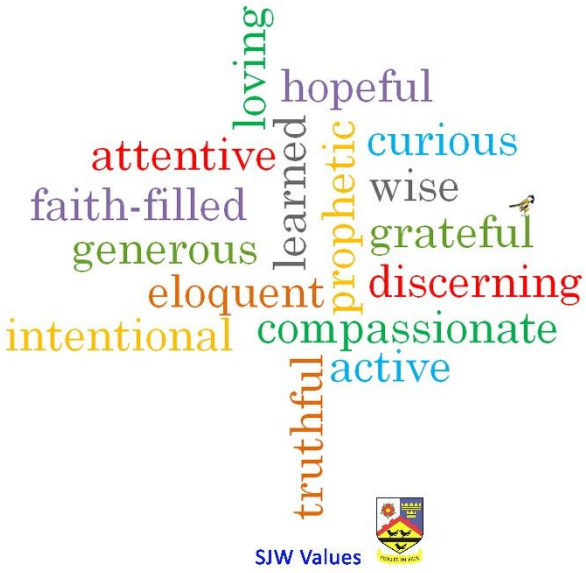
Afternoon Prayer

Last week in Afternoon Prayer, we thought about all of our **loved** ones when we prayed for Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to remember all those who have suffered in war, as well as those members of our own families who have died. During Remembrance Day, we held a 2-minute silence in our classrooms. We also prayed for COP31, thinking about the world leaders who are coming together to discuss climate change. This is important as their decisions could impact future generations.

By Monica Agyemang 8BAI

Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
  Monday 30 November 2026 to Friday 4 December 2026
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
  Thursday 3 December 2026 - 4.00pm to 6.00pm



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Year 11 News

Over the past two weeks, our Year 11 pupils have completed their first full set of mock examinations, providing valuable experience of what to expect during their GCSEs in the summer.

Year 11 teachers and Heads of Department delivered exam talks before each examination, offering key reminders, subject-specific guidance and reassurance. Pupils also experienced the full GCSE examination process, including entering the examination hall and completing full-length papers under formal examination conditions. Approximately 10 pupils received access arrangements, supporting their individual needs with reading, writing or concentration during examinations.

Attendance throughout the examination period was 95%. Whilst this is positive, our expectation remains 100% attendance, particularly during examinations, as pupils may not have the opportunity to resit missed papers.

Punctuality was positive however, arriving late to an official GCSE examination could result in pupils being refused entry. We therefore ask parents and carers to continue supporting excellent attendance and punctuality.

Key Dates and Important Information

Revision Returns – Monday 16 November

Compulsory after-school revision returns on Monday 16 November, beginning with **Week 1 – Core Subjects**. Sessions finish at 4:15pm, and all pupils are expected to attend their allocated sessions.

Important changes:

- Wednesday 25 November: Option A revision will take place.
- Thursday 26 November: Revision is cancelled.
- Friday 27 November: Music revision will take place.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 3 December, 4pm–6pm

Parents' Evening provides an important opportunity to discuss pupils' mock examination results, progress and areas for improvement.
These results will help inform the predicted grades used for post-16 applications, making this an important evening for pupils and families. We will also welcome a selection of post-16 providers, allowing families to explore future pathways and ask questions about the next steps after Year 11.

Examination Homework Booklets – Wednesday 16 December

Our next examination homework cycle begins on Wednesday 16 December, when pupils will receive revision booklets to support their preparation for Mock 2 in February 2027. We encourage pupils to use the Christmas break effectively by establishing a regular revision routine.

Rewards Trip – Friday 18 December

We are looking forward to our Year 11 Christmas rewards trip to AirHop Birmingham on Friday 18 December. This is an opportunity to celebrate pupils' hard work and positive contributions throughout the term. Further information will follow shortly.

January 2027 – Form and Intervention Changes

When pupils return in January, changes will be made to form groups and English and Maths (ENMA) intervention groups. These changes are based on recent mock examination results and will help ensure pupils receive appropriate support ahead of their final GCSE examinations.

We are proud of the determination and maturity shown by many pupils throughout their mock examinations. However, there is still plenty of work ahead! As we move closer to the summer, we encourage every pupil to demonstrate our year group theme of *#Fortitude* through excellent attendance, punctuality, commitment to revision and a positive attitude towards learning.

By Miss Cummings

World Kindness Day

Friday was World Kindness Day and to celebrate it we encouraged staff and pupils to show kindness and appreciation across our school community. A small act of kindness can make a big difference!

Pupils took part in a challenge to complete nine simple acts of kindness throughout the day. Staff who had witnessed each act of kindness acknowledge this by signing the pupils' bingo card. Pupils who completed all 9 acts of kindness on their bingo card handed it into staff at the end of the school day. There will be a prize draw next week for all completed entries. Staff had the opportunity to recognise and appreciate one another by writing anonymous compliments or thank you messages to colleagues. These were displayed on a kindness wall.

By Miss Lally







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Careers Fest 2026

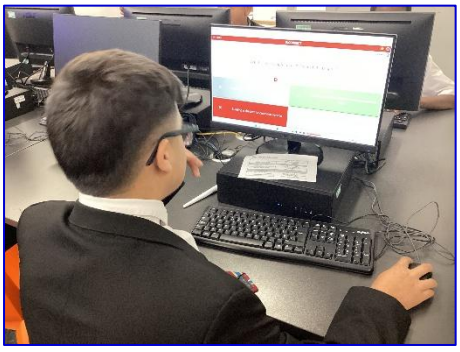
Thursday 12 November 2026

Exploring Careers and Building Skills

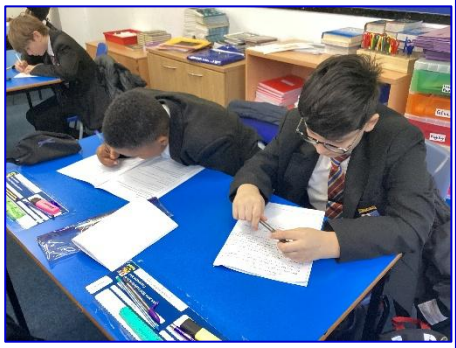
Thursday was packed with opportunities for pupils to explore the world of work and discover how their learning in school connects to future careers. Pupils in Years 7–10 participated in a range of careers-focused lessons across different subjects. These sessions highlighted the wide variety of careers linked to each subject, helping pupils recognise the valuable skills they are developing in the classroom and how these can be applied in the workplace.

Meanwhile, Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to develop their confidence and communication skills through mock interviews. This valuable experience allowed pupils to practise answering interview questions, presenting themselves professionally and preparing for future college, sixth form, apprenticeship and employment interviews.

Throughout the day, pupils also had the chance to visit our **Careers Fair**, where representatives from local businesses, colleges and sixth form providers came together to share their knowledge and expertise. Pupils were able to ask questions, explore different education and career pathways, and gain a greater understanding of the opportunities available to them after school. **By Mr Rathbone**








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Bringing Careers to Life

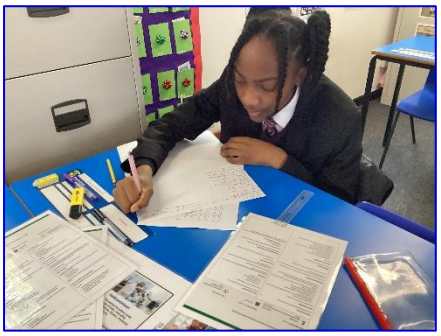
The excitement continued on Friday as pupils experienced a second day of careers-focused activities, with a fantastic variety of sessions delivered by visiting professionals and organisations.

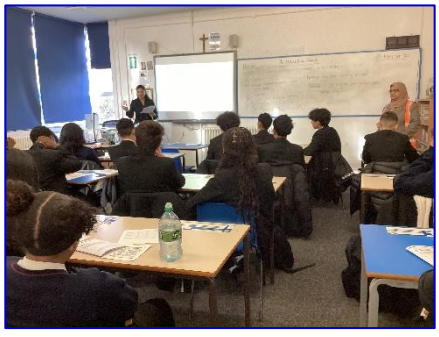
Pupils had the opportunity to take part in sessions involving representatives from the **NHS, EDF Hinkley Point, Severn Trent, Sandwell College, Mott MacDonald, Amazon and Catholic Vocations**. These sessions provided a valuable insight into a diverse range of industries, professions and career pathways, from healthcare, engineering and construction to education, technology, business and vocational opportunities. Throughout the day, pupils were encouraged to think about their future aspirations, discover new career possibilities and develop a greater understanding of the skills, qualifications and personal qualities needed to succeed in different professions. Hearing directly from people with experience in these fields helped bring the world of work to life and showed pupils just how many exciting opportunities are available to them.

We would like to extend a **huge thank you to all our visiting speakers and organisations** who generously gave up their valuable time to support the day. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and willingness to share their experiences made a real difference, helping to inspire and inform our pupils as they begin to consider their future pathways. **By Mr Rathbone**








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Year 7 and Year 9
Assessment Week Timetable

Period	Monday 30 November	Tuesday 1 December	Wednesday 2 December	Thursday 3 December	Friday 4 December	
1 9:00 Start	**Y9 Health and SC** 1h 15m	**Year 7 Science** 1 hour	**Y9 Science (Combined)** 1 hour Calculator	**Y9 Maths** 1 hour Calculator	**Music** **ALL Day**	**GCSE Drama** **ALL Day**
	Y9 GCSE Business 1 hour		**Y9 Single Science** 1 hour Calculator			
	Y9 Hosp & Catering 1 hour					
Break						
2 and 3 10:50 Start	**Y9 English Lit** 50m	**Y9 RE** 1 hour	**Year 7 English** 1 hour	**Y9 Geography** 1h 10m		
				Y9 Engineering 1h 15m		
				Y9 iMedia 1 hour		
Lunch						
4 13:55 Start	**History** 1 hour	**Y9 Spanish Writing** 1 hour	**Year 7 RE** 1 hour	**Year 7 Maths** 1 hour Calculator		
		Y9 French Writing 1 hour				

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ONLINE 2-Hour Adolescent Brain Development Workshop for all Parents and Caregivers

Birmingham Childrens Trust Parenting Team invite you to join us **online** for an exciting and collaborative workshop that gives a chance for parents and caregivers to come together to share their parenting experiences in a friendly and supportive space, to engage with the support offered by our Parenting Team and learn about Adolescent Brain Development and the impact on behaviour and communication from our Togetherness Team.



This 2 Hour Workshop Covers:

- An interactive workshop delivered online using Microsoft Teams
- Update from Birmingham Childrens Trust Parenting Team and our Togetherness Team
- An Introduction to Adolescent Brain Development
- Sleep Routines and Peer Relationships
- The Impact Positive Parenting has on Healthy Adolescent Brain Development and Behaviour

Please come and join us for this event:

Venue: ONLINE – Use the **Q.R code** to sign up for a **Microsoft Teams Link**

Date and Time: Monday 30th November 5:45pm to 7:45pm

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