



# Saint John Wall Catholic School

## A Catholic School For All



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# Weekly Information Bulletin



### Mission Statement

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

### Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we join together once again as a school community, encourage us to be a light in the darkness for those who may have struggled through Covid-19. Help us to welcome all members of our community back to school safely and positively. Like a tiny candle in a dark room, let us fill people's lives with light, love and care.

Amen

### Knife Crime Safety Notice

Following the tragic and shocking events over the weekend, we want you to feel reassured that Saint John Wall school is working with Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police to support all local and national initiatives affected by this incident and recent issues. It reminds us of the importance of continuing to raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime and its consequences. Therefore, we shall be working with pupils to ensure that they are aware of any dangers and any risk to their life and others. To support this, we shall be spot checking pupils as well as using a knife arch in school as appropriate during the course of the year in line with our behaviour policy.

**By Mrs Crooks - Assistant Principal - Personal Development, Safety, Behaviour & Attitudes - DSL & SPOC**

### Important Dates to Note

- **Staff Remote Learning Training**  
Tuesday 15 September 2020  
School closes at: Year 8 & 9 – 2.10pm  
Year 10 & 11 – 2.20pm  
Year 7 – 2.30pm
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**  
Monday 5 October to Friday 9 October 2020
- **Autumn Half Term**  
Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

### Open Evening - Tuesday 15 September cancelled due to safety reasons

We will aim to facilitate tours of the school to those parents of Year 6 pupils who would like to see the school. These are likely to take place out of school hours for safety reasons. More details will follow.

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers, it has been a busy and successful week inducting all pupils in all year groups back to school. They have listened carefully to the new safety procedures and systems and quickly learnt what is expected of them. Thankyou to all parents and staff who have worked so hard to get the pupils safely back to school. All pupils have returned looking really smart and teachers have commented and praised them for their motivation and engagement in lessons. It is great to be back! A reminder that pupils must bring their own writing equipment and pencil case. Pupils also need to have a waterproof coat because outdoor spaces will be used even in wet weather. Pupils also need to bring their own re-usable water bottle which can be re-filled during lunchtimes.

Next week there will be a training programme in place to ensure that all pupils and staff are fully prepared to be able to access online lessons via Microsoft Teams. Year 7 and 8 pupils will receive training in their computing lessons. Year 11, 10 and 9 pupils will receive training on Monday and Wednesday during collective worship and some lesson time. Staff will receive extra training including demonstrations on Tuesday afternoon. In order to facilitate this training school will close on Tuesday at 2.10pm for Year 8 and 9; 2.20pm for Year 10 and 11 and 2.30pm for Year 7. There was already a calendared early closure for Open Evening. However, due to safety reasons this will not take place so we are going to make use of the time for extra staff training instead. We feel that it is vital that we prioritise online lesson training at this time in case of any future lockdowns.

Pupils have been introduced to our new staff this week too. We are very pleased to have welcomed them and we look forward to working with them all to 'educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'.

### SJW Values

**Generous and Grateful**

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## Welcome to our new staff



*"Hello, I am Mr Cockburn and will be joining the Geography department this year. I am looking forward to getting to know the pupils more and sharing my passion for Geography."*



*"My name is Mr McIntosh and I am a History teacher. I want to inspire a love of learning in our pupils and encourage them to get to know more about the world around them so that they feel empowered to play an important role in society."*



*"My name is Mr Rathbone and I am the Lead Teacher for Enterprise & Computing Champion. I have joined the school because I have a real passion for Computer Science and want to share that passion with the pupils at Saint John Wall. I know that when given the right environment and support there is no reason why any learner can't pursue a vocation in Computing, possibly even in Web Development, Programming or Games Design. "*



*"My name is Mr Christie and I have the role of a Pupil Coach. I hope to help all the pupils of Saint John Wall reach their full potential through supporting them in and outside of lessons and give them the opportunity to have conversations that they might not usually get to have in the classroom outside of it through mentoring, allowing them to further discover their own potential."*



*"My name is Mr McLernan, and yes I am indeed Scottish. And yes, as I have been told, at least twice a day, I do look like Boris Johnson. No need to keep rubbing it in. I am delighted to join Saint John Wall as an Admin Assistant and Cover Supervisor, and am eager to do as much as is necessary, and more, to power through the challenges left us by a trying time."*



*"Hello everyone, my name is Mr Rosellon. I am originally from Spain and will be a Languages Learning Co-ordinator in both Spanish and EAL. I hope I can support as many pupils as possible and make lessons enjoyable. I am looking forward to meeting you all."*



*"My name is Miss Restauri and I am an Art teacher. I feel very lucky to have joined the Saint John Wall family, a beautifully diverse community sharing the same values. I am hoping to help every pupil to achieve their creative potential and find success and fulfilment in my subject, as well as in their wider lives. I look forward to getting to know everyone and working with you!"*



*"My name is Mr Huggins and I will be teaching Languages at Saint John Wall. My main aim is to engage pupils with MFL in a way that is not only effective but also relatable. Furthermore, given that I am new to the school, and the West Midlands as a whole, I want to involve myself fully with Saint John Wall and the local community."*



*"My name is Mr Esmaili and I want to be able to teach pupils to achieve to the best of their abilities and be successful in life not just computing."*



*"My name is Mr Greedy and I'm a Maths teacher. I would like to make a long-lasting positive impression on the pupils at Saint John Wall helping them prepare for college and career readiness. I would also like to pass on my passion for Maths and help pupils to discover their talents in the subject."*



*"My name is Mr Hayaat and I am a Science Teacher. During my time here, I hope to make Science more accessible and feel more inclusive for the pupils at the school, where they will be able to realise the role they can play in Science and discovery regardless of background."*

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*"Hello, my name is Miss Cummings, and I teach Performing Arts, English and Computing here at Saint John Wall. I have been very lucky to be able to return this year after having trained here previously which is very exciting especially as I get to see all the staff and pupils again. During my time here, I hope to inspire pupils to always aim for the best they can be and hopefully inspire pupils to take on or develop a love for Drama be it through lessons or extra-curricular which I hope to plan for in the future."*



*"My name is Mr Creelman and I am a Physical Education Teacher. During this new academic year at Saint John Wall Catholic School, I am hoping to develop my teaching skills in the PE department and extra-curricular activities. I am very excited for the new academic year and welcoming the pupils back to school. I am very excited to meet new faces and teach the pupils."*

### Safety Associates



We have also welcomed our team of Safety Associates. These staff are present around school to provide enhanced cleaning and safety. They welcome pupils at the start of the day and ensure they follow the hygiene and hand washing procedures. They circulate zones of the school to clean frequently touched surfaces and they assist with hygiene and cleaning during the staggered lunches. They have quickly picked up the routines and hugely reassured pupils and staff with their presence and rigorous approach to their role.

**By Miss Marston**

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