

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last Thursday was the last GCSE exam, and on Friday we held the Year 11 Prom at the Hallmark Hotel. It really was a lovely occasion, and the young people looked fantastic in their suits and dresses. This Thursday we welcome the students back to school for their Leavers' Breakfast.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this Wednesday is our Lower School Presentation Evening, one of the most important events on our school calendar – a chance to gather together to celebrate the successes and achievements of our young people. All pupils who have been invited must be in school by 6.30pm at the latest, for a 7.00pm start. Dr Guscott has explained to Year 7-9 students that due to new fire regulations the seating capacity in the Sports Hall has had to be temporarily reduced, and therefore we have had to cut down on the number of rewards presented on the night. All pupils will still receive acknowledgement and certificates in assemblies before the end of term, though. Please remember that seats are strictly limited to **two guests per family**. Once the school car park is full, **PLEASE PARK AT THE RUGBY CLUB ON GROVE LANE**, next to the Pointing Dog.

This Friday is also the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, a holy day of obligation. As with other holy days this year, due to the fire regulations mentioned above, we are currently unable to hold **whole-school** Masses in the Sports Hall. We will not be offering Mass in school, but there will be no homework set on that night, to allow families to attend their local parish Mass. Please check with your parish for Mass times (see later in this newsletter for associated parishes). We have worked closely with the Diocese to make the Sports Hall available again for whole-school Masses, and thanks to the support of our local clergy, particularly Fr Peter, we have been successful in securing the funding, and the works will begin over the Summer holidays.

On Thursday the young people of St Ambrose, St Peter's, St Philips's and St Vincent's are being confirmed. Bishop Mark will celebrate the sacrament, with Mass starting at 7.00pm at St Peter's. Candidates, families and sponsors are to be seated by 6.30pm, and there will be refreshments for everyone in the Parish Centre afterwards. There is a rehearsal this evening at 6.30pm. On Thursday I am also taking a group of Year 9 & 10 students to the Diocesan Mass at Holy Angels, Hale Barns, followed by the Mini-DASH meeting, where students will get the opportunity to meet up with young people from other Diocesan High Schools.

Last week we welcomed Year 5 children from our partner Primary schools for a St James' taster day. All the days were very successful and we continue this week with Our Lady's on Tuesday and St Peter's on Thursday. We are also holding an information evening for parents of children in Years 4 & 5 on Tuesday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6.00pm. If you do know of anyone who is thinking about St James' for their child or children, and they would like any further information about the school, please do encourage them to attend or to contact us at [michelle.mccumesky@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.mccumesky@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk)

This week is busy with sporting events, with the Year 9 students attending / helping out at the Aquinas Festival of Sport and the Stockport Primaries 5k Challenge today, and Year 10 PE GCSE students rock-climbing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is the GCSE Art Exhibition on Tuesday at 6.00pm, and Year 7 are completing their sponsored walks for CAFOD on Thursday. Year 10 MFL speaking exams begin today.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you ever wish to contact me about any issue, please do not hesitate to email me at [headteacher@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk).

### PRAYER

Ever-present God,  
most of us will never have to decide whether or not  
we should flee our home.  
For this we are truly thankful.  
Whether it is war, oppression, religious  
persecution or other fears,  
we commit those children and families who have  
chosen the journey of a refugee into your hands.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

### PTA 500 CLUB WINNERS

1st - £250 – Mrs A Langan, no 591  
2nd - £150 – Mrs T Cooke, no 620  
3rd - £100 Mrs E Darlington, no 445

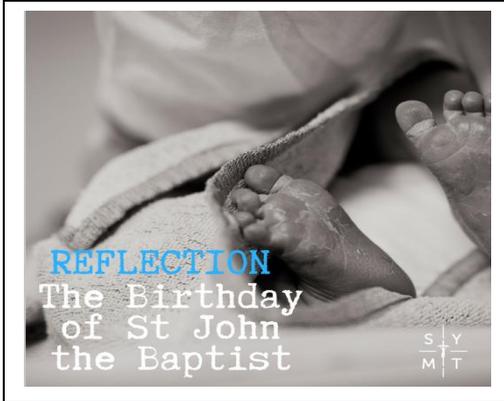
### SKI TRIP EASTER 2019

There is one space left for the ski trip next Easter (6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> April 2019). This is open to current Year 9 students. If you wish your child to accompany the trip a deposit of £400 is payable by the end of this term (Full cost is £999)

Further details available from Mr Wilby

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### I thank you for the wonder of my being

On someone's Birthday we usually think about getting them a gift. There is something about celebrating a Birthday. What gifts are we bringing as a Church today to celebrate this wonderful Feast Day? Well... did you know that the name of John means "God's gracious gift."? John the Baptist was a gift to us! When we think about John we

see how he pointed the way towards Christ, he was the forerunner who paved the way for Jesus. To show how important his contribution to the story of Salvation he is given this special Feast in honour of his birth. It's the same when your family do wonderful things to celebrate your birthday.

With these readings we are also called to reflect on our identity. We hear in the Psalm what a gift we all are... we thank God for the wonder of our being. You are important because you are loved by God!

Let us give thanks for the gift of the man John the Baptist, the baby who leapt in his mother's womb with joy of the Holy Spirit, and the man for pointed people towards Jesus. Let us ask for the strength to be more like John the Baptist and lead others to Jesus.

Happy Birthday John!

Catherine – Director, Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

## YEAR 7

As part of our charity fundraising events, Year 7 students will be taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for CAFOD on Thursday.

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a global campaign for the rights of refugees. CAFOD are asking the Catholic community to walk 24,900 miles, the distance around the world, as an act of solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. As a year group, Year 7 are aiming to walk 249 miles which will be added to the total miles walked for CAFOD.

Students will need to bring trainers to wear in addition to their usual school shoes. They have been asked to try to raise £5 each in sponsor money, all of which will go to CAFOD. Students will be provided with an envelope labelled with their name and form after the walk has been completed so that all sponsor money can be easily identified and each form can receive an accurate total of the amount they have raised.

Mrs Doyle  
RE Teacher



# LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP



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AUGUST 5TH-9TH 2018

ALTON CASTLE

FINAL BOOKINGS END OF JULY

## YEAR 11

Year 11 completed their GCSEs last Thursday and as school we would like to thank them for their excellent attitude during the exam season. Students were punctual and well prepared and entered the exam rooms silently and ready to concentrate. The standard of uniform and presentation remained high throughout the exams and Year 11 continued to remember that they were still part of our community and that younger students would still be looking to them as role models.

We were delighted with their behaviour and attitude. We look forward to seeing the photos from the prom last Friday at the Leaver's Breakfast on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am.

Thank you parents and carers for your support during the examinations, we wish you and the students a relaxing summer.

Mr T Beesley  
Headteacher

Mrs P M Livesey  
Assistant Head Progress

### LOCAL CHURCH MASS TIMES FOR FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Our Lady's - 28th June, 7pm Vigil Mass and 10am on the day

St Chad's - 9.30am

St Ann's - 10am and 7.30pm

St Peter's - 10 am, 12noon

St Philip's - 7.30pm

St Ambrose - 9.30

St Vincent's - 7.30

Christ Church - 10am & 7.30pm

### LOWER SCHOOL PRESENTATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Pupils invited to Lower School Presentation Evening need to arrive in full school uniform by 6.30pm at the latest. Pupils will be told where to register on the evening.

Parking is in school, but please remember that you can also park at the Rugby Club.

The evening will commence at 7pm in the Sports Hall, and refreshments will be provided by the PTA after the presentation of certificates and awards.

Due to a temporary reduced capacity in the Sports Hall this year, fewer awards than normal will be presented on the night. As such, certificates for RTL points, being a member of the 1 Club, 99% attendance and subject commendations will be given out in assemblies before the end of the year, and the names of everyone rewarded will be shared in the final newsletter of the year.

We still have plenty of rewards to give out before the end of the year - subject rewards this week (pizza and burger lunches), the achievement points breakfast on Wednesday 11th July and the final voucher and ipad draw for each year group on Friday 20th July.

Dr S Guscott  
Assistant Head Teaching & Learning

**HUMANITIES AND ENTERPRISE WEEK**  
**THURSDAY 12th – FRIDAY 20th JULY 2018**

The final programme for Humanities and Enterprise (HAE) Week is now ready. Unless otherwise stated, all students in school are to wear normal school uniform and bring in writing equipment all week.

Please remember to pay in your voluntary contribution to HAE Week if you have not already done so.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.15PM ON FRIDAY 20th JULY – THERE IS NO LUNCH IN SCHOOL THAT DAY**

## **YEAR 7**

### **THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Operating Theatre Live** – a fantastic hands on activity (in St. James' for the third year running) where students learn all about the human body. A chance for any budding Year 7 doctors / surgeons / nurses to see what a medical career might be like.

**Maths Day** – fun activities and Maths challenges

### **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Your Future Day** (careers workshop and World Cup challenge – building the skills and initiative needed for the world of work

### **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

X Band (7J, 7A, 7M) – **CAFOD Day** – a day to focus on the work of one of our key supported charities

Y Band (7E, 7S, 7C) – **Trading Game, Circus Skills workshop, tents challenge** (for this activity, students will be outside and may need sun cream)

### **TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Chester Zoo trip** – please bring in permission slip and £25 contribution if not already handed in. Students are in sensible non-uniform on this day. Please check weather forecast – sun cream if hot and sunny; layers for a mixed weather forecast. Students will need a packed lunch.

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Y Band (7E, 7S, 7C) – **CAFOD Day**

X Band (7J, 7A, 7M) – **Trading Game, Circus Skills workshop, tents challenge** (for this activity, students will be outside and may need sun cream)

## **YEAR 8 STUDENTS (THOSE NOT GOING TO FRANCE)**

**Please remember to bring in your £40 contribution for the week and the permission slips for all of the trips out.**

### **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Multicultural Day** (in school) – Speakers and fun activities throughout the day

### **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

#### **Trip to Castleton and Treak Cliff Caverns**

Students will visit the beautiful town of Castleton and see the stunning country side of the Peak District and the Blue John stone of Treak Cliff Caverns. They will need a packed lunch, and wear suitable layered clothing – they will also need a coat and sun cream, depending upon the weather forecast

### **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

#### **Rope Race – Marple: Canoeing, climbing and archery**

Students will need suitable own clothes, a packed lunch, a towel and a change of clothes. They will also need sun cream depending upon the weather forecast.

### **TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Creative Technology Day (in school)** – Resistant Materials, Textiles and Food Technology

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Periods 1-2 – Evaluation of the week and quiz

Periods 3-4 – Form time – ALL YEAR 8s returning from French Trip are back in school at 11am

Period 5 – All Year 8 students in Hall for a film

## **YEAR 9**

### **THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

#### **Cadbury's World Trip**

Students need to arrive at school by **8.10 at the latest**, as coaches will aim to be leaving by 8.25.

Students are to wear **sensible non-uniform** on this day. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, and can bring a small amount of spending money for the gift shop. Coaches will be leaving Cadbury's World at 2.10pm and should be back in school for 4pm.

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Enterprise Day**

Students will be put into teams and will compete against each other in this ever-popular business challenge. There will be prizes!

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**X Band**

**English**

(9 - 11.45am)

**PE** - Students will need indoor and outdoor PE kit

(11.45am-3pm)

**Y Band**

**PE** - Students will need indoor and outdoor PE kit

(9 -11.45am)

**English**

(11.45am - 3pm)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**X Band**

Science activities - the Starchaser Rocket challenge 9-11.45am;

MFL activities 11.45-3.00pm

**Y Band**

MFL activities 9-11.45am

Science activities - the Starchaser Rocket challenge 11.45-3.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Multicultural Day - a variety of speakers and activities during the day

**YEAR 10**

WORK EXPERIENCE ALL WEEK (until end of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

NORMAL LESSONS FOR ALL YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY**

NORMAL LESSON 1 FOR ALL STUDENTS

REWARDS ASSEMBLIES AND FORM TIME ACTIVITIES

**STUDENTS LEAVE AT 12.15pm (no lunch in school, although lunch will be provided for students who would normally receive a free lunch). School buses have been booked for 12.15pm**

If you have any questions about HAE Week, then please do not hesitate to ask.

Dr Guscott - Assistant Head Teaching & Learning

## **GIRLS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION**

**Week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday	Year 9 Aquinas Festival leave 11.30am
Tuesday	Year 8 8 SS Rounder's tournament at Kingsway High 3-5.30pm
Wednesday	GCSE Indoor Climbing meet 9am return 4.30pm
Thursday	GCSE Indoor Climbing meet 9am return 4.30pm  Year 7 Athletics Championships at Cheadle Hulme School meet 3pm
Friday	GCSE Indoor Climbing Meet 9am return 4.30pm

Girls' PE

## **BOYS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION**

**Week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday	Year 9 Aquinas Festival Leave 11.30am Year 9 at Cheadle Catholic for 5K challenge leave 12.30pm
Wednesday	GCSE Indoor Climbing meet 9am return 4.30pm
Thursday	GCSE Indoor Climbing meet 9am return 4.30pm Year 7 Athletics Championships at Cheadle Hulme School meet 3pm
Friday	GCSE Indoor Climbing meet 9am return 4.30pm

Boys' PE