

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a happy half-term break, and that our Year 11 students continued working through their revision plans. The exams continue this week with History today, English Language and Geography on Tuesday, Music on Wednesday, Maths on Thursday, and English Language and History on Friday. Our thought and prayers are with all of our young people as they sit their exams. If you have any questions or concerns about the Year 11 Programme of Study, please do contact our Assistant Headteacher for Progress, Mrs Livesey at patricia.livesey@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk.

Very soon Years 5 and 6 from our local partner primary schools will be coming here for transition activities. If you are a parent of a Year 7 child, you are probably wondering where the year has gone. We will keep you informed about the many different events through this newsletter, but 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 contact us at michelle.mccumesky@st-jamescatholic.stockport.sch.uk. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the PTA is operating its second-hand uniform sale again, to take place after the New Intake Evening on Wednesday 4th July. If you do have any good quality, spare uniform could you please hand it into the school reception by Friday 29th June. This uniform sale has been a great success over the last couple of years, and it not only benefits the school in terms of funds raised, but also those families who purchase the clothes. Also, the PTA has a popcorn machine, for use at school functions. If any parent would like to use the popcorn machine for a child's party, or indeed their own, then please contact the school, and it can be arranged in return for a donation to the PTA. The PTA are meeting, for the last time this academic year, next Monday. The work of the PTA is highly valued by the school, but unfortunately, because of a lack of volunteers they are struggling to complete some of their traditional services, like providing tea and coffee at parents' evenings. If you would like to volunteer to help the PTA, even if you can't make any meetings, please do contact the school reception and your name and details will be passed on. Finally, could I once again encourage you to join the 500 club, if you haven't already done so. As well as generating desperately needed funds for St James' you could also win one of the three monthly cash prizes totalling £500 – check the website for details (<http://www.stjamescatholichighschool.org.uk/key-information/pta/500-club/>)

With so many trips and activities planned for the remainder of the Summer term, could I remind you that in an attempt to reduce the use of cash and cheques, trips may be paid for by using our e-payment service, ParentPay. If you require any assistance, please telephone the Finance Office on 0161 482 6903. It really is a simple and convenient way of transferring your money. Finally I would like to welcome Mr Philip Wall to the English Faculty. Many of you will remember Mr Wall, who spent the academic year 2015-2016 teaching at St James', before leaving to teach in Japan. He be covering Miss Gould's English classes for the remainder of the term.

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.

Tim Beesley
Headteacher

PRAYER

May God, who fed our ancestors in faith with
manna in the wilderness
less us with food for the journey of our lives.
May Jesus Christ, the Living Bread,
sustain our hearts in every new day.
May the Spirit of God bring us closer together in
unity
so that we who are many will become one in
love.

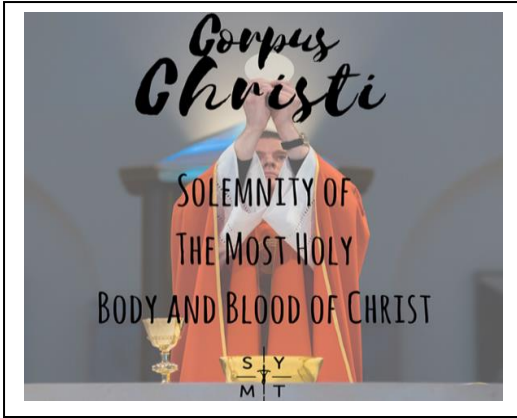
Amen

JOB VACANICES

Teaching Assistants to start September 2018 (27.5 hours per week term time only) to end August 2019

Teacher of Music to start September 2018 (full time and temporary for 2018/2019)

Further details for all posts available on the school website or contact Michelle McCumesky



This is my body; this is my blood

You might not realise this - but the Eucharist, Jesus, has changed your life! In receiving Holy Communion, the Body and blood of Christ, you allow Him into your life in an intimate way. Sometimes we are not aware of this gift we have been given and may approach Holy

Communion with indifference and hostility. This Sunday's readings were about the Covenant God made with His people within the Old Testament (First Reading) and in the Second Reading we heard about how Jesus is the New Covenant.

The Eucharist is a beautiful gift. A gift that should not be wasted. Jesus is ready and willing to use us, with all our failings, you have nothing to lose and all of heaven to gain.

"The world is beautiful and reveals the beauty of God, but spiritual realities, such as the Holy Eucharist, are far more beautiful. To see the beauty of God, present in the Most Holy Eucharist, you need eyes of faith. One of the best ways to sharpen your vision of this beauty is through adoration." (St Faustina - Diary #1692).

Catherine – Director of Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

**YEAR 8 FRENCH TRIP MEETING
TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 7PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
(Due to restricted numbers in the assembly hall, we
would appreciate it if only one parent/carer
attended the meeting with their child.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S PASSPORT
AND EHC CARD**

VIDEO GAMING ADVICE FOR PARENTS

We are committed to keeping children safe and to promoting the safe, responsible use of technology. As such, we feel it is our responsibility to make you aware of the following. Many children have been discussing video games that they have access to and play at home, including Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty and Fortnite. All of these games have a UK age rating of 12 -18+ showing the content of these games is not appropriate for all children.

Ratings denote the content and appropriateness of games



Games are age-rated under the Pan-European Game Information (PEGI).

All video games are rated for age on the packaging or as part of the listing on the App Store. Ratings do not show the difficulty of a game, but inform you that it contains content suitable for a certain age group and above.

It is important to note that the age ratings 12, 16 and 18 age ratings are mandatory and that it is illegal for a retailer to supply any game with any of these ratings to anyone below the specified age.

An 18 rated game usually contains at least one of the following - violence, explicit sexual activity (which may mean that genitals are visible) or activities that glamorise the use of real life drugs.

In addition to age ratings, video games will include indicators of the type of content and activities that the game includes in it.

The following websites contain detailed reviews so you know exactly what each game involves.

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

Popular Game Ratings

Fortnite - PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. In addition, Fortnite involves lots of communication with other players online. This comes with its own range of issues about sharing information and keeping children safe online.

Grand Theft Auto –PEGI 18 for extreme violence; multiple, motiveless killing; violence towards defenceless people; and strong language, scenes of torture, sexual activity and illegal drug use. It is not suitable for persons under 18 years of age to play or watch others playing.

Call of Duty – PEGI 18, for extreme violence, multiple motiveless killing and strong language including sexual expletives and depictions of battlefield injuries including decapitation, dismemberment and mutilation.

Many pupils have said that they play these games either with or without parental knowledge or consent. Access, to these and similar games whether this be playing them personally or watching adults at home play them can seriously affect your child. Children who have access to such content can develop mental health issues, develop behavioural difficulties, and struggle with sleeping and concentration.

We feel it is important to point out to parents the risks of underage use of such video games, so you can make informed decisions on how to supervise your child's access to technology and prevent them from accessing inappropriate content.

Mrs Mullen
Assistant Head Pastoral

Mrs Rarity
Teacher in charge of PSHCE

GIRLS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION

Week commencing Monday 4th June

Tuesday Years 7 & 8 (A and B teams) rounder's at Stockport Academy return approx. 5.15pm

Wednesday Years 9 & 10 rounder's practice finish 4.15pm

Thursday Years 7-10 rounder's at Kingsway High return approx. 5.00pm

Girls' PE

BOYS' EXTRA CURRICULAR PE INFORMATION

Week commencing Monday 4th June

Wednesday Year 7 Cricket 3pm-4.15pm All welcome

Boys' PE

#LTCAMPUK

JOIN THE SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM AT THE SUMMER EVENT OF THE YEAR

BRITAIN'S ONLY LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP

Alton Castle, Staffordshire
5TH-9TH AUGUST 2018

WHERE?
Alton Castle, Staffordshire
Transport options available

WHEN?
5th-9th August 2018

WHAT?
A week packed with high-adrenaline outdoor adventure including **archery, mountain biking, climbing** and much more. Enjoy a full day at **Alton Towers** and of course **Mass, Reconciliation, amazing music, Eucharistic Adoration** and **talks** from international speakers.

WHY?
Journey with new friends, be transformed as you pray, share and have fun together. Encounter your faith in a new way and delve deeper into what God has in store for you!

HOW MUCH?
The cost is £265 per person, but a minimum of £185

PARISH GROUPS
If you want to bring an adult volunteer Youth Leader from your Parish, your Priest or a teacher with you, please ask them to contact us!

BOOKINGS OPEN FROM EASTER 2018

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT WWW.SYMT.ORG.UK OR EMAIL US YOUTH@DIOCESEOFSHREWSBURY.ORG