



A weekly newsletter for Parents, Carers, Students, Governors and Staff 4 September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Governors

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I am delighted to report we have had a wonderful week welcoming all our students back into school. It is really lovely that so many of our Year 11 students have now joined The New Sixth and it was a pleasure to welcome all our new Year 7 students - I enjoyed meeting all of them on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement.

As you are aware, we have reorganised the school day to suit year group bubbles so it is not a 'normal' start, however everyone is embracing the changes and working together to ensure that we all follow the correct protocols.

I would like to thank Mr Robinson for a beautiful Liturgy this morning which he delivered virtually.

Our Retreat programme starts on Monday 7 September. Each tutor group will spend the day with Mr Robinson and Mrs Ruck at Sulis Manor. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to reflect and re-engage with school life. Thank you to Mr Robinson, Mrs Hawkins-Brown and Mrs Ruck for all their hard work putting the retreats together.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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| Mon 7 Sep  | Y12 individual photos                              |
| Mon 21 Sep | Y10(11) Assessment Fortnight begins                |
| Thu 1 Oct  | Y7 flu vaccinations                                |
| Fri 2 Oct  | Inset Day— SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS           |
| Tue 6 Oct  | Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening                    |
| Thu 8 Oct  | Virtual Tutor Evening                              |
| Mon 12 Oct | Y9 & Y11 individual photos; Y11 & Y13 group photos |
| Tue 13 Oct | Virtual Open Evening                               |

**Next Week: Week A**

I would like to thank parents and carers for ensuring students have come to school with the correct uniform and equipment. We have moved as many events as we can online this term. Please note in dates for you diary the virtual Open Evenings and virtual Tutor Evening that will all be taking place in October.

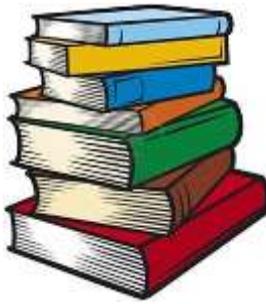
Thank you all for your continued support.  
Best wishes

A Cusack, Headmistress



## Library Closed

Due to the current pandemic students will not be able to borrow books/DVDs, etc, from the Library for the foreseeable future. The use of the library at break/lunch/after school for reading/homework/use of computers, etc is also strictly forbidden.



All books currently on loan need to be returned to school at the students' earliest convenience please.

Mrs Ruck, Librarian

## B&NES Free School

### Meals

B&NES Free School Meals eligibility checking service now has a new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online benefit related free school meal application form, which can be found using the following link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.



Congratulations to **Victoria M** in Year 9 and **Jasper C** in Year 10 who both achieved Grade 9 in their Spanish GCSEs during the last academic year.

This is an amazing achievement by two fantastic linguists. Well done!

The MFL Faculty

## Chaplaincy Thoughts for the Week

We are delighted to be able to welcome everybody back to St Gregory's. This morning we were able to start the new school year by highlighting how we can move forward as a community with a whole school virtual liturgy. Our theme was 'carrying and supporting one another', using the example of the Good Samaritan as a guide for how God cares for each of us, regardless of our status, and how we are called to take the servant role and carry others. I showed our staff and students that although traditionally throughout history the role of a servant was to carry things/people for the 'more important' in society, Jesus turned this on its head through his words and actions - "I came not to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). So for today, we are called to support and carry each other in whatever way 2020 calls us to faith in action. Through being patient, sharing moments, making gestures of kindness, keeping an eye out for the quieter members of our tutor groups.

Over the coming two months the main part of my week to week work is leading retreats for every tutor group in the school. Mrs Ruck and I have written a retreat programme for each year group that will give them a chance to take a step back, listen, evaluate,

ask and reflect on how they can move forward this year and have a relaxing as well as fun day out of school. Although we are going a mere 5-minute walk away to Sulis Manor, the different surroundings and relaxing nature of the day is of huge benefit to all students. You should all have received an email with the details and link to a Google Form reply. I would appreciate your responses as soon as possible please.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplin



# Summer Art Project



Well done to **Henry H** who created this fantastic 'Swog' animal, half swan, half dog over the summer break.

Mrs Bowden, Head of Art

**ASD Support Service:  
Parent and Carer Support Group and  
Teen Group**



Venue: Fosse Way School 6.30 - 8.00  
pm

Dates:

Thursday 10th December 2020

Thursday 4th February 2021

Thursday 25th March 2021

Thursday 13th May 2021

Thursday 15th July 2021

**Parent & Carer Support  
Group**

A chance for you to meet other parents and carers informally and  
share experiences and information

**Intended audience:** Parents and carers of children and young people  
with ASD in mainstream schools & a BANES address

**Teen Group**

A chance for young people on the Autistic Spectrum and in main-  
stream schools to meet socially.

**Intended audience:**

For young people with an ASD diagnosis aged 11- 16  
& a BANES address