



A weekly newsletter for Parents, Carers, Students, Governors and Staff

18 September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Governors

I would like to draw your attention to The Ben Saunders Foundation and ask for your support. It is with great sadness that I have to share with you that Ben passed away last month. After starting his Year 13 studies last year here at St Gregory's Ben was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, sarcoma to his heart.

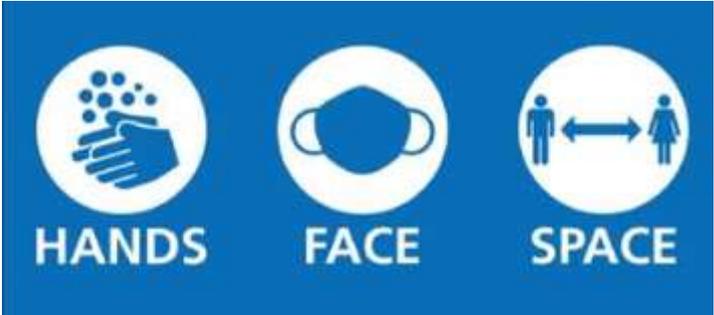
Ben always cared for the welfare of others, he wanted to make the world a better place and he will always be remembered for his smile, energy and generosity. Ben set up 'The Ben Saunders Foundation' whilst he was receiving treatment, to raise money to support other young people with cancer. Ben wanted to raise enough money to buy a holiday home to offer respite and sanctuary to families going through a similar journey and so far £50,000 has been raised.



Earlier this month Ben's family, friends and teachers took part in a giant Zumba class, raising over £5,000 and a number of our staff will be running the Bath Half Marathon in support of 'The Ben Saunders Foundation'. We will be supporting 'The Ben Saunders Foundation' this year as our main school charity <https://www.bensaundersfoundation.org>. You can also donate to the Ben Saunders Foundation via Just Giving.

As the family of St Gregory's, can we all keep Ben and his family in our prayers.

A Cusack, Headmistress



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Governors

Further to today's letter from Mr Eddison, Chair of Governors, I would like to announce that Mr McDermott, our Director of Pastoral Care, will be leaving us at the end of Term 2 to take up a post as Headteacher at Christ the King School in the Isle of Wight. I would like to thank Mr McDermott for his dedication, hard work and commitment over the past 24 years, he will be greatly missed. Please join me in congratulating Mr McDermott on his appointment and our loss is definitely Christ the King's gain.

A Cusack, Headmistress

**Meat Free Friday**

Please be mindful that, in line with Catholic tradition, the school caters do not serve meat on Fridays.



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**Virtual Open Event**  
for prospective Year 7 families.

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Sixth Form Tuesday 6 October  
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## Year 11 Postponed Assessment Fortnight—Week Commencing Monday 21 September

<b>Week A</b>	Monday 21 Sep	Tuesday 22 Sep	Wednesday 23 Sep	Thursday 24 Sep	Friday 25 Sep
Lesson 1	RE Paper 1 (LBU)	English Paper 1	German F Listening	French F Listening	Chemistry
				Spanish H Reading	
Lesson 2	11.3 Geography	Music	German Writing 11.1 Geography		French + Spanish H Listening
	History	Drama	Spanish F Listening		PE
Lesson 3	History	Biology	German F Reading	Spanish F Reading Child Development	German H Listening
	RE 11B Paper 1	RE 11A Paper 1		Music Drama	Spanish H Listening
Lesson 4	History 11.2 Geography			Chemistry	Maths Paper 1
	Spanish F Listening				
	French H Reading				
Lesson 5		English Paper 1			Spanish F Reading
	Spanish Writing F + H	Physics			
<b>Week B</b>	Monday 28 Sep	Tuesday 29 Sep	Wednesday 30 Sep	Thursday 1 Oct	Friday 2 Oct
Lesson 1	RE 11B Paper 2		Maths Paper 2	Dance	INSET DAY
Lesson 2			RE Paper 2 (LBU)		
	Biology		Spanish H Food Computing Ent & Marketing Drama	Dance	
Lesson 3		Physics	Food Computing Ent & Marketing Drama	French F Reading	
		RE 11A Paper 2	Spanish H	Spanish	
Lesson 4		English Paper 2			
	PE Paper 2 Spanish Writing F & H	English Paper 2			
Lesson 5					



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As you will be aware, open events this year will be slightly different, so for our families with children in Year 6 or Year 11 we wish to highlight our plans to you.

Our Virtual Open Events are now online at:

Saint Gregory's: <https://admissions.st-gregorys.org.uk/>

The New Sixth: <https://newsixthadmissions.st-gregorys.org.uk/>

Both web pages contain a wealth of resources, information and films for prospective families to view at their leisure. We have aimed to ensure that the information that parents, carers and students will find online is as you would if we were able to welcome you to our Open Evening in person and, whilst it is not a substitute for the real thing, we hope comes as close as it can under the circumstances.

In addition, we will also be hosting live online Q&A forums with prospective sixth form families on Tuesday 6 October and prospective Year 7 families on Tuesday 13 October. These events will be an opportunity to meet with key members of our transition teams and ask any questions that you may have. Anyone wishing to reserve a place at these events can complete the online registration forms found at the links above and we will be in touch to confirm the arrangements and provide your Zoom meeting link.

Miss Butler, Head of Sixth

Visit our  
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*Book a place at our live, online Sixth Form Q&A Forum*  
Tuesday 6 October





Interested in Music lessons?

We have a fantastic team of peripatetic music teachers and offer lessons during the school day.

If you are interested in learning an instrument, please email: [music@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:music@bathnes.gov.uk)



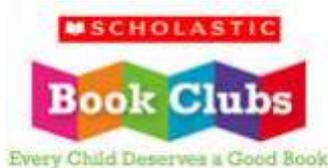
 <p><i>Saint</i> <b>GREGORY'S</b> Bath</p>
<p><b>School Meals</b> <b>Supervisory Assistants</b></p>
<p>Salary: £9.36 per hour          Mon to Fri 12.30pm - 2.40pm (temp hours due to COVID-19)          Mon to Fri 1.20pm - 2.40pm (normal hours)          Term Time Only</p>
<p>We are looking for School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSA) to supervise students during the lunchtime period. Please telephone the school office on 01225 832873 or email <a href="mailto:hr@st-gregorys.org.uk">hr@st-gregorys.org.uk</a> for further details.</p>
<p>Visit <a href="http://www.st-gregorys.org.uk">www.st-gregorys.org.uk</a> to apply</p>
<p>Saint Gregory's is an equal opportunities employer. We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our students and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service is required for all successful applicants.</p>

### Lunch Fob Reminder

Please can all students make sure that they remember to bring their lunch cards into school every day, especially on PE days!



Mrs Millard, Kitchen Manager



If you would like to view the latest scholastic book magazine and order Scholastic products please use the link below by 15 October.

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-gregorys-catholic-comp>

Mrs Ruck, Librarian and Careers Advisor

### Looking After each other as a School Community

In this new and unusual time there are simple ways we can all protect each other, as a school community, so that we can continue to:

- ✓ Show everyone in our school community **respect**
- ✓ Look after each other
- ✓ Look after our friends and families.

At St Gregory's we can do this for each other and ourselves. Please watch this video for a message on how we can protect each other:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8QZ0Zg9mj0>

#### HANDS

- ✓ Wash hands or use sanitiser at the following times: arrival to school, when changing between rooms, before and after eating.

#### FACE

- ✓ We **recommend** that students wear masks in communal areas, travelling to and from school, irrespective of the mode of transport, whilst waiting to enter school in the morning and at the change of lessons, in the communal areas of The Gateway, at break and lunchtime when social distancing is not always possible and when using student toilets.

#### SPACE

- ✓ It is really important to use social distancing **whenever possible.** We must be especially careful to stick to our own year group bubble, and the specific spaces we have been allocated. **All Students should be wearing their coloured badge.**
- ✓ Use the one way system in The Gateway.
- ✓ Respect each other, students and staff, and give people the space they need.

Mrs Hawkins-Brown  
PSHE Lead

## PE Kit

Please can students NOT wear their blazer to school on the day that they have PE. If possible, please wear a waterproof coat in case of inclement weather. Students must be in St Gregory's PE kit including St Gregory's hoodie or a House hoodie.

Thank you



Mrs McHale, Head of PE

## Dates for Your Diary

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**

## Chaplaincy Thoughts for the Week

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

This weekend's Gospel is one of those parables that Jesus told so that everyone would understand the true nature of God. God (or the landowner) chooses to pay all the workers the same amount, regardless of whether or not they started at the beginning of the day or in the

final hour. The lesson actually has nothing to do with money, but everything to do with mercy. The scholar, Denis McBride, says that the parable is a response to the grumbles of the Pharisees at how Jesus welcomes sinners, "Jesus is treating sinners, the latecomers, with the same mercy as he has for those who have borne the burden of the law...we are invited to consider the generosity of God, a generosity that makes other people furious".

So why do the workers get so angry at the landowner for paying them the same amount. Is it because they think it is an injustice, or because they believe they are better than the latecomers. If the latecomers are those who 'sin more', but God still treats everyone equally, then are the people arriving earlier deciding they deserve God's love more? That they are somehow a better person? From day one of his papacy, Pope Francis has continually reiterated the message of mercy, forgiveness and raising up those whom society looks down upon. He wants us to see precisely the message that is in this parable – God loves and treats us all equally, we too must see and believe that. Pope Francis says "The Church is made up of sinners, we see them every day. And this is true, we are a Church of sinners; and we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed renewed, sanctified by God. The Church does not reject sinners...because she calls everyone, welcomes them, is open to the furthest from her; she calls everyone to allow themselves to be enfolded by the mercy, tenderness and forgiveness of the Father". Christianity is founded on the very concept of God forgiving everyone. It is for us to see that we are one person in that story, to accept and move forward with who we are, and not question the divine choices of the Father in relation to other people.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

## Online Safety from Mr Foley

We are still living in uncertain times where the internet is still heavily relied upon for both entertainment and work. It is therefore still important to be vigilant when using the internet and not fall prey to the many dangers and pitfalls. The St Gregory's community plays a role in keeping everyone safe and strives to make sure that every student is kept informed about issues related to safety online. Remember while online: -

- ◆ Explore together
- ◆ Provide regular reminders and breaks
- ◆ Talk about online safety little and often
- ◆ Help your child identify trusted adults and who can help them if they are worried
- ◆ Be non-judgemental
- ◆ Talk about how their online actions can affect others
- ◆ Parental controls
- ◆ Linked family phones
- ◆ Different platforms to maintain social contact
- ◆ Direct your child to age-appropriate information about relationships and sex



## TikTok Update

Recently there has been a video floating around on TikTok that I am aware of that is not appropriate for anyone to watch. This video has been stopped and taken down by TikTok and The National Crime Agency is also investigating and taking action where needed. However, the video is now being uploaded into innocent looking videos. With this in mind we all as a community need to be vigilant and if you do come across the video you will need to report this directly to TikTok.

I thought it may be prudent for me to point you in a direction to where you can find information that will help you understand everything about TikTok. This is because there is a good chance your child is either using it already or asking to be allowed on it – but what exactly is it, and are there any risks you should be aware of?

The following link will take you to the parent Info website dedicated to TikTok: [ParentInfo](#)

We have produced a useful guide that can be found here at: <http://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/download/240/2019-20/14241/online-safety-for-parents-and-carers-25-3-20.pdf>, providing further details on what steps parents and carers can take to support their child during this period, together with a comprehensive list of online resources and tools to help keep your children safe online. There is also a very comprehensive section on the school website at <http://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/parent-information/online-safety/>

Mr Foley, Head of Computing

## THE LANGUAGES CORNER

### French:

**Le pire, c'est....** and it's contrary **Le meilleur, c'est....**  
*The worst is my little brother who is a pain however the best is my friend Polly who is so kind*  
**Le pire,** c'est mon petit frere qui est penible cependant  
**le meilleur** c'est mon amie Polly qui est si gentille.

### Mandarin:

马马虎虎 (mǎmǎhūhū) Just so-so or a careless person.

### German:

Ich muss zugeben, dass - I have to admit that  
Ich muss zugeben, dass mein Bruder manchmal faul ist.  
I have to admit that my brother is sometimes lazy.

### Spanish:

A caballo regalado, no le mires el diente = Don't look a gift horse in the mouth – Be grateful for what you get.

**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 mainstream schools to meet socially.

**Intended audience:**

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