



Saint GREGORY'S  
Bath

Newsletter

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

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Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Thank you for all your support this week. The remote learning this week has been amazing and we are all so proud of our students and their engagement. I would like to thank Year 9 Parents for their patience last night; the online parents' evening package we use experienced technical problems and this affected a large number of schools. We will now add another slot to the Year 9 Options Parents Evening on 28 January. From 2.30-3.30pm Year 9 parents who missed their appointment with their child's RE, English, Science and mathematics teachers will have an opportunity to rebook. All other subjects are options subjects, and you will be able to book an appointment between 4pm and 6pm to discuss progress and options. I know a large number of staff have already telephoned parents that were affected by the technical issues and you will have had the opportunity to discuss your child with their teacher. I am sorry for the confusion and School Cloud have asked us to extend their apologies.

We have so much to celebrate and this week I would like to congratulate **Kezia N** for her amazing creative writing this week in English and **Rebecca O** who has achieved her Grade 8 in playing the Viola. This weeks Doodle Maths stars are **Elliot P, Jemima A, Lyvia G, Isabel T and Cally B** - Well Done! I also love **Niamh G's** Family Monopoly—what a great idea. Also, please take time to look at the creative artwork submitted by Years 7-9. I would also like to encourage everyone to join in with our Winter Gallery. Please submit your work via email to Mrs Bowden at bowdenj@st-gregorys.org.uk. I am looking forward to seeing the results and our digital exhibition.

It was lovely to receive a certificate of thanks from Julian House and I would like to thank everyone again for their generosity and support. Our charity work will continue and I know Mr Robinson has lots of wonderful ideas that he will be sharing in due course.

I would like to end this week's newsletter by sharing the prayer I shared with the students today:

Dear Lord

At this time of pandemic, let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor;  
Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours;  
Let us take advantage of living together as a family;  
Let us attend moments of prayer;  
Let us cultivate responsibility, patience, and hope.  
Amen, St Gregory the Great – Pray for us

Best wishes

A Cusack, Headmistress

### Dates for Your Diary

Thu 28 Jan	Y9 Virtual Options Evening
Fri 12 Feb	End of Term 3

### Next week: Week A



### Revised Times of the School Day

Students are now following a revised timetable of teacher-led lessons both in school and remotely for the lockdown period. We will endeavour for the majority of lessons to be 'live' via Google Classroom, according to the normal timetabled lessons for that day. Any absence due to illness must be reported by parents/carers in the normal way.

Time	Activity
9.15 am – 9.30am	Daily online tutor session
9.30am – 10.15am	Lesson 1
10.15am – 10.30am	Break
10.30am – 11.15am	Lesson 2
11.15am – 11.30am	Break
11.30am – 12.15pm	Lesson 3
12.15pm – 12.30pm	Break
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lesson 4
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm – 2.30pm	Lesson 5

**THANK YOU!**

**Saint Gregory's School**

For donating lots of Christmas gifts and food to our refuge and hostel. Your support will mean that Julian House can continue to help vulnerable men and women experiencing homelessness this winter.

Julian House  
The home of opportunity

# Learning Focus 5

Each week there will be a different focus to encourage students to think about how they approach their learning. They are suitable for learners of all ages and will hopefully make home learning easier to complete as well.

**As we return to remote learning – Stay positive, reflect on how things are going, remember the positives!**

## Ask yourself - ROSE, THORN, BUD?

**Rose:** What is one **success** you've had today/this lesson?

**Thorn:** What is one **challenge** you've had today/this lesson? How have you overcome this?

**Bud:** What is one **new idea** you have come up with today/this lesson?

Rose?

Thorn?

Bud?



Here is a link to a couple of useful activities to help you remain balanced and look after your mental health at this time –

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/3784/finding-the-balance.pdf>

## THE LANGUAGES CORNER

### French:

**Ca me manque** = I miss it

Quand je ne pars pas en vacances, **ça me manque**

(when I don't go on holiday, I miss it)

### German:

Little words, big difference  
noch nicht = not yet

schon = already  
nun / jetzt = now

Ich habe noch nicht meine Hausaufgaben gemacht.

I haven't done my homework yet.

Ich habe schon meine Hausaufgaben gemacht.

I have already done my homework.

### Mandarin:

有缘千里来相会。  
(Yǒuyuán qiānlǐ lái xiānghuì. 'Have fate 1,000 li [or a long way] together meet') — **Fate brings people together from far apart.**

### Spanish:

Ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente – out of sight, out of mind (literally eyes that don't see, heart that cannot feel)

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What to expect Y11 Assessm...



New



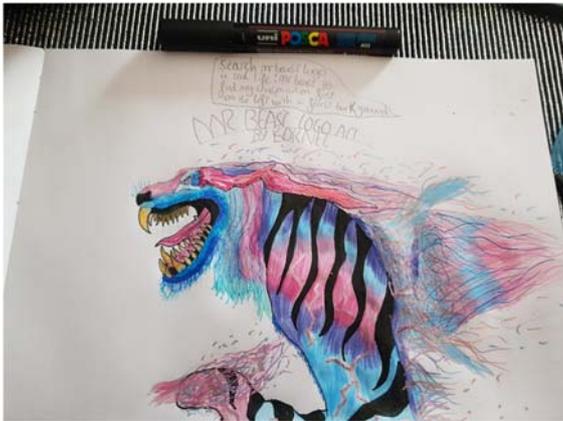
RE on Instagram

If you want to keep up with information and support from the Religious Studies department be sure to follow our Instagram account, stgregorysre.

## Art at St Gregory's

Here is a small selection of artwork from Year 7, 8 and 9.

Students have been drawing wildlife pictures, creating art from unusual materials and making still life pictures in the style of Pop Art.



Fantasy Creature Marker work by Kornel M-B, Y7



Budgie - Pencil drawing by Christelle N, Y7



This amazing chocolate creation was made by Henry H in Y8. Well done Henry!



Flowers- Mixed media work by Max B, Y8



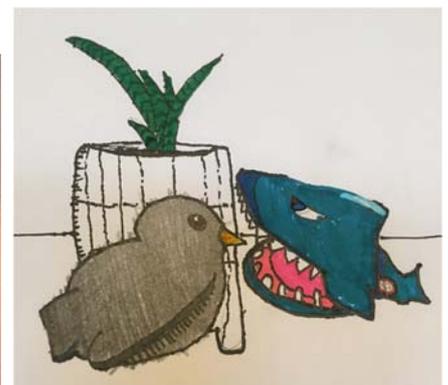
Jelly Fish—Mixed media work by Tristan M, Y8



Koala by Lewis B, Y8



Butterfly—Using mixed-media By Lukrecija, Y8



Pop Art Still Life—Pencil and marker pen work by Logan, Y9

## Chaplaincy Thoughts for the Week

Each time our school community comes together to raise money for a cause, or support a charity in other practical ways, I am always conscious of seeing the 'fruits of our labour'. The exceptional levels of generosity shown by everyone each year places trust in both us as a school, and the charities we partner up with, to make the most of your loving kindness. It is why I think it is important to display certificates we are sent and pass on words of thanks.

Additionally, as I am sure you can appreciate, there is also respect, dignity and privacy to be taken into account. We can not always give details of all donations distributed, particularly when it comes to hampers and parcels. What I can do though is assure you that we make the most of all our links and knowledge to direct help and support to where it is needed. There are also several charities and organisations who we have passed on the Christmas Hampers to which I would like to share with you today.

Julian House collected a large amount of our hampers and donations due to the extensive work they undertake with several vulnerable groups in the community. We received a number of hampers from our students who wished for homeless individuals to be supported, which included treats for canine friends too! We have since received the following message of thanks:

"Just to say a big thank you for the donation before Christmas, it was greatly appreciated. I've attached a thank you certificate from us, please pass on my thanks to everyone involved."

Bath Area Play Project were incredibly grateful for the gifts the previous year and asked if we could support them again. Miss Stork and Year 11 placed a particular focus on ensuring their donations went to the charity in Odd Down who place promoting and facilitating positive activities for children and young people at the heart of their work.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped families this Christmas, you are amazing. You have made a difference and truly are stars!"

All Saints Church also received twenty of your hampers to distribute at their drop in welcome café and food club.

"Our last Café on 21 December was a bit of a 'Christmas Party' and the hampers were an added surprise. Everyone was so grateful and they really made a difference."

## Julian House's Big Bath Sleep-Out: At Home

Help people experiencing homelessness and sign up to join Julian House's Big Bath Sleep-Out: At Home, happening on Friday 5 March. This year, Julian House is challenging you to sleep outside in your garden with your family for one night. In order to raise money to help people experiencing homelessness you could ask your friends and family to sponsor you. The money you raise will help provide a safe shelter for people who do not have a home and are forced to sleep outside every night. For more information and to sign up visit: <http://www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk/>

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

## Family Monopoly

During the first lock down I had this idea (finished just before Christmas) to create a monopoly board based on my family. Each colour group is a different person and each space is a special place for them. Then I decided to change the go to jail to go to the front door because that is our punishment when we are naughty. I changed the free parking to empty bathroom because with a family as big as mine that is the only space where you can go to guarantee to be by yourself. And I changed the train stations to sport companies we have all taken part in in one way or another. I am proud of this so I thought that I would share it with you.

Niamh G, 9G





HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1



Bath and North East Somerset Council, in partnership with Bath  
Interfaith Group invite you to join us for our 2021

## Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

Wednesday 27 January 2021 from 6pm – 7pm (via Zoom).

'Be the light in the darkness'

The event will be hosted by Council Leader, Councillor Dine Romero. Special guests will include Yoav Ben-Shlomo who will talk about his father and read from a short account he wrote about the desperation and help he experienced whilst hiding with his own father to escape Nazi persecution. Music will be provided by Ninotchka.



To register for the event please visit [https://bathnes.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XOqTeSrmRdKzkaucsXLVtg](https://bathnes.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XOqTeSrmRdKzkaucsXLVtg)

The event will also be recorded and available afterwards on the Council's You Tube Channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/BathnesCouncil>);

### Music News



#### NYO Inspire:

Ella O and Rebecca O have auditioned for NYO (National Youth Orchestra) Inspire and have both already been invited to take part in Inspire events in February half term. This application was for all Grade 8 Distinction+ players to apply to take part in more events at Easter and in the Summer (possibly (and hopefully) in person!). It's aimed at those who would have applied for NYO proper this year but couldn't because they carried over the membership from 2020. For the audition Ella and Rebecca had to perform two pieces plus some very challenging orchestral excerpts and talk about each one.

Sarah P, Jess C and Charlie (Y13) also auditioned for NYO Inspire. A huge undertaking for all students, especially online!

Well done all!

Congratulations to Rebecca O for achieving a distinction in her Grade 8 Viola exam.

Miss Townsend, Head of Music



Dear Students, now that we are in Lockdown again it is the perfect time to do some science in your home. I have attached a link to an experiment that shows you how to make a tornado in a bottle and an interesting article about how our brains help us to decide what we are tasting.

The Science Team



- Article of the week - <https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/article/taste-map-brain-flavor-islands-cells>



- Practical of the Week - <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/soda-bottle-tornado/>



**doodle**maths



Doodle Star Champions of the week:

Year 7: Elliott P (135 stars)

Jemima A (131 stars)

Lyvia G (113 stars)

Year 8: Isabel T (202 stars)

Year 9: Cally B

DID YOU KNOW?...

If you have an iPhone or iPad you actually have a scanner! Parents, if you are planning to scan any work to your teachers or teachers if you are scanning work to your students you can use the 'Notes App'.

Open a new note, press the camera button, the option to scan document will pop up. Once the document is scanned you can email it easier than a photo, plus you can add notes to the scanned doc. [#themoreyouknow](#)



**Nut Allergies**



Please be aware that we have students and staff with serious nut allergies. We would therefore ask that you do not include nuts in packed lunches and snacks, eg chocolate and cereal bars.

**Contact Details**

If you have recently changed any of your contact details (telephone numbers, email addresses) please inform [obrayc@st-gregorys.co.uk](mailto:obrayc@st-gregorys.co.uk)



Mrs O'Bray, Office Supervisor