

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

As you will be aware, some very sad news has affected our school community this week. We are truly heartbroken over the unexpected death of one of our sixth form students who was a much-loved member of our school community. We are in contact with the family and are providing support to them as they try to come to terms with this devastating tragedy. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with the family, friends and our entire school community at this time.

You will have received a letter updating you on the range of counselling and bereavement services in place to support students, staff parents and carers. Please contact your child's tutor or email stgregorys_sec@bathnes.gov.uk if you would like to access any of these services.

Next week we continue with our preparations as we enter Holy Week. The forty days of Lent, preparing us for Easter, are an opportunity for reflection on our relationships with Christ and with the world that we live in. We have been able to use the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to consider whether we shape the world around us and whether we are allowing God to enter our lives and lead us. At the heart of relationships and how we express ourselves as Christians is captured in this quote from Pope Francis' recent Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

"Families are the first place where the values of love and fraternity, togetherness and sharing, concern and care for others are lived out and handed on." (FT 114)

I would like to leave you with a reflection from our School Chaplain, Mr Robinson, who invites us to read this passage from Luke's Gospel and pray on its deeper meaning for us all.

Luke 11:5-13

Jesus said, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs."

Dates for Your Diary

Thu 1 Apr	End of Term - 1.30 pm finish
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday - School Closed

Next week: Week B

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

This discourse from Luke's Gospel follows directly on from Jesus' teaching on prayer where we first hear the words of the Our Father. Jesus was responding to the yearning of those following him on how to pray, on how to connect with the Father. He then launches into the above story which has at its core the message of being persistent in prayer.

Going to the beginning we hear of a man who has no qualms about leaning on his friends, turning up at midnight to disturb an entire household. It may seem a strange example to talk about the friend in the house shouting back that he's already in bed and the door is shut, but the context is that all the family and all the livestock would be in this one room of the house. The man knocking is bold and persistent, he understands that he needs help and asks for it. As Jesus points out, he will get as many loaves of bread as he needs.

"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9) – this is the message God gives to all of our staff and students right now. Be bold, be passionate, be persistent. In both seeking out God in times of need, and seeking out God living through all those who are providing pastoral and spiritual support. At the end of the passage Jesus assures us that God the Father sends out the Holy Spirit to those who ask, that same Spirit of fortitude, understanding and wisdom.

Ms A Cusack & Mr R Robinson

Pop-up Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who has booked an appointment for tomorrow. Just a quick note to say that we do have a card reader to take payments but, as with all technology, we have no idea whether it will play ball on the day! Please have a back-up plan (cash/cheque) just in case— the price list is below.

Can we also ask that if you are replacing uniform to consider donating anything that we may be able to re-sell for the PTFA? The more stock we have, the better we are able to meet demand. Please can we ask that donations are good quality and washed.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

St Gregory's PTFA



SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST

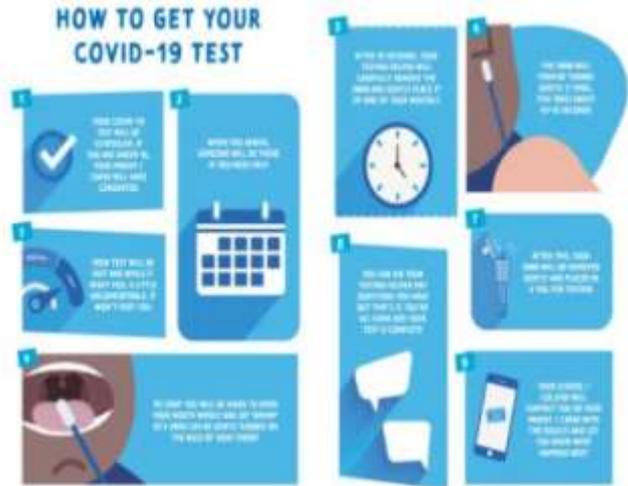
Pop-up shop prices.

ITEM	ORIGINAL COST	POP-UP PRICE
BLAZER	£33.50 - £40	£8
GIRLS SKIRT	£27.50 - £32	£5
TROUSERS - GREY	£17.50 - £23	£5
JUMPER	£19.50 - £22	£5
SPORTS HOODY	£27.50 - £29	£7
SPORTS TOP	£16.50 - £19	£5
SKORT PLAIN BLACK	£17.50 - £20	£5
TIE	£6	£2
SHIRTS BOYS/GIRLS	£9	£3

COVID Testing

Please remember the importance of continuing to COVID test twice a week to help us maintain the integrity of our bubbles and protect our school community as much as possible.

Further kits will be issued next week to those students with consent so they can continue testing over the Easter break.



POP-UP *preloved!* SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

SATURDAY 27 MARCH

9-12AM - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - MADE VIA SCHOOL BOOKING SYSTEM TO BE HELD IN THE BOND PAVILLION.

At 9am on Saturday 27th March we will be opening the inaugural Saint Greg's pop-up uniform shop! Please watch out for information coming soon on how to book via the school booking system - pre-booking is necessary we will be allocating time slots to allow for social distancing. It's such a fantastic initiative to allow all the uniforms that our children are growing out of at a crazy rate, to fulfill their intended lifespan!

If you have uniform you'd like to donate to the sale, please send it to school - washed and ironed - with your child and it can be popped into a container in reception. Please remove name tags. All proceeds from the sale will be going back into the school for upcoming projects.

Saint Gregory's Bath
PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



THE LANGUAGES CORNER

French:

Charger = to load /
chargé = loaded/busy
J'ai un emploi du temps
tres **chargé**.
*I have a very busy
timetable.*
Je suis tres **chargé** en ce
moment.
*I am very busy now/at
the moment.*

Mandarin:

家和万事□。(Jiāhé
wànshìxīng. 'family
harmonious
everything prospers')
— If a family is
harmonious
everything will go well.

German:

Little words, big difference
eines Tages = one day
jeden Tag = every day
Ich will eines Tages in London
wohnen.
I want to live in London one
day.
Ich fahre jeden Tag mit dem
Bus zur Schule.
I go to school by bus every
day.

Spanish:

Llamar al pan pan y al vino
vino – to call a spade a spade
(literally to call bread bread
and wine wine).

Travel News



First bus are providing the following additional journeys at peak times.

- Service 41 - additional journeys from Ambury, Bath Centre dep 08:28 to Odd Down Park & Ride arr 08:38, and a journey from Odd Down Park and Ride dep 15:14 to Ambury, Bath Centre arr 15:24 .
- Service 42 - additional journeys from Royal United Hospital dep 07:58 to Odd Down Park and Ride arr 08:18, and a journey from Odd Down Park and Ride dep 15:14 to Royal United Hospital arr 15:34 .
- Service 172 - additional journeys from Bath Bus Station to Mendip Gardens during the morning and afternoon for school start and finish times.

Students are reminded to observe the social distancing spacing on the buses. Students are required to put their masks on prior to boarding the bus, and to wear the mask throughout the journey, in line with government guidance. Students may wish to bring their own personal small bottle of hand sanitiser to clean their hands before boarding transport, and again on disembarking.

Miss Medcroft, Transport Co-ordinator

Year 7 Progress Reports have been emailed to parents and carers this week.

If you have not received one, please contact the school via email:

stgregorys_sec@bathnes.gov.uk

Sports Clubs Timetable

Netball and Football

Week 3 - 29.03.21

Tuesday - Year 8

Wednesday - Year 9

All sports clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm. You must book a place on School Cloud to attend (this is the same as the Parents' Evening booking system).

<https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

On the day of your club please wait on the Piazza until your PE teacher arrives.



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

Masks

Mask are recommended for all indoor spaces at school, including classrooms where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Not Effective



Gaiter, scarf,
or bandana



Face shield
without mask



Masks with
vents or valves

Effective



Mask with 2
or more layers



Covers your
mouth & nose
completely



Fits snugly
without gaps

Contact Details

If you have recently changed any of your contact details (telephone numbers, email addresses) please inform



obrayc@st-gregorys.co.uk

Mrs O'Bray, Office Supervisor

Car Parking/Student Drop Off Notice

Please be mindful that as the school car park has been cleared for the safety of the students gathering in their bubbles before school, parents and carers are asked **not** to drop off at the main site or from Odd Down Football Club as parking for staff is very limited. Students can be dropped off at Odd Down Park and Ride.



Dear Students, we hope you enjoyed last week's activities. This week we have attached an activity that will help our feathered friends – make a fatball. The article attached is about the new fifty pound note and is dedicated to science, it features Alan Turing.



The Science Team

Links of the week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-56503741>



Practical of the Week:

<https://ads.dennisnet.co.uk/Fatballs.pdf>



Doodle Star Champions of the week:

Year 7: Johnny P (73 stars)

Lyvia G (84 stars)

Year 8: Henry D (61 stars)

Cole H (117 stars)

Congratulations to these students for completing so many doodle stars this week. Well done!

Return Library Books



Please remember to return any outstanding library books. We have over 300 books currently outstanding since the start of lockdown.

The Library is closed for the borrowing of books at the moment but returns can be left in the box provided at Reception.

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.

Lunch Cards



If you are purchasing refreshments from Sodexo please remember to bring your Lunch Cards with you, especially on the days you have PE.

Replacement cards are available at a cost of £2.00 each, please ask at a till point if required.