

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

The summer terms always bring a sense of anticipation and joy as we look forward to celebrating key events in the school calendar such as Prize-giving, End of Year Rewards, Enrichment Week and Sports Day - as well as the summer proms for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We know that our plans will need to remain fluid and flexible to ensure the safety of our students and staff but the prospect of coming together as a school family in celebration and shared hope fills us all with excitement, nonetheless!

We also begin to think about plans for transition and moving from one year to the next, or for our Year 6 students, one school to the next. Their journey to Saint Gregory's has not been without its challenges but we are very excited to meet them all and welcome them to our transition events in July. Miss Miller will be sending out information to families very soon.

I am also thrilled to announce that our wonderful Performing Arts team are pulling out all of the stops to create an end of year performance with a special evening of drama, music, dance and song to showcase our students' enormous talents. Auditions are currently underway, creating a palpable buzz around the school as well as much chatter and excitement. More details to follow very soon! Mrs McHale and the Enrichment Team have some wonderful plans for Enrichment Week, ensuring that everyone gets to enjoy a range of activities beyond the classroom, opportunities that are vital for the development and wellbeing of our students.

The planning for this year's Duke of Edinburgh Awards is also well underway and Miss McCarthy will be leading students in this internationally recognised award to help students develop new interests, talents and essential life skills.

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best for their forthcoming assessments. They have all worked so hard and deserve enormous praise and recognition for their determination and resilience. They have been an inspiration to us all.

These small but positive steps come with a sense of renewed hope and vigour as we tentatively ease restrictions both in school and the wider community.

Tomorrow is an INSET day and school will be closed to students. I wish you all a wonderful long Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday 4 May.

Ms Cusack, Headmistress

### Dates for Your Diary

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Fri 30 Apr | Inset Day—School closed     |
| Mon 3 May  | Bank Holiday—School Closed  |
| Thu 13 May | Y8 Virtual Parents' Evening |
| Fri 28 May | End of Term                 |

**Next week: Week B**

### Charity Haircut

Hi! I'm Maddie and I'm 13, On 1 May. Julie will cut my hair so that I can donate it to Little Princesses Trust, a charity who makes wigs for young people following cancer treatment. If you can, please donate to this amazing cause.

Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jude-clements1>



## Chaplaincy Thoughts for the Week

A Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Easter  
from Dr Scott Hahn

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24). In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul, in Sunday's first reading, seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20). We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we are bearing fruit, we can expect that God will “prune” us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as the Epistle from Paul tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in the Psalm, we must fulfil our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain



**PRAY**  
FOR OUR SCHOOLS

### Diocesan Prayer Link for Schools



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During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever. All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all who work and learn in them.

This week we pray for:



St George's Catholic  
Primary Warminster



Christ the King  
Primary Amesbury



St Osmund's Catholic  
Primary Salisbury



St Joseph's Catholic  
Secondary Salisbury

**Holy Spirit,  
be with the students of these schools we pray for this week.  
Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school.  
Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and  
understanding to their search for knowledge and  
strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.**

**Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to  
their community.  
May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well.  
Amen**

### Pre Loved Uniform and PTFA Support for Prom

If you are updating any school uniform items, or have any pre-loved uniform loitering in cupboards waiting for action or recycling, please consider donating them to the PTFA. We have plans to run further pop-up shops in the coming months to support our families and those joining us in September and are in need of good quality, washed uniform items that can be sold to raise funds for the PTFA and school. Please send in items to main reception and we will be in touch soon with booking details.

All students (but especially Year 11!) - please consider donating any old uniforms. The more that we can raise through the pop-up shops, the more that we can donate to the school to help to fund your end of year enrichment week activities!

Thank you, PTFA



We are delighted to announce the latest in our *Success Beyond School* series; free-of-charge, 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

#### Tuesday 11 May: Own The Room

*Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career*

#### Wednesday 9 June: Success in the City

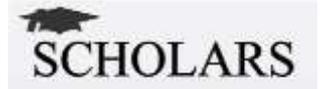
*How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more*

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend.

To register please use the link below:

[https://investin.org/pages/parent-series?mc\\_cid=656ff762ed&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://investin.org/pages/parent-series?mc_cid=656ff762ed&mc_eid=UNIQID)

### School Uniform



The school uniform shop, Scholars, is now open again, at 4 Terrace Walk, Bath BA1 1LN.

**PE kit items are now in stock.**

Uniform items may also be ordered on line via the following link - [http://scholars-uk.com/index.php?cPath=182\\_214](http://scholars-uk.com/index.php?cPath=182_214)



It is important to remind children not to engage with strangers when out and about.

There are lots of helpful tips and advice on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/>

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| Summer Extra-curricular Clubs 2021 | Terms 5 & 6 | 3.15 - 4.15pm |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|

|                 | Monday            | Tuesday              | Wednesday         | Thursday              |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Week B 03.05.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Rounders  | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Athletics |
|                 | No club - May Day | Year 7 & 8 Cricket   | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Tennis    |
| Week A 10.05.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |
| Week B 17.05.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Rounders  | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Athletics |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Cricket   | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Tennis    |
| Week A 24.05.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |
| HALF TERM       |                   |                      |                   |                       |
| Week A 07.06.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |
| Week B 14.06.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Rounders  | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Athletics |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Cricket   | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Tennis    |
| Week A 21.06.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |
| Week B 28.06.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Rounders  | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Athletics |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Cricket   | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Tennis    |
| Week A 05.07.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |
| Week A 12.07.21 | Year 7 Football   | Year 7 & 8 Athletics | Year 7 Rounders   | Year 9 & 10 Rounders  |
|                 |                   | Year 7 & 8 Tennis    | Year 9 Basketball | Year 9 & 10 Cricket   |

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/>

## COVID 19 Vaccine Reserve List

The vaccination rollout in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire so far has gone better than anyone could have expected, with more than half a million vaccines having already been given over the last few months.

There may still be occasions when vaccination sites have a small surplus of vaccines near the end of each day, often because of people not attending their booked appointments earlier in the day.

To maximise every opportunity to use all the vaccines before they expire, we are asking people in certain groups to come forward if they would like to be placed on a list of individuals who could be contacted to be offered a vaccine at short notice.

These groups include:

- Emergency services (police and fire) – those coming into contact with members of the public
- Education and nurseries – those in direct contact with students / children.
- Supermarket workers – those in contact with the public within the shop environment
- Skilled traders (e.g., gas, plumbing and heating engineers) – those going into people’s homes to ensure essential services are provided
- Factory workers – those working on manufacturing lines

Additionally to the priority work groups, people coming forward will be prioritised in order of their age, oldest first.

If you have already booked an appointment for a vaccine, or have had a first dose, this opportunity is not open to you – please keep your existing appointment.

As with all vaccine appointments, there is no opportunity to select which vaccine you are offered and if you have concerns regarding allergies you should wait for a discussion with your GP practice.

This is no guarantee you will be offered a vaccine through this list and you should still make an appointment when you are able to do so via the normal routes.

In order to collate the reserve list, we are asking interested and eligible people in line with the above criteria to complete the form which will open at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Rapid test kits for all**

Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

**Asymptomatic test kits are now available from the following sites in Bath and North East Somerset:**

- The Apex Hotel, Bath
- The Masonic Hall, Keynsham
- The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton  
(Monday to Saturday, 7am-7pm)
- Carpenter House, Bath  
(Monday to Sunday, 2:30-8pm\*)

**Let's stay on track**

\*Times may vary, please check latest details: <https://nhs.uk/rapid-test-and-trace>

### LFT COVID Testing

Please remember the importance of continuing to LFT COVID test twice a week to help protect our school community as much as possible. New test kits will be issued to students shortly however there is a national shortage of kits and our usual supplies have not arrived. Please contact Reception or a local distribution site near you if you have run out of kits.



# IS YOUR CHILD USING GCSEPOD TO REVISE?



We've subscribed to the award-winning, learning and revision resource, GCSEPod

GCSEPod is designed to support your child through their GCSEs and it's never too late for them to start using it!

Top tip: Use My Courses to create a timetable with your child

"Wow! Emma actually asked if GCSEPod counted as revision as she can't believe it! I can't believe it either!"

Parent



- ✔ Check & Challenge to allow your child to independently check their own knowledge of a topic
- ✔ 3-5 minute expert-written videos (Pods) covering all the key knowledge needed for 28+ GCSE subjects
- ✔ Exam specific playlists (My Courses) provide ready-made revision
- ✔ Watch Pods together and use the identified keywords to create flashcards, memory posters and mind maps

Access your child's account at [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com)

Your child should already be aware of their login details



**doodlemaths**  
Doodle Star Champions of the week:

Year 7: Rachel L (112 stars) Elliott P (111 stars)  
Lyvia G (148) Carnell T (111 stars)

Year 8: Henry D (184 stars)

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

## Music Groups are Back Up and Running!



- ◆ Monday 1.30pm: Wind band (Y7,9,11 & 6th Form)
- ◆ Tuesday 10.05am: Wind band (Y8+10)
- ◆ Tuesday 1.30pm: Y7 choir (Inc. Rewrite the Stars Big Numbers)
- ◆ Tuesday 3.00pm-4.00pm: Y8-13 Choir Hall (Inc. Rewrite the Stars Big Numbers)
- ◆ Wednesday 1.30pm: Orchestra + String Group (7,9,11, 6th form)
- ◆ Thursday 10.05am: Y8+10 orchestra (week A) and Y8+10 flute group (week B)
- ◆ Thursday 1.30pm: Band Jam (WA + B) and Flute Group week B
- ◆ Friday 1.30pm Brass Group (7,9,11, 6th Form)

## THE LANGUAGES CORNER

### French:

**J'ai l'intention d'aller ...** = / intend to go to ...  
**J'ai l'intention d'aller à** l'université pour étudier les langues  
*I intend to go to uni to study languages.*

### German:

Some "false friends" in German  
 der Chef / die Chefin = the boss  
 e.g. Meine Chefin ist wirklich nett.  
 My boss is really nice.  
 der Koch / die Köchin = chef  
 Er ist Koch in einem berühmten Restaurant.  
 He is a chef in a famous restaurant.

### Mandarin:

失败是成功之母。(Shībài shì chénggōng zhī mǔ.  
 'failure is success's mother') — Failure is the mother of success. ...

### Spanish:

Different ways of saying "no way!".  
 ¡ni hablar!  
 ¡Qué va!  
 ¡No me digas!

## 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.

## 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)

HM Government NHS Test and Trace

**Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing**

Test at home  
Report online  
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

**GET YOUR TESTS FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE**

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends a LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registering could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil.

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)  
Income Support

Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190

Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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

Email the team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone.



Dear Students, here is this week's instalment of a Slice of Science. It includes an article on celebrating the role of people of African and African-Caribbean descent in the history of science. The practical looks at how to make your own sundial, as it has been so sunny lately.

Enjoy The Science Team

- Article of the week - <https://www.famousscientists.org/15-famous-black-scientists-in-history/>



- Practical of the Week - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeSexM-wVzA>



### Return Library Books

Please return any outstanding library books. There is a box provided in Reception for returns.

Mrs Ruck, Librarian

### Water Bottles



Now that the weather is getting warmer please remember to bring in a named water bottle (for water only) which can be refilled in the Bistro area at appropriate times. NB You may also like to think of this if you have a long journey home.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING GLASS BOTTLES INTO SCHOOL DUE TO REASONS OF HEALTH & SAFETY**

### Locker key recall notice

Letters have been sent to every Year 11 student who had been allocated a locker asking for all keys to be returned.

All students with a locker numbered between 1 and 168 (Pupil Reception) are also requested to hand in all keys by 21 July 2021.

Please place keys in an envelope with your name and locker number and put in the box in main reception.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Wright, Finance Assistant



### 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.

# ASD Support Service

## Courses for Parents 2020-21

| Date and time   | Course  | Leader                               | Description   |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th<br>12.30 – 2.30pm | CYGNET Core                                     | Paul Ford                            | CYGNET Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children aged 4 - 18   |
| April 29th<br>9.30am -12.30pm                                 | CYGNET Siblings                                 | Laura Chard                          | Supporting parents to understand autism and siblings to build confidence for a positive family life   |
| May 6th, 13th, 20th & 10th June<br>1.00pm - 3.30pm            | SPACE   | Hannah Hobbs                         | SPACE Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children in the Early Years   |
| May 20th<br>9.15—12.15pm                                      | Understanding Sensory Behaviour and the causes  | Jo Thorn                             | Looking at the basics of sensory processing, learning about the different sensory systems alongside sensory behaviours and various strategies and resources to support in the |
| June 10th<br>6.00pm - 8.30pm                                  | ASD Strategies in the Home for younger children | Hannah Hobbs and Hayley Brimble      | Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support younger children in their home environment   |
| June 25th<br>9.00am - noon                                    | Understanding Girls                             | Sarah Keelty                         | Supporting parents to understand how to support girls on the autism spectrum  |
| June 30th<br>9.30am - 11.30am                                 | Social Scripts                                  | Paul Ford                            | Exploring how social scripts can be used to reduce anxiety surrounding new situations and experiences   |
| July 1st<br>3.30pm - 5.30pm                                   | ASD Strategies in the Home for Teenagers        | Conrad Hein Hartmann and Carol Jones | Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support teenagers in their home environment  |

To further information or to book onto any of these courses,  
please contact: [asdss@fossewayschool.com](mailto:asdss@fossewayschool.com)



**ASD Support Service**



**Telephone helpline**

**01761 412198 Ext 2**

**Every Wednesday 9am—12noon**