

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will all be aware of the Government's amendments to Covid restrictions which take effect from Monday. In school we are constantly reassessing how we can best keep our students and staff safe. This will likely result in further changes to the normal way of things and I want to thank our sixth form community in advance for their maturity in responding to this and acting as role models for the rest of the school.

In line with the new 'hands, face, space' campaign we have made the following amendments to our practices which will take effect from Monday 14 September.

**Hands** – the guidance here has not changed. Hand sanitiser is readily available across the school site and mobile hand washing facilities are available at The Gateway entrance and the main site. All students are encouraged to use these and to get into good habits of high personal hygiene.

**Face** – we are strongly encouraging students to wear a face mask in busy, communal areas of the sixth form including the LRC, Café and corridors. This extends to their movement around site during change overs from lessons.

**Space** – we have established a clear one way system around The Gateway and this has been shared with staff and students in preparation for Monday. I would ask that all sixth formers abide by this system which may be a minor inconvenience but is in the very best interests of protecting the health of all.

It is our hope that the measures we have put in place will allow students to stay well and attend school safely. Should a student become unwell they are encouraged to stay at home. If they are showing key Covid symptoms (new persistent cough, temperature, loss or change in sense of taste and smell) they should organise to be tested and remain at home, accessing lessons via Google Classroom. I would also encourage caution to be exercised if students are unwell but not presenting Covid symptoms; with proper utilisation of Google Classroom they will be able to keep up with their learning in spite of absence and they must make their health a key priority.

Amongst all of these new measures, it has been truly wonderful to welcome the new students to The Sixth Form and to see so many familiar faces in Y13. Staff have spoken highly of the focussed and diligent attitude of students and we are all eager to get back to the best part of our job – supporting our young people to achieve and succeed.

**Miss Butler, Director of Sixth Form**

## Dates for your Diary

### September

Mon 28—Wed 30	Year 13 Biology Fieldwork
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### October

Thurs 8	Y12 Tutor Evening—post COVID settling in 4-7pm
Mon 12	Y13 Group Photographs
Fri 16	Y12 & Y13 Inspire Conference Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day
Week of 19	Y12 and Y13 Snapshot Reports issued
Fri 23	End of Term 1

## Notices

### Sixth Form Key Contacts

**Director of Sixth Form**—Miss Lucy Butler

**Head of Y12/Y13**—Mr Ben Ackland

**Sixth Form Administrator**—Mrs Kate Nokes 01225 838 232  
nokesk@st-gregorys.org.uk

### Absences 01225 838230

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please leave a message in the morning. If the absence is related to Covid (self-isolating or with symptoms please make this clear in your message)

### Y12 RE Return of Revision Guides

Y12 If were loaned a revision guide just before Lock Down please can you return it to Mrs Spindler or leave it in the LRC with your name on it so we can cross you off the list.

### TikToc Alert

There has been a video on TikTok that is not appropriate for anyone to watch. It has been taken down and the National crime Agency is investigating. It is now being uploaded into innocent looking video's. Please be vigilant and if you come across it report directly to TicTok.

This link "[TikTok—what parents need to know](#)" may be useful and also a guide on our school [website](#)

## The Well



Many of us this week have been deeply affected by the death of Ben S and you may be struggling a little with how to process such a huge shock. Although Ben left this summer so many of us in the sixth form knew him and could appreciate what a caring and courageous young man he was. Hopefully his legacy will live on in the New Sixth this year especially as we take up Ben's foundation as our charity.

Please do not be worried if in some way you feel bereaved or a sense of grief, yet didn't really know Ben; this is very normal for a community such as a school to feel loss. It may also bring up memories and links to personal grief from prior situations. If this is the case for you, always know there are lots of us in school available to talk, and I'd like to signpost this website for you too: <https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>. It concentrates a lot on young people, some of the quotes from teenagers on the site encouraging you to utilise the resources say:

*"I know how hard it can get at times. I find it hard to talk to my friends - well I don't really want people in school knowing because they'll just feel sorry for me. But if you talk to your mates then they could help you. I go to counselling - it helps in a way because you get to get all your feelings out."*

*"It's better to talk and get it out of the way because if you keep it bottled you feel even more miserable than you ever did. Believe me. It's the truth, I'm a teenager myself and I've only just learnt that when I cry and talk about things it really helps."*

*"People react to loss in different ways. Talk to people, don't let your hurt grow until you break down."*

This page on finding ways of remembering people and reigniting hope for yourself is particularly helpful - <https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/hope-again-remembering>.

**Matt Robinson, Chaplain**

## Enrichment

Y12 ENRICHMENT will run by Tutor Group on a term by term rotation with some great activities planned. The Rotation for this term is as follows: Students should check their outlook timetable in case of any changes to groupings.

6.1—Cooking—Miss Auburn (Bring own ingredients). X2 groups alternating weeks of cooking and home study

6.2—Finance—External Speaker and LRC Remote Learning

6.3—Craft Club—Miss Tidball and Y13 Students

6.4—First Aid—Mrs Stevenson. x2 groups alternating weeks of First Aid and home study.

6.5—Recreational Sport— Mr Ackland

6.6—Volunteering

## General Notices

**Attendance** Attendance must be >94% at all times.

All students are permitted to leave site once their lessons are finished for the day. Please bear in mind that A level lessons, Religion and Life and Tutor are compulsory.

It is important for safeguarding that we know when students are on or off the school site. Therefore student's leaving the site must sign out and if returning they must sign back in at the LRC desk, the only exception being if they are going straight to their next lesson in which case the attendance will be taken by their teacher.

There is a new Period 6 initiative for those who are late or absent without authorisation. A letter from Mr. Ackland has been sent home with more details. Any questions please call.

**Tutor** Covid measures mean that Tutor will be on the following days and is compulsory: **Y12—Tuesday and Thursday** **Y13—Monday and Wednesday** Students can also make individual appointments with Tutors on Fridays.

**Litter** Sixth formers, please do not leave litter in the Café or elsewhere. Let's respect our beautiful Sixth Form Centre.

### Lanyards / Electronic entry cards

Please collect your card from Mrs. Nokes at the LRC.

It is compulsory to wear these at all times on the school premises. Loss or irreparable damage to a lanyard incurs a fee of £2.50 .

**LRC** The LRC is a quiet study area. Group study can be done in the café or seating areas upstairs in the Gateway.

**Lockers** Unfortunately due to Covid, students are not permitted to use their lockers and keys should be returned.

**Printing & photocopying** All year 12 students are given £5 credit for printing and photocopying. This can be done in the LRC. Ask Mrs. Nokes if you get stuck.

## Bursary Fund

### 16—19 Bursary Fund, FSM, Pupil Premium

In Sixth Form Free School Meals continue. There is no Pupil Premium but there is a Bursary Fund to help students to pay for Text Books, Stationary and IT, Trips, Transport, Uniform and course equipment. The fund is limited and is discretionary and means-tested for eligibility. Bursary's do **not** affect the calculation of any other benefits you may be receiving such as universal credit. If you think you might qualify, and have to buy bus fares, clothing or books, **retain your receipts**. If your application is approved by the School Governors these costs can be reimbursed.

Forms, further information and help can be obtained confidentially from Mrs. Nokes, LRC.

# JUST FOR FUN

Some of the best words ever!

I challenge you to use one in a sentence over the weekend!

Gobsmacked	Flabbergasted
Bamboozled	Shenanigans
Discombobulated	Kerfuffle
Catawampus	Nincompoop
Malarkey	Pumpnickle
Skedaddle	Thingamajig
Whippersnapper	Whatchamacallit
Persnickety	Flummoxed
Whatnot	Gobbledygook
Poppycock	Codswallop
Tenterhooks	



GOOD NEWS NETWORK

At last a news network for good news full of inspiring and positive stories.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>

# LETS CELEBRATE

## Congratulations Joni B (Y13) Winner of the Bath Improvement District Flag Competition

Over the break Joni B entered a design for the Bath BID (Bath Improvement District) flag competition.

Students had to design a flag that reflects aspects of Bath in a creative way.

As you can see, Joni's beautiful design was inspired by the music community of Bath and was the chosen design!

We're so very proud of Joni and also delighted that St Gregory's had a presence among the winning designs.



# Y12 and Y13 Progression



Royal United Hospitals Bath  
NHS Foundation Trust

Your Heart  
Hospital 2020

Wed 14th October 2020

For patients and the public. This half day course helps understand the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease and appreciate what happens in a heart attack centre and to learn practical resuscitation skills.

To register for the course contact [holly.vestaskew@nhs.net](mailto:holly.vestaskew@nhs.net)

## UCAS Virtual Exhibitions September—November

Explore courses you are interested in. Speak to subject experts and admission staff. Chat to current students. Get advice on applying through UCAS. Discover apprenticeships. Get the facts on student finance.

Any questions? Contact: [events@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:events@ucas.ac.uk)

**These online events will be dedicated to the following subject areas:**

**Business, law, and finance** – 30 September

**Biological and physical sciences** – 16 October

**Social sciences, humanities, and teaching** – 23 - 24 October

**Maths, engineering, and computing** – 2 - 3 November

**Creative subjects** – 13 - 14 November

To book: [https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition?sort\\_by=search\\_api\\_aggregation\\_1](https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition?sort_by=search_api_aggregation_1)

## We are here to help

Sixth Form Head Pastoral—Mr. Ackland  
Director of Pastoral Care—Mr McDermott  
Assistant Head Pastoral—Mrs Tuke

Family Support and Attendance Officer—Zsuzanna Jenkins  
Pupil Support M15—Mrs Rita West and Mr Simon Brooks  
School Nurse Service—Yvette Tayler (0797 6916058)  
Careers Advisor—Mrs Parker and Mrs Ruck  
Medical Room, First Response Officer—Mrs Katy Stevenson

