

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a wonderful start and I am delighted with the way our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have integrated into school life and been made welcome by the rest of our school community. The students have come back to school full of enthusiasm, ready to embrace the year ahead. Lessons have been productive, in spite of the hot weather.

I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child's uniform conforms with our school rules and that it is worn correctly.

It will be a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to the 'Meet the Head' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20 September and 'Meet the Head' Parents' Evening on Thursday 21 September.

I hope you have all had a chance to read my letter for the beginning of the new academic year.

I am looking forward to a productive and exciting year working in partnership with you all.

Mrs M George, Headteacher

Well Done Year 7s!

Well done to Year 7 for starting at Saint Gregory's this week in such a polite and positive manner. They have shown respect, aspiration and responsibility, in line with our school's Core Values. All staff have been very impressed with the way in which our new students have started at Saint Gregory's.

Miss Bendall, Head of Year 7

Dates for Your Diary

Thu 14 Sep	Year 9 Tutor Evening 4-7pm in person
Wed 20 Sep	'Meet the Head' Coffee Morning 9.30-10.30am
Thu 21 Sep	'Meet the Head' Parents Evening 6-7pm
26 & 27 Sep	Open Morning 9.15-10.45am
Thu 28 Sep	Open Evening 6-8.30pm

Next Week: Week B



We are very excited to share that **Bella** in Year 7 is performing in **Oliver!** at the Bath Theatre Royal from 12 to 16 September with the Bath Light Operatic Group. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for Bella and we wish her the best of luck.

Miss Bendall, Head of Year 7

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week...

Missed by the secular press of this country but not by those of faith, earlier in August 1.5 million young people gathered together in Lisbon for World Youth Day. This huge event, which takes place every few years, brought together young Catholics from around the globe to celebrate their united faith and be inspired by a message of love for each of them.

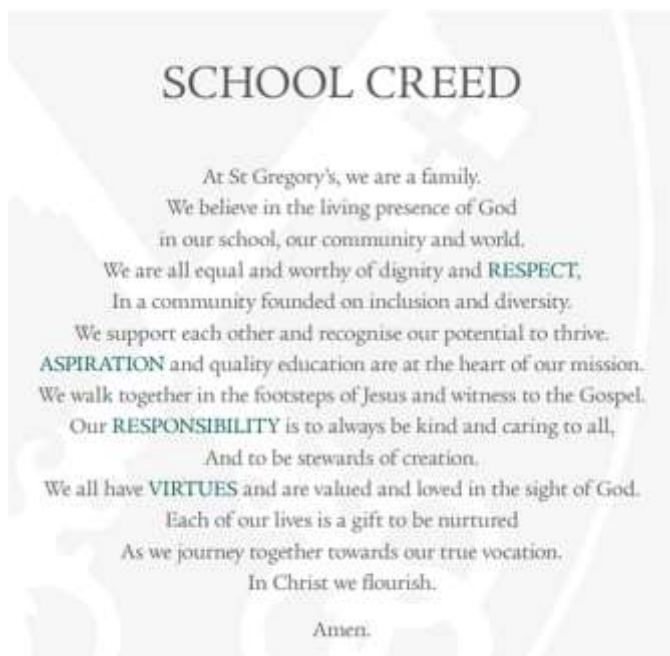
During the closing Mass, Pope Francis spoke these words to the young people present: *"As young people, you have great dreams, but often you may fear that they cannot come true. Sometimes you can think that you are not up to the challenge, and you may be tempted to lose heart, to think you fall short, or to disguise your pain with a smile. As young people, you want to change the world and work for justice and peace. You devote all your energy and creativity to this, yet it still seems insufficient. Yet the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain. Dear young people, I would like to look each of you in the eye and say: Do not be afraid! Now I will tell you something even more beautiful: Jesus himself is now looking at you. He knows you; he knows what is in your heart; he smiles at you and tells you once again that he loves you, always and infinitely. Always and infinitely."*

How much do all our young people need to hear these words. It is our responsibility at St Gregory's to share this message of God's love to them, the message that God wants them to be his advocates for justice and peace and to devote their energy and creativity to such causes. News came out over the summer that the Holy Father is writing a second instalment of *Laudato Si*, the encyclical which forced the world to sit up and take notice in 2015 when the Catholic Church expressed such a strong and emotive plea to humanity to care for our common home. Our CAFOD Young Leader's group in Year 12 focused heavily on an environmental project over the last 12 months with the fruits of their labour being a return to school with improved recycling provision and a commitment to St Gregory's doing their bit.

Also new to the school at the beginning of this year is a revised version of our School Creed. As the school has grown and developed over recent years, including becoming an associate Lasallian school, we decided to undertake a big review of the 'Student Creed' and allow it to reflect the whole community of St Gregory's. Groups of students, the school senate and all staff spent time reflecting on our mission and what it means to be a part of the St Gregory's family. Here is a copy of the new School Creed and we invite you to pray this with us and for us as we begin a new year.

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Artwork
Tue	Break – Rosary Lunch – Artwork
Wed	Break – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lunch – Meditation
Thu	Break – Mass Setup P3 – Opening Mass of the Year Lunch – Mass clear up
Fri	Break – Shared Prayer P3 – Opening Mass of the Year Lunch – Games & activities



Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

Protecting Life

The mission of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) You are invited to come and hear about our work and how you can build a culture of life in your local area.

Date: Wed 27 Sept 23

Time: 7pm

Where: St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, South Parade, Bath, BA2 4AF



Welcome back to the Parallel Universe

Be challenged, get curious, do maths. Stretch your brain every week.

Dear Parents and Students,

This is a quick note to recommend a website that offers students a chance to complete some extra maths each week, building on the work done in the classroom.

The Parallel Universe www.parallel.org.uk is completely free and offers a **weekly maths problem sheet**, known as a Parallelogram.

We think this is a great opportunity for keen maths students to stretch themselves and explore mathematical concepts beyond the classroom. This is also ideal for students who want to go on to study science or engineering.

Each Thursday at 3pm students will have access to a new set of online mathematical challenges (a Parallelogram) tailored to their age. There is a separate Parallelogram for Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students. It should take just 15 to 30 minutes to complete each Parallelogram. As soon as students hit the SUBMIT button, their Parallelogram will be marked, so they will be able to see their score and the full solutions. Their work will also be saved and we as teachers at school will be able to see their progress. House points will be awarded regularly to those who complete parallelograms.

The Parallel Universe is the brainchild of Dr Simon Singh MBE, whose book about Fermat's Last Theorem was the first maths book to become a No. 1 bestseller in the UK. He will be delivering many of the maths circles and he has created all of the Parallelograms.

Students or parents can find out more or create a free account by visiting parallel.org.uk. Please use students **school email addresses** when signing up and enter the teacher code **qunyi0** when prompted.

Yours Sincerely,

Dear Miss Davies, Head of Maths

parallel
by Simon Singh



Talking Teens

The Connecting Families team are holding another Talking Teens course based at Radstock Children's Centre which will run every Thursday evening from 21 September—19 October 2023.

If you are interested, please contact the Connecting Families Team:

Postal Address: Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

Tel: 01225 396931

Email: Connecting_Families@bathnes.gov.uk

Parking

May I please remind parents and carers of the dangers of parking on the double yellow lines outside of school. Please do not park illegally as you are endangering the lives of our students, as well as creating difficulties for our bus companies trying to navigate the school and local area. There is ample parking at the Odd Down Park and Ride and I would ask that anyone collecting a child from Saint Gregory's utilise this facility and ask their child to make the very short walk there for their collection and safety.

RE Text Books/ Revision Guides

If you have any RE text books or revision guides that you no longer need please consider bringing them in to school to be reissued.



Ms Spindler, Head of RE

Performing Arts Enrichment Timetable

Term 1 - 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time 8.30am - 9am				
Contemporary Vocal Group (Band) Ensemble Pod with Mrs Sterlini	Year 7 Singing DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Senior Choir (Y9+) DRST with Mrs Green	Contemporary Vocal Group DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Lower School Voices (Y7-8) DRST with Mrs Sterlini
			String Sinfonia MUS with Mrs Smith	
Break Time 11.10am - 11.25am				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flute Salad Ensemble Pod with Mrs Holden			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time 1.30pm - 2.05pm				
Guitar Ensemble Ensemble Pod with (Guitar Teacher)	Beauty & The Beast DRST with Miss Tate & Mrs Richards	Brass Band MUS with Mrs Avison	Junior Dance company DAST with Susanah	Beauty & The Beast MUS with Mrs Richards & Mrs Sterlini
Beauty & The Beast Dance Team DAST with Mrs Pearson	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs Sterlini	Senior Dance company DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE Dance Written support DAST with Mrs Pearson	Year 7 Drama Club DAST with Maddie & Sammy
GCSE Music Composition MUS with Mrs Sterlini	GCSE Music Composition MUS with Edgar	GCSE Drama Written support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mrs Richards	Tech Club DRST with Mr Psirides & Austin
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school 3.10pm - 4.30pm				
	Beauty & The Beast Band DAST with Mrs Sterlini	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	GCSE & A level Drama support DRST/DAST with Mr Psirides & Mrs Richards
	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate			

Beauty & The Beast – Whole school Performance important dates:

Audition week: 11.9.23-15.9.23 (information for Auditions can be found on Google Classroom)

Sunday rehearsals: 14 January and 21 January 10am - 4.30pm

School production week: Monday 22 – Saturday 27 January

Evening performances: Thursday 25 January, Friday 26 January and Saturday 27 January at 7pm

Geography Department National Centre of Excellence



Our Geography department at St Gregory's has recently been accredited as a national **Centre of Excellence** through the Geographical Association. Having held the prestigious Secondary Geography Quality Mark since 2014, the department is delighted to achieve Centre of Excellence status. We are the only secondary school in the Bath and Bristol area to currently hold this award!

The Geographical Association stated; *'The school certainly has a clear vision for Geography and its place in the wider curriculum that not only shapes the way that the subject is taught but engenders a curiosity and fascination about the world... Underpinning your curriculum-making lies a strong focus on developing both children's knowledge of places in the world, together with a spotlight on the exploration and celebration of differences and similarities, which has clearly had an impact across all key stages.'*

*Your students are very fortunate to have such a hardworking, innovative set of teachers. It was... wonderful to see such good examples of student work – they clearly enjoy their geographical work, whether making models, writing their independent enquiries or creating 3D maps! Your **fieldwork provision is outstanding** and we commend your students' fieldwork journey. Your students certainly become increasingly independent in their fieldwork. Progression is clearly evident and the pleasure they obviously experience is demonstrated in the excellent celebratory video that they have produced'.*

We are delighted to confirm the award of Secondary Geography Quality Mark with Centre of Excellence status in Fieldwork – many congratulations!'

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our wonderful GCSE and A' level Geography students on their recent fantastic results, with our GCSE cohort achieving 20% above the national average for grades 4-9 – well done!

Mrs Hillier-Brown
Curriculum Leader of Humanities

St Gregory's Breakfast Club

Open every day from Monday 11
September

Time: 08:15 — 08:30

Cost: Free



Food Service Assistant Vacancy

Permanent Position

Term Time Only

11.00 am—2.30 pm

Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

Casual Worker

Term Time Only

Contact Mrs Millard, Catering Manager, on 01225
832827 for more information.

SEND Homework Club for students with SEND

Monday to Thursday each week

Immediately after Lesson 5, until 4pm

Students should come straight to the Study Room in
the Inclusion Department at the end of the school day.

Sessions can be booked through the school Gateway
via parents evening/school cloud [https://
saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/](https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/)

(Maximum of two sessions per week)

**NB: If your child is unable to attend, please cancel
your booking as places are limited.**

The Great Debate 2024!



**Are you in Y10-13 and want to get involved in the Historical
Association Great Debate?**

The rules:

1. The competition is open to students who will be in Years 10 and 13
in the academic year September 2023 to July 2024.
2. Entrants will have to create a 5 minute speech on the set question:

**Which historical place or person from your local area
deserves greater recognition?**

3. Students must demonstrate research as well as historical
arguments.
5. If selected, students will attend the local heats at Bristol University on the 16
November.

Interested?

Please email Mrs. Sarbatta (Sarbattak@st-gregorys.org.uk) by the 29 September
2023 to enter and receive more information and support.



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*

Receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical activity/active play
- Impact of screen time
- Food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com



FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week):

- Mon 18th Sept- Mon 16th Oct, Saltford Hall, 4:30-6pm.
- Wed 20th Sept- Wed 18th Oct, Mulberry Park Primary School, 3:30-5pm.
- Thurs 21st Sept - Thurs 19th Oct, Westfield Primary School, 4-5:30pm.
- Tues 3rd Oct- Tues 7th Nov (no session 24th Oct), online via Teams, 5-6pm.

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Free tickets to Bath Rugby's first three home matches!

Bath Rugby have developed an exclusive offer for local schools and are happy to be offering free children's tickets (up to 16 years old) and discounted adult tickets (just £10) to their opening home matches. This is a limited offer so ensure you act soon to avoid disappointment.

To access the offer please use the following link: <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/bathrugby/Authentication/Login?groupref=83&digest=0f47cd1354f2df38208836ec601c8e67f29c251ee7ca018ea96bbb3cdc9f7810>

Booking process instructions below:

1. Create account or sign-in
2. Select the match you want to purchase tickets for (please note the offer is only valid for matches on 16 September, 23 September and 7 October)
3. Select the quantity of tickets you need (max 4 per transaction)
4. Choose the "EB" section on the map of the stadium
5. Select ticket type (either Junior School or Adult School)
6. Click "Add to Basket"

Your basket can be found using icon on the top right of screen. Click this icon to process your payment and confirm your tickets.

Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult with a valid ticket to access the ground. Stewards will check the age of attendees with a "Junior" ticket.

Bath Rugby are looking forward to seeing you at The Recreation Ground very soon.



UNIVERSITY AUTISM TRANSITION SCHOOL (UTAS)

ARE YOU AUTISTIC?
STARTING UNIVERSITY IN AUTUMN 2023?

UTAS is a free event, to support autistic students (diagnosed and self-diagnosed) beginning education at any UK university in autumn 2023.

The event will consist of two sessions: 20th of September 2023 and in December 2023. Sessions can either be attended online or in person.

For more information visit:
<https://t.ly/C4mP>

EMAIL:
AUTISMSUMMERSCHOOL@BATH.AC.UK




skills CONNECT Training & Jobs Fairs Employment & Skills POD

Come along to these FREE events to find out how we can support your employment journey and meet local employers and organisations

Thursday 21st September	Monday 2nd October	Tuesday 24th October
Bath Central Library	Keynsham Library	Midsomer Norton Library
10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm
FREE	FREE	FREE

WEST OF ENGLAND Combined Authority

Bath & North East Somerset Council Improving People's Lives

ACHIEVE IN B&NES

The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority. led by Mayor Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.

Save the date

SAT 30 SEPTEMBER

Free family cycle training

SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS

PLUS: FREE BIKE CHECK UPS + LOAN KIDS BIKES

ORGANISED BY **Radical mums bath**

FUNDED BY **Bath & West Community Energy Fund**

SAT 30 SEPT, 1PM - 3PM
ODD DOWN CYCLE TRACK

BOOKING FROM EARLY SEPT




Bath & North East Somerset Council Improving People's Lives

B&NES Parent Carer Forum

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EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Parent workshop & discussion
(with B&NES Parent Carer Forum and B&NES Educational Psychologists)

- Are you the parent/ carer of a young person who is currently experiencing EBSA?
- Over 2 sessions you will gain a greater understanding of EBSA, the support available & meet others with similar challenges.

For further information and to book a place please email info@banespcf.co.uk

DATES: 12th and 19th October

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

VENUE: The Keynsham Community Space
5 Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HA

Free for parents to attend.

Information for young people and parents/carers

Starting September 2023

Homework Club at The Hub

Do you live in Combe Down?
Are you 11 years or older?

Introductory session at The Hub
Wednesday 13th September 3.30-5pm

Social meeting.
FREE refreshments.
Meet the adults.
Discuss help you need.
Come yourself.
Bring your parents/carers.
Find out more and sign up.

Second session at The Hub
Wednesday 20th September 3.30-5pm

Then every Wednesday at
The Hub during term time

Contact The Hub with requests and suggestions at enquiries@mphub.co.uk

Use the phrase Homework Club in the email subject line.
Phone 01225 436869 for more information.
The Hub, Mulberry Park, Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5BU

