

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

As we have been marking International Day of Peace this week, I thought I would share something Pope Francis said when reflecting on peace in recent times: *"Our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. None of us can be saved alone."* This is such an important message for our community and Mrs Tuke reinforced this in her assemblies this week, even creating a video to record staff and students describing where or how they find peace. It was amazing to hear the range of responses: our community finds peace in the mountains of Wales, on the sports pitches, in Harry Potter books and even in a plate full of cake in the staff room on 'Cake Friday'!

This week, Year 7 have visited Sulis Manor for their retreat. It certainly was a treat; I walked over to see the children in action on Thursday morning and they were having a wonderful time getting to know each other through team bonding games, creative art and moments for prayer. When asked what the best thing about the retreat was, many Year 7s said it was having the opportunity to get to know their year group in a different setting and playing games together. Thank you Mr Robinson, Miss Bendall and the Year 7 tutor team for providing this opportunity to develop new friendships and deepen their spirituality.

I have also enjoyed meeting with many of our parents and carers at the 'Meet the Head' coffee morning and evening event. It was a pleasure to start getting to know some of our parents; we had a Q&A session where we covered topics such as curriculum content, pastoral support, bullying, home-school communication and many more.

The Sixth Form Inspiring Minds Book Club has successfully launched this week; I will be meeting with a small group of Year 12 and Year 13 students

Dates for Your Diary

26 & 27 Sep	Open Morning 9.15-10.45am
Thu 28 Sep	Open Evening 6-8.30pm
Tue 3 Oct	New Sixth Open Evening 6-8.30pm
Thu 5 Oct	Y8 Tutor Evening (in person) 4-7pm
Tue 10 Oct	Parent Prayer in the Chapel—8am

Next Week: Week B

monthly to read and discuss a range of inspiring books. We are starting with Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* which is set in a dystopian world without books, an unimaginable concept to me! I can't wait to hear what our sixth formers think of it when we meet in October.

Finally, if you are searching for more ways to find peace and haven't already come across the beautiful app 'Pray as you Go' <https://pray-as-you-go.org> it is a perfect way to start your day with ten minutes of quiet contemplation focusing on the daily gospel. It only takes ten minutes so it is easy to fit into a busy daily schedule and can provide a moment of true peace and reflection.

Enjoy a peaceful weekend whatever your plans.

Mrs M George, Headteacher



Open Mornings

26 and 27 September 2023, 9.15am – 10.45am

Open Evening

Thursday 28 September 2023, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week...

Year 7 Retreats – 'You are all God's chosen people' (Col 3:12)



This week we have taken all of our new Year 7 cohort off site to nearby Sulis Manor for their induction retreat day on the theme of 'You are all God's chosen people' (Col 3:12). Each day two tutor groups took the

opportunity to get to know one another better, reflecting on a twofold message of how they are individually stars that shine brightly, and collectively the embodiment of the Lasallian star and principles - the 'sign of faith'. Students took part in several workshops including



an artwork session focusing on the individuality of each of us and how who we are and, called by name, we are special. This was followed by drama scenarios that asked

students to look at words and actions/our conscience and a reflective writing task which used Jesus' words that our true treasure is in our hearts to capture the grace of who we are.

We ended the day with the celebration of Mass, however, unlike in previous years the weather didn't shine on us to use the beautiful grounds of Sulis,



looking out over South Stoke plateau. Instead we trudged back in rain (torrential on Weds!) to gather in the comfort and beauty of our school Chapel instead. We are grateful for Fr Bill OSM, Fr Tibor and Fr Jeremy for joining us and leading the final celebration each day.

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Arts & crafts
Tue	Break – Lectio Divina Lunch – Chaplaincy Training
Wed	Break – Rosary Lunch – Meditation
Thu	Break – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lunch – Arts & crafts
Fri	Break - Student Led Prayer time Lunch – Games Year 11 Joint Retreat to Devon departs

Lasallian Month of Peace

Each year on 21 September the world focuses on an International Day of Peace. At the same time, the Lasallian community invites us to celebrate a whole month on this important theme and culminates with the Lasallian Day for Peace on 21 October. This year, our district are asking us to reflect on the theme: **'Sowing seed of peace: Where is your focus?'**

During this Lasallian month of Peace, we are asked to focus on the small things that make a big difference and commit to helping these seeds grow. As we are fully aware, there are some awful conflicts in the world right now, which seem way beyond our reach or we may not think we can solve them. However, the message of peace begins with the individual. Only a person, becoming a community with likeminded individuals, can then become a movement or protest that builds gravitas and pressure. As the famous saying goes, *'Every Lake began as a drop of water, each beach with a grain of sand'*. Just as a plant needs light to grow, so do we. This light can come in many forms. Light is a symbol of joy and hope within 'dark' times. Light brings energy, warmth and visibility.

In scripture we always hear about Jesus being known to Christians as the light of the world. **'God has chosen you to do his work'** (St John Baptist De La Salle) St John Baptist de La Salle reminds us that we have been chosen by God for a special mission and purpose. In order for peace to grow we need to spread God's light and love to one another. It is reminder from De La Salle of the message we began the year with, that we are all called and God is freely offering you that opportunity to allow his grace to work through you.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain



Doodle Maths / Doodle Tables Champion of the Week

Year 7:	Maci L (192 stars)	Devlyn P (101 stars)
	Christo S (220 stars)	Sylvia A (199 stars)
Year 8:	Chris S (104 stars)	Grace N (106 stars)
	Lily-M N (103 stars)	Eddie W (130 stars)
Year 9:	Jacob G (85 stars)	Flo P (82 stars)
	Gerin G (84 stars)	

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



Welcome back to school to all of you, both new and returning students.

This is the Science Department's '*Slice of Science*'. Every week you will see interesting articles, stories and some practicals, some old favourites and some new ones, that you can try at home.

This is in addition to the KS3 Science Club (open to Y7 and Y8) which will be running on Wednesday Lunchtimes in S7 at 1:45. We had our first session this week and it was wonderful to see so many budding curious minds. We had a look at methane and its flammability.

The practical for you to try out this week, is whether eggs float or not and what does it mean if they do.

The article this week is good news for those who have a fear of needles. Scientists are developing a new gas-based drug-delivery system which could deliver vaccines and other medicines. They would go through the skin, encased in tiny metal capsules that dissolve in the body.



The Science Team

- Article of the week - <https://www.snexplores.org/article/innovation-2023-needle-free-vaccine-air-puff-delivery>



- Practical of the Week – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2OWXN80NZQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TChM-MCjLQc>

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.

Shine Night Walk



Ms Spindler and Mrs Tidball would like to thank everyone who sponsored them for the 'Shine Night Walk' to raise money for Cancer Research.

Whole School Production: Beauty & The Beast - Term 1 Rehearsal Schedule				
Date	When	Section	Who?	Where?
Wed 20 Sep	3.10pm-4.30pm	Prologue @belle	Whole Cast	Hall
Thu 21 Sep	3.10-4.30pm	Page 9 – 15	Maurice, Belle, Gaston, Lefou	Drama
Fri 22 Sep	Lunch	Page 9 - 15	Maurice, Belle, Gaston, Lefou	Drama
Mon 25 Sep	Lunch	Gaston	Dancers	Dance
Tue 26 Sep	Lunch	Page 16 – 21	Lumiere, Maurice, Cogsworth, Chip, Mrs Potts, Babette, Beast	Drama
Wed 27 Sep	3.10-4.30pm	Page 22 - 27 Gaston (Dancers)	Gaston, Belle, Lefou, Silly girls Dancers	Hall Dance
Fri 29 Sep	Lunch	Page 27 - 39	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle & Maurice	Drama
Mon 2 Oct	Lunch	Gaston	Dancers	Dance
Tue 3 Oct	Lunch	39-45	Gaston, Lefou, Maurice, Crony 1, Crony 2,	Drama
Wed 4 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	Page 27 - 39 Belle (Dancers)	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle & Maurice Dancers	Hall Dance
Thu 5 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	'Belle' (2 - 8)	Whole Cast	Hall
Fri 6 Oct	Lunch	45 - 55	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle	Drama
Mon 9 Oct	Lunch	'Be our Guest'	Dancers	Dance
Tue 10 Oct	Lunch	45 - 55	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Belle	Drama
Wed 11 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	'Be our Guest'	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle & Dancers	Drama
Thu 12 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	'Gaston' (39 - 45)	Whole Cast	Hall
Fri 13 Oct	Lunch	'Be our Guest;	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle	Drama
Mon 16 Oct	Lunch	Act 1	Dancers	Dance
Tue 17 Oct	Lunch	Page 60 - 63	Lumiere, Babette, Mrs Potts, Wardrobe, Chip, Cogsworth, Beast, Belle	Drama
Wed 18 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	Beast (63—64) 'Be Our Guest'	Beast 'If I can't love her' Dancers	Drama Dance
Thu 19 Oct	3.10-4.30pm	'Be Our Guest'	Whole Cast	Hall
October Half term - Learn all your lines & practice musical numbers for Act 1				

Important Dates for your diary:

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

Whole Cast Numbers for Act 1	Solo's/group pieces for Act 1
Belle	No Matter What – Maurice & Belle
Gaston	Me - Gaston & Belle
Be our Guest	Is this Home – Belle
	Gaston reprise
	How long must this go on? – Beast
	If I can't love her – Beast
Whole Cast Numbers for Act 2	Solo's/group pieces for Act 2
Human again	Something There - Belle, Beast , Chip, Potts, Lumiere, Wardrobe, Babette, Cogsworth
Show me the Beast – Mob Song	Maison Des Lunes – Gaston, Lefou, D'Arque
Transformation/Finale	Beauty & The Beast – Mrs Potts
	If I can't Love her reprise – Beast
	A Change in me – Belle
	Is this home reprise – Belle

INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF

Tuesday 26 September

In order to celebrate International language day, we would like you to bake a cake of your country to present to our panel of judges .

- BAKE A CAKE (can be done in pairs)
- BRING RECIPE – NO NUTS PLEASE
- DROP IN MFL Office on Monday morning

Prizes for the first three finalists. Certificates and merits for all the others.
START BAKING at the weekend .



INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE DAY TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER BEST FOREIGN HAT CREATION



KS3 & KS4 Competition for the best foreign hat.

Create a hat that illustrates a country: think about its culture, and the colours of its flag.

- **CREATE A PAPER HAT**
- **FIND ONE IN A CHARITY SHOP AND TRANSFORM IT TO PROMOTE THE COUNTRY YOU WANT TO REPRESENT**



➤ **Win for your tutor group and get a huge chocolate cake and 100 house points**

➤ **Overall winner in each year group: prize, house points, certificate**

BE CREATIVE!

STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART !!!



Music Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor: Contemporary Vocal Group BAND	Break: Flute Salad Lunch: Symphony Orchestra After School: School Production Band	Tutor: Contemporary Vocal Group (all) Lunch: Brass Band	Tutor: Senior Choir (Y9+) String Sinfonia	Tutor: Lower School Voices (Y7-Y8)



Why join?

Exclusive trips, concerts and more!

Dance Workshop Opportunity

Thursday 5 October

Year 8, Year 9 and
GCSE Dance students



Letters have been sent out to students with full details.

If you are in Year 8, Year 9 or a GCSE dance group and would like to take part and have not received a letter please see Mrs Pearson as soon as possible.



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.

Water Bottles



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.



Saint GREGORY'S
Bath

After School Sports Clubs - Terms 1&2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
After School (3.15-4.15pm)	Year 7&8 Bath City Football ASTRO 	Year 7 NETBALL COURTS 	Year 8&9 NETBALL COURTS 	Year 10&11 HOCKEY ASTRO 	Year 7,8&9 GIRLS FOOTBALL ASTRO 
	FISH TRAMPOLINING Year 7-13 GYM 	Year 10&11 RUGBY FIELD 	Year 7 RUGBY FIELD Year 7/8/9 GIRLS RUGBY ASTRO 	Year 8&9 RUGBY FIELD 	

- Please sign up via School Cloud
- Please meet at the changing rooms, must have PE kit and appropriate footwear
- Sports Clubs start on Monday 11 September
- Please note Trampoline & Bath City Football club are paid clubs



The Focaccia Garden Breads Project

We are thrilled to share the wonderful achievements of our Year 8 students in their recent Focaccia Garden Breads project. These young culinary artists have truly outdone themselves, and we could not be more proud of their creativity and dedication.

The Focaccia Garden Breads Project

As part of our Year 8 Food Technology curriculum, students were tasked with creating edible works of art using the versatile and delicious canvas of focaccia bread. The aim was to combine their culinary skills with artistic flair to craft beautiful and mouth-watering garden-themed bread designs.



Incredible Creations

The results of their hard work and imagination were nothing short of spectacular. Here are just a few of the amazing focaccia garden breads that were created.

Mrs Zoey Auburn, Head of Technology

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

St Gregory's Breakfast Club

Open every day

Time: 08:15 — 08:30

Cost: Free

Who: Open to all students



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/>

(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.

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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

Live Well B&NES & B&NES Parent Carer Forum host a SEND Local Offer Information Event

Brunswick Room (ground floor), Guildhall,
High Street, Bath BA1 5AW.
Monday 25th September 10:00am - 12:00pm.

No need to book, just come along anytime between 10am to 12noon.
The Guildhall is accessible to all and has accessible toilets.
Park & Ride and a variety of bus routes available -
visit www.journeyplanner.travelwest.info/ to plan your route.

Drop-in session for parent carers and anyone supporting a child or young person with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Meet services, groups and organisations supporting young people with SEND.

Tea & coffee provided and a separate quiet space.
No one-to-one or private appointments available at this event (please speak to the provider to arrange this at a separate time).



JUNIOR BASKETBALL SESSIONS 2023/24



Mondays - 4:30-5:30pm
Girls School Years 9-13
Starting October 2nd

Hayesfield Girls School

Coached by Bath Basketball Community Coaches

Sundays - 9:00-10:00am
Mixed School Years 5-9
Starting September 10th

Founders Hall, University of Bath
Coached by Director of Basketball
Antonio Wilburn

Mondays - 7:30-8:30pm
Boys School Years 10-13
Starting September 11th

King Edwards School
Coached by Director of Basketball
Antonio Wilburn

£7.50 per session Book Online
www.bathbasketball.co.uk



