

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Our students have absolutely shone this week when we welcomed hundreds of prospective families on site at our school in action Open Mornings and our Open Evening events. Year 11 Prefects were perfect role models in their conduct when meeting and greeting guests and making them feel at ease from the moment they walked through the door. The sixth form leadership team displayed all the qualities one would expect of young adult leaders: confidence, integrity and wit.

Our Year 7 students were such incredible ambassadors too; having only been at St Gregory's for four weeks, they confidently toured families and spoke about what a true St Greg's experience is all about.

Prospective families were impressed and commented that they loved 'the family feeling, great facilities and seeing happy and enthusiastic children in a multi-cultural setting.'

My thanks to all who helped make the events such a success: our wonderful students, dedicated teachers, especially Miss Bendall and Miss Hollywood and LSAs, our Chaplain, school office support, estates and IT, our catering team from Sodexo, PTFA and the Senior Leadership team.

Don't forget that we have our Sixth Form Open Evening next week on Tuesday 3 October 6.00 – 8.30 pm where you can hear talks from me, Mr Burn and the Student Leadership Team. We would love to see as many Year 11 students there as possible and it's not too early to start considering your next steps if you are in Year 10 so you are more than welcome to attend too. If you are in Year 10 you will need to be accompanied by a family member. Even if you have your heart set on studying in our sixth form, it is still important to attend this event to get an insight into what life is like in the New Sixth and guidance on pathways and choices.

On another note, as the leaves start to turn autumn hues and the seasons start to change, we are preparing for harvest in school and I would like to leave you with the first stanza of John Keats' beautiful poem *To Autumn*:

Dates for Your Diary

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
Thu 12 Oct	Y7 & Y12 Tutor Evening and Pop-up uniform shop
Mon 16 Oct	PTFA meeting 6-7.30pm
Fri 20 Oct	Inset Day—SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS

Next Week: Week A

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
 Conspiring with him how to load and bless
 with fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
 To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
 and fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
 To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
 with a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
 and still more, later flowers for the bees,
 until they think warm days will never cease,
 for summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M George, Headteacher



Chaplaincy thoughts for the week...

Harvest Collection

Throughout this week I have been launching our annual Harvest collection with students in assemblies, with the particular focus being on highlighting the huge shift in those requiring use of Food Banks due to the cost of living crisis, and looking at our individual conscious response. In last Sunday's Gospel, the parable of the workers in the vineyard, it really struck me how God still speaks to us at these important times of the year to illicit a response. Firstly, it was in the grumbling of the workers who had done a full day's shift, by complaining that the landowner was showing equality amongst all those who were given work, and secondly, in the landowners response where he spoke of it being his own decision to be generous. Equality and generosity, two themes from the parable that highlight how God looks and treats each of us. Yet, do we in turn model these virtues with all those we encounter. We know and can see each day on the news, in our community and beyond how unfair the world is, and how disproportionately affected many people are.

With this in mind, I asked our students to reflect on two famous quotes, St Teresa of Calcutta's words that 'We can do no great things, only small things with great love.' and St Oscar Romero's 'It is not God's will that some have everything and others have nothing.'. This harvest time we cannot change the course of world poverty and inequality, but we can do our own small act with great love. With the cost of living crisis hitting more of our own community than ever before, it is only right that each person and family makes a conscious decision whether they can donate and with no expectation. I asked students to consider times such as stopping off at the Co-Op or other shops on route to school, when they may indulge in additional snacks or unnecessary energy drinks such as Prime. Could they make a conscious decision on one of those days to purchase something from the Bath Foodbank list instead. One small act of love, which combined with many more in our community would amass a large school donation.

Therefore, over the next two weeks for our Harvest Collection, any items can be donated by bringing them to the school Chapel. We have also opened up online donations on the school gateway app, so that parents/carers who wish to do so can voluntarily donate money instead and as a school we will purchase a big shop of the most urgently needed items. On School Gateway you can choose to donate any amount you wish from £1.00 upwards.

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Arts & crafts
Wed	Break – Rosary Lunch – Meditation
Thu	Break – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lunch – Arts & crafts
Fri	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Games

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, we hope that our annual collection can truly make a difference to those who are feeling the pinch the most at this difficult time.

NON-FOOD ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF:

TOILET ROLL

MEN'S SHAVING FOAM

WOMEN'S DEODORANT

DISPOSABLE RAZORS

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

WASHING-UP LIQUID

THIS MONTH THE FOOD ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF:

LONG LIFE JUICE

TOMATOES (TINNED)

FRUIT (TINNED)

TOMATO PASTA SAUCE (JARS)

TINNED VEGETABLES (CARROTS, PEAS)

MEAT (TINNED)

SOUP (TINNED)

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain



As a parent or carer you are now a member of the PTFA. However, we are looking for more members to join our meetings. So please come and meet us for a chat and a cup of coffee at

6pm—7.30pm on Monday 16 October

In the Reading Room

If you have any queries please email
gormleys@stpgregorys.org.uk

Locker Hire – Limited Availability

If you would like to hire a locker for this academic year, please let Mrs Wright in the Finance Office know via email at wrighte@st-gregorys.org.uk, so you can be added to the Gateway payment option.

Priority will be given to Year 7, new students and any student who did not have a locker last year.

Mrs Wright, Finance Officer



In the news this week a rare silver gibbon has been born. There is thought to be only 2000 of these animals left in the wild, so this is very significant. The gibbon was born at Curragh's Wildlife Park on the Isle of Man.

In Science club we looked at Fire writing, a way to write secret message. Here is a link to a practical which tells us how to write secret messages.

- Article of the week - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-isle-of-man-66938761>



- <https://www.littlehouseofscience.com/write-secret-messages-using-invisible-ink-experiment>

Spray Art



Today **Alfie and Dan** from Year 11 were busy in their Art lesson making a combined spray paint piece which will be displayed outside the Art Room. They took part in a workshop last year when former student, David, came in to run a spray paint workshop. They are to be commended for their ongoing progress and their willing contribution to the Art Department.

Mrs Bowden Head of Art

New Medical Diagnosis



If your child has been diagnosed with a new condition or allergy, or has a new medical need, please let Miss Ackling, Medical Response Officer, know at acklingk@st-gregorys.org.uk



Doodle Maths / Doodle Tables Champion of the Week

Year 7:	Neil C (180 stars) Maci L (119 stars)	Tavonga C (120 stars)
Year 8:	Jake O (256 stars) Jay B (131 stars) Freddie E (102 stars)	Eddie W (249 stars) Zag C (102 stars)
Year 9:	Ece G (91 stars)	

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

Whole School Production: Beauty & The Beast - Term 1 Rehearsal Schedule				
Date	When	Section	Who?	Where?
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 Language Day - Monday 26 September



Johannes



Eva



Gladys



Ayana

Well done to Year 7 for taking part in our hat competition. Those students who took part were very creative and resourceful.

Congratulations to **Johannes, Eva, Gladys and Ayana**.

Prizes and certificates to follow to celebrate their wonderful creations.

International Language Day: Zoom Conference from Route into Languages



Year 8 benefited from a short Zoom conference organised by [Routes into Languages NW Network](#), a collaboration between the Universities of Chester, Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Students heard from lecturers and UG ambassadors about why languages are fun, rewarding and an amazing investment in their future. Those Uni students are studying languages alongside other subjects and made us aware of why it is important to learn languages and what opportunities are out there.

Ms Lemee, Head of MFL

International Language Day - Monday 26 September CAKE COMPETITION

We received a lot of entries for our first International Language Cakes Competition.

They were all wonderful and tasted great!



Congratulations to all who took part. Prizes and certificates as well as rewards to follow next week.



Tilly W, Y7

Our judges voted and all will be revealed next week...



Eden R, Y7



Dilys H, Y7



Ayla R, Y8



Oscar G, Y7



Bella W Y7 & Kasey A Y7



Abi P, Y7



Andam, Y7



Aleksander N, Y7

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.

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			

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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.

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries



There's always something going on in our libraries, and it's all free, so drop in and see what's on offer!

Join the Library for free!

- Sign up online or in person
- Borrow up to 20 items – no late fees
- Mobile Library
- 100s of activities and events –
- Sensory Spaces
- Lego Lab
- Creativity corner
- Art in the Library
- Craft groups

Digital Library

- We have a 24/7, 365 day a year digital library
- BorrowBox App offers a huge selection of eBooks, eAudiobooks
- Use our Libby App to download eComics
- Library Blog – Online games, book reviews and recommendations

Free Digital Reference Library

- Driving Theory Test Pro
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Oxford Art & Music Online

Computer Access

- Free WiFi
- Free Computer access
- Low cost printing
- Free access to scanners



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Virtual Library Home
<https://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com>

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

To join the Library scan the QR code or visit librarieswest.org.uk





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



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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 Trampolining & Bath City Football club are paid clubs



YOUNG MARINE BIOLOGIST SUMMIT DRIVING CHANGE

Saturday 4 November 2023

Our marine environment is intricate, interconnected and vital to all life on Earth. Find out who is driving change in ocean conservation and learn how you can become part of the solution

FREE ONLINE EVENT

I'm really happy to join the Young Marine Biologist Summit. I learnt so much and it's even interesting as I was able to understand explanations by the speakers.
- Gayatri, Malaysia

EXPERT SPEAKERS



DR EMMA CAMP
The future of coral reefs in the face of climate change



TOM "THE BLOWFISH"
Pondlife, Reefs & Research



ANNA TURNER
How to be an ocean optimist

#YMBSUMMIT23 info.pc.uk/ymbsummit23

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
ACHIEVE IN B&NES

The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority. It is a Major Task Force, 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.

BATH PHIL FOR FREE

Bath Philharmonia is opening up the concert hall to people that may have never heard a live orchestra perform or want to try something new!

The gift of a free ticket to one of the orchestra's own concerts at The Forum, Bath in the period 1 October 2023 – 31 July 2024 is offered to every household in Bath & North East Somerset.

Tickets can be booked by residents of Bath & North East Somerset. Full details on how to claim the offer for this concert can be found at <https://bit.ly/bp43schools>

Peter Donohoe & Bath Philharmonia

Tuesday 3 October 2023, 7.30pm, The Forum, Bath

BEETHOVEN, Symphony No. 5, Mvt I
MOZART, Piano Concerto No. 20, KV458
WITTER-JOHNSON, Dream City
SHOSTAKOVICH, Piano Concerto No. 2
BEETHOVEN, Symphony No. 3, Mvt IV

THE FORUM

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