

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

'Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep...' These are the opening lines of a very famous poem which is often used at times of loss to try to make sense of our feelings. In November, as we remember those who have died, I spoke to the community about the importance of cherishing happy memories and remembering all of the good times we have shared with our loved ones.

In a week which can often bring mixed emotions, and very often feelings of sadness and grief, we were treated to an uplifting assembly to mark two important events in the Catholic church: All Saints and All Souls. Ms Spindler talked to us about the importance of saints both past and present, and we heard about some of our teachers' favourite saints and the reasons why their remarkable stories resonated with them. As a Catholic school, we are called to be present day saints in our thoughts, words and actions - a huge mission but one which will build a stronger community and world if we try.

At our Holy Day of Obligation Mass this week we remembered the inspirational lives of the saints and also those who have died; we said prayers of peace for our conflicted world. Another famous poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, reminds us that "it is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." Death causes great pain and sadness but it is also important to remember that the love we felt for the person who has gone before us was worth experiencing, despite the grief we feel when they die. Thank you Fr Bill OMB and Fr Tibor for celebrating Mass with us, and to all the altar servers, readers, musicians, choir and student sound technicians who were involved. A special thanks to Mrs Sterlini and Mr Robinson for their organisation and oversight.

At the start of the week I was delighted to award many Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh certificates to our current Year 11 cohort; congratulations on your excellent achievement and for balancing your extra-curricular activities with your commitment to your studies. It was also a pleasure to meet so many Year 11s with parents and carers at our Tutor Evening this week; we pray for our Year 11 cohort and all students who are imminently facing exams and assessments. Remember that the more you put into your studies, the more you will reap the rewards, so focus now on effort and input

Dates for Your Diary

Thu 9 Nov	Y10 Tutor Evening 4-7 pm in person
Tue 21 Nov	Y9 & Y11 individual photos; Y11 & Y13 group photos
Mon 27 Nov	Y11 mock exams begin
Tue 5 Dec	Parent Prayer 8am in the school Chapel
Wed 6 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu 7 Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm

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rather than attainment and output, and remember Stewart Lawrence's sage advice which I shared at the beginning of the year: you are your own superhero and never compare yourself to anyone else!

We are delighted to report that our Progress 8 score for 2023 has been released by the Department for Education. This score measures the academic progress that students make across eight subjects from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4. A score above zero means students made more progress, on average, than students across England who got similar results at the end of key stage 2. Our score has increased to +0.14. This improvement means that even more of our Year 11 students are achieving on or above their target grades, compared with their peers.

Our Attainment 8 has also been released. This is the score based on how well students have performed in up to eight qualifications. Our Attainment 8 is also now 49.5, over three points above the average for England which is 46.2. This highlights how more of our students are achieving the top grades compared with the rest of the country. We would like to thank all of our Year 11 students and Year 11 teachers once again for their hard work during the summer exam season.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Melissa George (BA Hons, MA, PGCE)
Headteacher

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week...

Harvest Collection

Yesterday the local Food Bank in Bath collected our donations and were incredibly grateful for your kindness. At a time when more people than ever are being affected by the cost of living crisis unexpectedly, the community of St Gregory's has once again done everything it can to reach out.



Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Remembrance Arts & Crafts
Tue	Break – Mass Setup P3 – Class Mass Lunch - Remembrance Arts & Crafts
Wed	All day - Diocesan Chaplaincy Commissioning Service Lunch - 'Chosen' Student Christian Group
Thu	Break – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lunch – Meditation
Fri	10.50 – Remembrance Service & 2 Minute Silence Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – Games

Remembrance Day Service

As in previous years, we are inviting any students who are part of services, cadets, etc, to come into school in their uniform on Friday 10 November. This includes army/sea/air cadets, St John Ambulance, guides/scouts and all similar organisations. The school will observe a two minute silence preceded by a service at the flagpole in the piazza to commemorate this important day in the calendar.

All Saints Day Mass

Earlier this week we celebrated the solemnity of All Saints over two days for all of St Gregory's. During the Masses, celebrated by Fr Tibor and Fr Bill, our young people were encouraged to seek the common virtue that all saints possess and which we can aspire to – humility. Mrs Sterlini increased our musical participation once again with both the contemporary vocal group leading hymns and beautiful solo contributions during communion. We would like to thank all the clergy, students and staff who contributed to the celebration of this important feast day.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain



Doodle Maths / Doodle Tables Champion of the Week

<u>Year 7:</u>	Nell C (196 stars)	Leno (112 stars)
	Billy G (109 stars)	
<u>Year 8:</u>	Zac C (160 stars)	Freddie (265 stars)
	Katie P (137 stars)	
<u>Year 9:</u>	Ece G	

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

Flute Taster Sessions

Would you like a **FREE** taster session on the flute?

Sign up in Music!



Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football Results



Well done to our footballers who represented St Gregory's against Ralph Allen last week (30/10/23).

Our Y8 & Y9 team won their fixture 2 - 1. Our opening goal came from **Mihaela**, and what a goal to start the game! A stunning strike from 15 yards, which flew over their goalie and bounced in over the line. Ralph Allen equalised just before the halftime whistle, but we came back on feeling confident, having played the better football, with some fabulous, controlled possession. **Sara** kept a cool head as the

pressure mounted and she scored the winning goal with five minutes to go - a low-driven shot at the near post, which their goalie had no chance of saving.

Our Y7 & Y8 team played a really close match which ended 3 - 2 to Ralph Allen. Both goals came from **Nell**. Another really well played match with some excellent football on show.

Well done to all those who played their part. The Players of the Fixture are **Mia Y9** for a confident defensive performance. **Mia** really showed a lot of patience and calmness to break up play and pass into our midfield. Also **Mila Y7**, again for a solid defensive display.

Mr Harris, Coach

Year 11 English Trip to London – Thursday 19 October

At the end of last term, we took 83 Year 11 students to see Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' at The Globe Theatre in London.

Prior to the performance, we had time to take in some interesting art at The Tate Modern, an eye-opening experience for some students given the interesting and diverse nature of some of the exhibits.

Then, in what I believe is a first for any school trip, we managed to take over the entire ground floor of Pizza Express and enjoy a very civilised dinner together. The restaurant commented that we were the most well-behaved party of 90 they have ever catered for!



The performance of 'Macbeth' was fantastic: the staging, the acting, the grisly bits, the humour, Macduff with his script, the audience participation, the food blender, the rain... all made for a truly memorable evening. All of the students managed to experience the play from two different perspectives: standing right next to the stage in 'the pit' and sitting in the upper gallery like royalty. Overall, it was an excellent interpretation of the play and hopefully showed the students some of the ways in which Shakespeare can be performed on stage.



I would like to add a massive thank you to the parents and carers who set their alarms and set out into the dark, wet night at 1.30am to collect the students. I hope you managed to catch up on any lost sleep! Thanks again.

Mr Davis, Head of English

Winners of our MFL International Bake Off and Hat Competition

Well done to all our students who took part. They all received a certificate and some prizes.

Keep participating - more to follow!



Best Cakes



Best Hats



Runners Up

Merci et a bientot

Ms Lemee, Head of MFL

Energy Drinks

It is known that the consumption of energy drinks can cause difficulties with concentration, problems with sleep and anxiety and therefore cause poor performance at school. We would therefore ask that students do not consume energy drinks before school or bring energy drinks into school.

Miss Ackling, Medical Response Officer

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.



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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 - clubs and events
- 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



St Gregory's Breakfast Club

Open every day

Time: 08:15 — 08:30

Cost: Free

Who: Open to all students



a slice of



Zombie's—real or not? It may be fun to dress up like a zombie for Halloween, but real zombies do exist, they are just not human. They are animals under the mind control of parasites. This week's article looks at examples of this in the animal kingdom.

In science club this week we made some Balloon Rockets. The link below shows you how to do it at home. Have fun with it!

Article of the week:

<https://www.snexplores.org/article/zombies-are-real>



Practical of the Week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMX7zgaLC0w>

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.



D of E Silver 2022 - 23

Massive congratulations to the 14 students who were presented with their Silver Certificates by Mrs George at the Year 11 assembly on Monday. They have all worked consistently to complete their Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition sections. They have completed a wide range of activities which have included helping at Brownies/Guides, working in a charity shop, running at Parkrun, playing rugby, learning an instrument, cooking and crocheting.

If your child has not completed their Silver Award yet, please encourage them to keep going. Once they have completed each section they need to ask their assessor for a written report which can either be done online or written into the relevant page in their welcome book which they then upload. Your child can show you their progress on their eDofE App.



Please let us know if your child needs any help completing their Award.

Mr Boutland Smith and Mrs Stack

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.

Inspire Lunchtime Lecture Programme

Our Inspire Lecture Programme continues this term. The programme is open to all students and will run during one lunchtime each week. Students can bring their lunch along to the session and spend their break listening to a speaker talk about an area of interest, and then have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about it. Students are welcome to attend any of the sessions which are open to their year group, and places are on a first-come, first-served basis. Over-subscribed sessions will be repeated later in the year if necessary. Students who are part of our Inspire cohort are expected to attend at least three sessions across the year.

Here is the timetable for this term's sessions:

Date	Name	Session Name	Description of the session	Who can come?	Room
Tue 7 Nov	Mrs Kestell	We are all made of stardust!	An explanation of where all the matter in the universe comes from and what we are made of.	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	S1
Wed 15 Nov	Mr Duffy	Architecture	What architecture is, why it is important, why it might be a viable career for you in the future. Particularly suited to those interested in careers in the creative or building industries	Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Post-16	M12
Mon 20 Nov	Ms Wright	Digital Art & Design	A look at inspiring young designers starting out their careers in digital art and design	All years	E3
Fri 1 Dec	Mr Psirides	The role of the teacher in a secondary school	To present what the accepted view of 'excellent teaching' is from academic research and to explore the student perspective through seminar and discussion	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	DRST
Tue 5 Dec	Mrs Spindler	"Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother"	Feminist Theology - why we should talk of God as Mother and why it matters. This fits in with the A level course so would be particularly useful for anyone wanting to know more about A level RE.	Year 10 Year 11 Post-16	K12

Please encourage students to come along and be inspired!

If you have any further questions about the programme or would like to volunteer to lead a session later in the year, please get in touch with Mrs Aldred at aldredm@st-gregorys.org.uk.

Mrs Aldred, Inspire Champion

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)

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Whole School Production: Beauty & The Beast – Term 2 Rehearsal Schedule

Date	When	Section/ Scene	Who?	Where?
Mon 6 Nov	Lunch	Be our Guest	Dancers	DAST
Tue 7 Nov	Lunch	Be Our Guest	Wholes Cast (singing)	Dance Studio
Wed 8 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Be our Guest	Whole cast	Hall
Thu 9 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Be Our Guest	Whole Cast	Hall
Fri 10 Nov	Lunch	Be our Guest	Whole Cast (singing)	Dance Studio
Mon 13 Nov	Lunch	Be Our Guest	Dancers	Dance Studio
Tue 14 Nov	Lunch	Something There (page 66-	Beast, Belle& Castle Crew	Dance Studio
Wed 15 Nov	Lunch	A Change in Me	Belle	Drama Studio
Thu 16 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Be our Guest	Whole cast	Hall
Fri 17 Nov	Lunch	Something There (page 66-	Beast, Belle & Castle Crew	Drama Studio
Mon 20 Nov	Lunch	Human Again	Dancers	Drama Studio
Tue 21 Nov	Lunch	Human Again (Page 75-78)	Beast, Belle, Castle Crew (Singing & Scene	Drama Studio
Wed 22 Nov	Lunch	Home, Change in Me &	Belle & Mrs Potts (singing)	Drama Studio
Wed 22 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Human Again	Dancers & Castle Crew (Plus Beast &	Hall
Thu 23 Nov	Lunch	Home, Change in Me &	Belle & Mrs Potts	Drama Studio
Thu 23 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Human Again	Dancers & Castle Crew (Plus Beast &	Dance Studio
Fri 24 Nov	Lunch	Beast Lets belle go (Page 80 -85)	Beast, Belle, Gaston, Maurice Madame D'Arque	Drama Studio
Mon 27 Nov	Lunch	Wolves	Maddison, Eden, Jazzy, Corina, Evelyn,	Dance Studio
Tue 28 Nov	Lunch	Beauty & The Beast	Belle, Mrs Potts, Chip & Beast	Drama Studio
Wed 29 Nov	Lunch	The Mob Song	Gaston, Belle, Maurice, Madame D'Arque,	Hall
Wed 29 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob Song (page 85 –	Whole cast	Hall
Thu 30 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob Song (page 85-	Whole cast	Hall
Fri 1 Dec	Lunch	Beast & Gaston Fight (page	Beast, Gaston & Belle	Drama Studio
Mon 4 Dec	Lunch	Wolves	Maddison, Eden, Jazzy, Corina, Evelyn,	Dance Studio
Mon 4 Dec	3.10-4.30pm	Beauty & the Beast	Mrs Potts, Belle, Chip, Lumiere, Cogsworth	Drama Studio
Tue 5 Dec	Lunch	Beast & Gaston Fight (page	Beast, Gaston & Belle	Drama Studio
Wed 6 Dec	Lunch	Page 93-96	Beast, Belle & Castle Crew	Drama Studio
Thu 7 Dec	Lunch	Page 93-96	Beast, Belle & Castle Crew	Drama Studio
Thu 7 Dec	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob song & Fight on the	Whole cast	Hall
Fri 8 Dec	Lunch	Beauty & The Beast	Belle, Chip, Mrs Potts & Beast	Drama Studio
Mon 11 Dec	Lunch	Dance Numbers TBC	Dancers	Dance Studio
Tue 12 Dec	Lunch	Finale	Whole cast (singing 'two hearts)	Drama Studio
Fri 15 Dec	Lunch	Finale	Whole Cast (Singing 'two hearts)	Drama Studio

Christmas Holidays - Learn all your lines & practice musical numbers for Act 1 & 2

Performing Arts Enrichment Timetable

Term 2 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	Contemporary Vocal Group DRST with Mrs Green	Senior Choir DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Lower School Voices (Y7-8) DRST with Mrs Sterlini
			String Sinfonia MUS with Mrs Smith	
Break Time 11.10-11.25pm				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flute Salad Ensemble Pod with Mrs Holden			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time 1.30-2.05pm				
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 Susannah	Beauty & The Beast MUS with Mrs Richards & Mrs Sterlini
Beauty & The Beast Dance Team DAST with Mrs Pearson	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs Sterlini	GCSE Dance Practical support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE Dance Written support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mr Psirides
Tech Club DRST with Mr Psirides & Austin	GCSE Music Composition MUS with Edgar	GCSE Drama Written support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	Year 7 Drama Club DRST with Maddie & Sammy	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school 3.10-4.30				
	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.

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