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PARENTAL BULLETIN – 3rd May 2019

LET US PRAY

Prayer for May: Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; Hail, our life, our sweetness, our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; To thee do we sigh, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy towards us and, after this our exile,

Show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May: school closed
Ski Launch	Tue 7 th May: 5.30 – 6.00. See attachment for details about next year's trip
Revision Club, Y11 & Y13	Monday – Thursday: 4.00 – 6.00. Students MUST attend Interventions until 5pm if they are allocated to them before going to Revision Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Evenings		Y9 Assessment Week	w/c 3 rd June
Y9	Thu 20 th Jun	Y10 Assessment Week	w/c 10 th June
		Y12 Assessment Week	w/c 17 th June
		Y11 Final Day at School	14 th June
Half Term	Fri 24 th May at 3.50 returning to school on Mon 2 nd June at 9.15	Y11 Prom	27 th June
		Y13 Final Day at School	17 th May
		Y13 Prom	24 th June

MR G O'CONNOR, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome back to school for the final term of this academic year! I trust parents, carers and students have had an enjoyable break over Easter.

The summer term is one of assessments and examinations; it is important for students to stay focused during this time and plan their revision carefully. Take exercise and regular breaks whilst keeping a calm head. The teachers are here to help you, so please contact your Head of Year or Form Tutor should you need any support.

Y10 Parents Evening: thank you to all parents, carers and students who came to Parents Evening last night. It was positive to see so many people. Please contact Ms Davies should you need any further help.

Ashes Critical Incident: the report into the critical incident at the Lent Service has been forwarded to external agencies for their review; we await to hear the outcome which I will share with you once received.

Katherine Marston: I have great pleasure in informing you of the appointment of Ms Marston to the position of Head Teacher at St John Wall in Birmingham. Ms Marston was with St Augustine's from 2006, seconded to St John Wall as Head of School, which was at that time a vulnerable school facing many challenges. She has worked diligently taking the school from strength to strength, always fighting the case for every student; this has subsequently resulted in the school being in the top 10 in Birmingham. We wish her every success for the future.

Ms Haycock: Many congratulations to our German teacher, Mrs Haycock who has been selected to represent Warwickshire at the All Counties England Golf Tournament in June. The tournament is being played at Frilford Heath in Oxfordshire; we wish her the very best of luck.

CATHOLIC LIFE – MR P FOLEY

Welcome back to our summer term, and I hope you enjoyed made the most of the beautiful weather we had at Easter.

The key church teaching for this half term is "Each person was created by God and is loved, willed and necessary."

Students will be reflecting on this in form time this week. May is the month of Mary and so the prayer for the month is the Hail Holy Queen. Students will also be praying the rosary in the chapel each day. Our Form Masses start again next Thursday with 9SR having their Mass. They have decided their theme will be praying for people who are disabled. The Masses will continue on a Thursday morning and as well as the forms theme, we will also be keeping Y11 and Y13 students in our thoughts and prayers as they start the exam season. As the weather starts to improve, Ms Mason is looking to start a Chaplaincy garden, where we will grow a mixture of flowers and vegetables; this is a big undertaking and so she is asking for donations of garden equipment such as forks, spades, trowels etc that are in good condition. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, then please email her: masona@saintsa.co.uk or contact her via telephone. Thank you in advance for your support.

PE FIXTURES

GIRLS

Wed 8th May: Y10 rounders game; venue and times to be confirmed.

Tue 7th and Thu 9th May lunch break: Netball PGL students, practice in Sports Hall

Thu 9th May: GCSE PE Intervention Y10 in C15; pick up from Saints at 4:45

Fri 10th May: Netball PGL trip; leaving school at lunch break.

YEAR 9 – MR E MILL, HEAD OF YEAR – mi@saintsa.co.uk

Welcome back to all students and I hope that all families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

This is an important term for Y9; we have our Parents Evening on Thursday June 20th which is an opportunity for parents/guardians to speak to all teachers about progress made this year and how best to get ready for Y10. Students are also expected to attend; further information will be available nearer the time. Students are able to wear summer uniform this term or continue to wear their white shirts and tie. If students choose to wear the summer uniform then all other uniform requirements will continue to apply.

Three girls have made a wonderful start to this term: Lucy P (+13), Sophie P (+12) and Erin W (+12). Well done.

Also, many congratulations to the Y9 football team who have reached the final of the county cup with a tense 2-1 comeback victory in the semi-final.

YEAR 10 – MISS S DAVIES, HEAD OF YEAR – daviess@saintsa.co.uk

A big thank you to all parents and students who attended Parents Evening last night. This was a really productive evening filled with lots of positive feedback and comments from staff and parents. As we are reaching the end of Y10, it is important for us to think about how our pupils can make as much progress as possible. One opportunity that will be coming up shortly is work experience: this will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to have a taste of formal work. Places are organised by pupils and parents but anyone struggling should seek help from staff, particularly Mrs Beach, our careers adviser.

Documents for work experience week can be collected from the pastoral office. Any pupils struggling to find places should speak to their form tutor so that they can also help. It would be a real missed opportunity for those who do not go!

YEAR 11 – MR N MURPHY, HEAD OF YEAR – murphyn@saintsa.co.uk

From next Friday, Y11 will begin an alternate curriculum to enable them to focus on specific revision and content heading in to the RE exam on Monday 13th May. Well done to all students who have sat the first Art exam this week, keep up your good work and best of luck in the second part of the exam on Wednesday 8th May. Can I ask all students and parents/carers take the long weekend as an opportunity to ensure all students are fully equipped for their examinations; this includes having a scientific calculator. If there are any issues or queries accessing equipment please let me know and I will look to support where possible.

Well done to all the Y11 students who came in for revision sessions over the Easter holiday; these alongside the independent preparation away from the classroom will really enable you to achieve your full potential.

6TH FORM – MRS C PADDOCK, HEAD OF KS5 – paddockc@saintsa.co.uk

Year 12: Any students wishing to apply to university to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science or wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge University, then please see Mrs Passalacqua to begin the application process. All students should now be thinking about their UCAS applications and using the summer vacation to complete work experience and carry out additional reading.

Year 13: Study Leave starts from Monday 20th May. Those students who have been requested by certain subject teachers to remain in school have been informed this week and a letter is also being sent home, confirming this.

EXAMS

Summer Exams: this week we have commenced in earnest the suite of summer examinations 2019. Art exams have taken place for Y11, Y12 and Y13 students. Art continues for Y11 next week along with Level 3 Sport BTEC, GCSE Greek Speaking, Level 3 Algebra, GCE French speaking and L3 Applied Science.

Attached is the summer examination timetable.

Y9, Y10 & Y12 Assessments: the exams office is commencing the preparation for the Y9, 10 and 12 assessments which will take place on the following dates:

Y9 assessments: w/c 03.06.19 – English and Maths in the Sports Hall

Y10 assessments: w/c 10.06.19 – English and Maths in the Sports Hall

Y12 assessments: w/c 17.06.19

In the forthcoming weeks, students will be issued with their individual candidate timetables.

We wish all candidates the best of luck in their forthcoming exams.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Attachments:

- Whole School Summer Exam Timetable, 2019
- School Ski Trip, 2020
- Y12 & Y13 Revision TT, 06.05.19 - 31.05.19
- Y11 Revision TT, 06.05.19 - 31.05.19

VACANCIES

- Teacher of Business/ICT, part-time
- Assistant Principal

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