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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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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

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.
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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
		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

Foodbank Appeal: The Easter appeal that went out to students, parents, carers and staff has raised a huge 237.5kg of food; a heart-felt thank you to everyone who has supported this brilliant cause, giving back to those who need it most. My thanks go to Ms Waite for project managing our donations.

Exams: Y11 and Y13 continue to be in our prayers with the exams starting in earnest on Monday; see below for some techniques about exam success.

Top Tips for Exam Success:

- Throughout your revision schedule, ensure that you get plenty of rest, eat a well-balanced diet and keep hydrated.
- Make sure you have the correct equipment for each exam – clear plastic pencil case, black pens x 2, pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, protractor, a pair of compasses, calculator without case cover.
- Ensure that you know the room and seat number where you are to take your exam – you can check these on the notice board in the Theatre foyer near the Exams Office.
- Keep hydrated – water bottles may be brought into the exam room providing they are clear with no labels.
- Use the school facilities prior to starting the exam – toilet breaks not only break your train of thought, but disturb other candidates as well.
- Ensure that your mobile phones, smart watches and revision notes are stored in your locker prior to your exams.
- Ensure that you do not enter the exam with writing on your hands/arms and do not write on your hands/arms during the exam.
- Do not attempt to communicate with any other student once in the exam hall – this applies to both verbal and non-verbal communication.

We extend out good luck to all students and wish them well.

CATHOLIC LIFE – MR P FOLEY

As it is the month of May, we have welcomed the statue of Mary from the Parish again for this week. We are using her as the focal point in the Chapel for our prayers. We have had 3 forms take part in saying the Rosary in form time this week. Thank you to gKB, gHU and 10SD for their reverence and enthusiasm. This will continue throughout the month with students in Y9 and Y10 having the opportunity to pray the Rosary.

Smile Train: many congratulations to Mrs Walkley and Y9 students for raising £275 for Smile Train, a fantastic charity that raises money for children with a cleft lip and/or palate. Ms Sheedy is a champion for the cause and was delighted to receive the cheque on Smile Train's behalf. Well done!

Chaplaincy Garden: a reminder that Ms Mason is starting up a Chaplaincy Garden within school and so if parents/carers have items that would be of use, then please contact her on: masona@saintsa.co.uk.

At the end of last term, students had the opportunity to decorate a cross and write on their hopes and fears for the future. These have now been laminated and are displayed on the tree at the front of school and also around the Quad. They look amazing and we have had many lovely comments about them from visitors to our school. Thank you to the Senior Chaplaincy Team for decorating the trees so beautifully.

PE FIXTURES

GIRLS

Mon 13th May: Y9 & Y10 rounders club, 3:45; pick up from school at 4:45.
Thu 16th May: GCSE PE Intervention in C15; pick up from school at 4:45

BOYS & GIRLS

Wed 15th May: District Athletic Trials - please sign up before Wednesday in the PE office if you would like to take part.

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

This week Mrs Paddock led Y9 in our collective worship. I hope all students were listening to the message about playing a role in the community and treating others in an appropriate manner, thank you to the students from gKB who delivered the prayers for the faithful.

All students should be bringing home information regarding the Y9 Assessment Week which starts on Monday 3rd June for 5 days. All students in Y9 will sit assessments in their subjects and their results will form the basis of their reports and also ensure that they are in the correct sets for the start of Y10. It is important that students have the correct equipment for the assessments – please see Mr O'Connor's top tips (second point). If you have any concerns please contact me via phone (01527 550400) or email (mi@saintsa.co.uk).

Well done to Danny O, Hollie T and Alyshia W for receiving the most class-chart points this week (+12).

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

This week Y10 have had 2 collective worships; the first was delivered by Mr O'Connor and was about leadership and progress. Pupils were asked to think about examples of leaders both in our community and world-wide and to think about what they aspire to achieve in their life. The second was delivered by Mrs Threadgold which was about careers week. This gave pupils more information about how to secure a placement. As previously stated this would be a missed opportunity for those who do not go! Any pupils struggling to find a place should seek help from their form tutor.

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

Well done to all Y11 Art students who finished the second part of their exam this week.

On Monday, the RE exam kicks off the Sports Hall based examinations and so as we enter the main tranche of assessments, it is vital that students get a good night's sleep and are well nourished and hydrated. Fizzy/energy drinks and other sugary based foods should be avoided and replaced with plenty of water, fruit and vegetables. Please also ensure students have had breakfast before they leave for school although we will be providing toast and fruit each morning throughout the exam season and students are welcome to come and help themselves so that they are fully fuelled for their exams.

From Monday, the students will be engaging with an alternative curriculum - standard lessons are swapped for exam preparation sessions in line with the exam timetable. Please encourage students to attend all of these sessions and any additional lunch-time and after school opportunities.

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

Year 12: Interviews for the Board of Officers have taken place this week and staff have been very impressed with how students have conducted themselves throughout. Those who are successful will find out by the end of next week.

Year 13: Students have been informed as to who is required to remain in school after study leave begins, from w/c Mon 20th May. Letters have also gone home to parents.

Parking: A reminder to all sixth form students that if they are driving into school, they must complete a student vehicle form and return it to Miss Klatt for internal use. Students should be using the car parking spaces available on site and not in surrounding residential areas.

EXAMS

Well done to our GCE French linguists, BTEC L3 Sport BTEC and Applied Science students plus our Y11 L3 Award in Algebra students who have sat exams in those subjects this week. Next week sees the start of the main exam season with exams taking place every day throughout morning and afternoon sessions. We wish all candidates the best of luck in their forthcoming exams.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Attachments:

- ➔ Appointment of Mr O'Connor as Principal of St Augustine's Catholic High School.
- ➔ Y11 Exam and Revision Timetable
- ➔ Y12 & Y13 Exam and Revision Timetable

Y11 - TRANSPORT FOR 2019-2020

All Y11 students need to complete a new application if they require transport assistance in Y12 and Y13, **even if they have previously attended the school as an under-16 student**. This will be assessed under Worcestershire County Council's Post 16 Home to School Transport Policy and applications should be made via the Council's website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolTransportApplication.

It is important that an application is made to this office as soon as possible, or at least **before 31st July**, to ensure that the request can be assessed and any pass issued in time for the start of the new academic year. If you are unsure where you will be studying, it is better to make an application and amend this once GCSE results are known.

Late applications will still be accepted but MAY NOT be assessed in time for the start of the new academic year.

If a transport application has already been submitted for Sep-19, there is no need to do so again and we will advise you of the outcome shortly.

For further information and to view the current Post 16 School Transport Policy, please visit

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolTransport

VACANCIES

→ Teacher of Religious Education

<https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies/>