

Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Issue 21

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 14 February 2025



Catholic Life Annual Theme: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Termly Theme: 'In our care'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: The Option for the Poor

Termly SJW Values: Eloquent and Truthful

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on Safer Internet Day. We reflected on the dangers of the internet if it isn't used correctly. The theme this year is 'too good to be true' and so we also focused on what scamming is and how to avoid being scammed. One way we can stay safe online is by only talking to people we know in real life. We can be **curious and active** online by always checking what apps and websites we are visiting. This will ensure we are being safe".

By Yannis Gheorge 7RES

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We focused on Internet Safety Week. As part of this prayer, we reflected on staying safe and staying away from scams. We thought about how we can stay safe by being **careful** with websites so that our information isn't revealed to other people. We also prayed for World Day of the Sick, thinking about how we can **care** for those people around us and **care** for our surroundings".

By Masuma Fatema 7RES

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. It was **peaceful** and Fr Subba was very welcoming. I did a reading during the Mass which made me feel more confident. Fr Subba spoke about how it took him 13 years to become a priest. He said that school and education are very important and that we should always try our best to work hard".

By Eline Behane 7BRK

Dates to Note

- **Half Term**
Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
- **Alton Castle Residential - 35 Year 7 Pupils**
Monday 24 February 2025 - Wednesday 26 February 2025
Leaving at 2pm - Returning at 4pm
- **Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations**
Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 7 March 2025

Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations

Year 11 pupils will commence their final Mock 2 examinations on the first Monday following the half-term break. These examinations represent the last opportunity for pupils to assess their current standing in relation to the grades required for admission into their chosen college or sixth form courses.

Pupils are encouraged to utilize the half-term break to dedicate time to revising for these crucial examinations.

The GCSE examinations are scheduled to begin in May 2025.



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Values@Day – Year 7

For Values@Day 2, Year 7 worked with Stand Against Violence, Elevate and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Elevate looked delivered a session on memory and revision as part of our KS3 study skills offer. Stand Against Violence explored anti-bullying, looking at what bullying is, the impact it can have on people and how we can support victims.

Pupils also experienced sessions led by our SJW staff using TenTen to look at positive relationships and Safer Internet Day resources.



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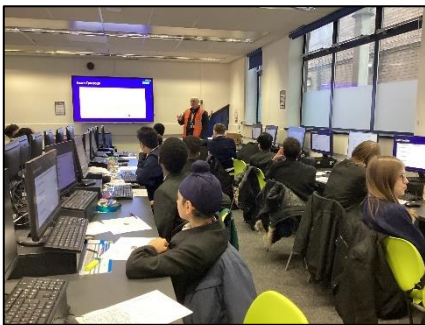
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Values@Day – Year 8

This week, we launched the Year 8 Pathways process. This is the start of pupils choosing the subjects they wish to continue to study to Year 11. Pupils attended a weekly worship on Monday focusing on this. On Values@Day, they received taster sessions in a variety of subjects led by SJW teachers. These sessions introduced pupils to the subjects available to them. They had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about how the subject will be taught and assessed.

Further support will be provided to pupils to help them make these important decisions. Please contact Mr Lloyd-Price if you have any further questions.



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Values@Day – Year 9

Year 9 attended sessions focusing on knife crime and anti-violence in response to recent issues in UK schools linked to weapons in school.

We worked closely with West Midlands Police to deliver the Life or Knife lesson resources to help pupils consider the impact of knife crime.

Pupils also developed key skills in other workshops such as resilience and communication.



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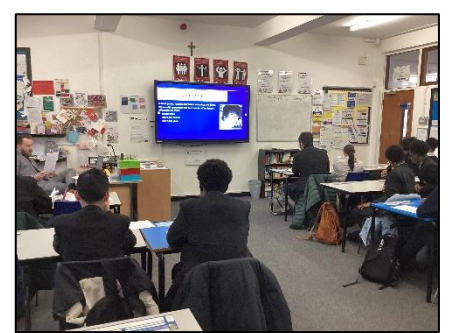
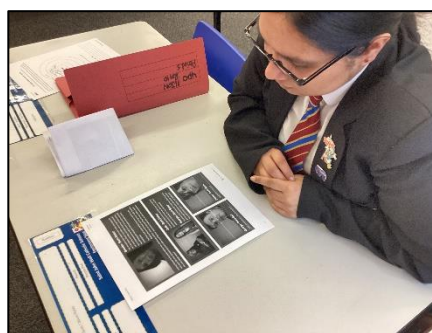
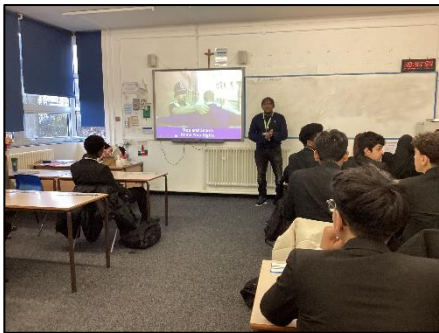
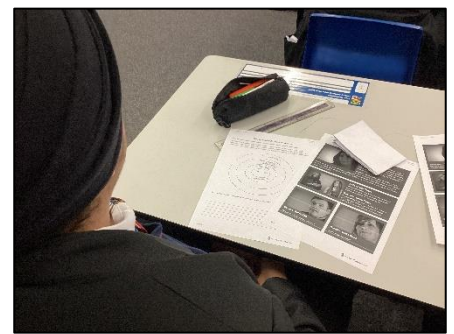
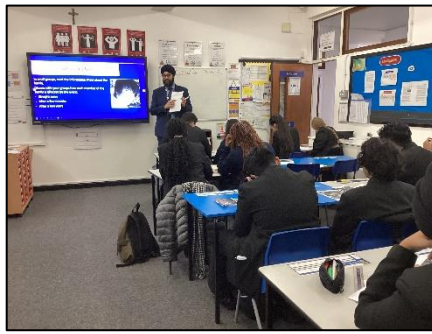


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Values@Day – Year 10

Year 10 had the opportunity to prepare for Work Experience on Values@Day. Mr Marshall from Learn to Work visited our pupils to ensure they all have a placement. Pupils also researched their placements further to ensure they are fully prepared. Sessions were also delivered focusing on the negative impacts of pornography and other issues online. Pupils also heard from West Midlands Police regarding stop and search.



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Equipment

Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for supporting the school with our start and end of lesson routines focus this half term. This will continue into the next half term and become every day practice as we continue through the year.

Congratulations to 7RES, 8HAB, 9ILY, 10SIM and 11MUH for gaining the most positives in each year group for equipment.

A polite reminder that all pupils should have a school bag and a pencil case with the following stationery: pen, spare pen, purple pen, pencil, ruler, highlighter, eraser. The equipment shop will be open under the canopy as pupil's enter school on first day back. It will then be open every day between 8.30am - 8.50am by the House and Rewards Office.

Please check the ClassCharts app carefully to see if your child is bringing their full equipment to school. Bringing all their equipment to school and placing it on the equipment mat each lesson maximises your child's learning time and therefore maximises their chances of success.

By Mr Lloyd-Price

Sparx Maths

A huge well done to several of Mr Hussain's classes and pupils, with a special shout out to Class 8A for their groundbreaking and hardworking Sparx work ethic. Their dedication and effort have truly paid off!

As a reward for their outstanding performance, the pupils were treated to some delicious, piping hot barbecued chicken. It was a well-deserved treat for all their hard work.

Keep up the great work, everyone!

By Mr Hussain



Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have had a very busy morning at a bring and buy sale organised to raise money for charity. They helped out with tea, coffee, chats and organising raffle tickets. They also had time to play cards which some of the guests. Our next visit is line dancing which will be a new activity, so everyone is very excited.

By Mrs Clayton



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Year 11 Mock 2 Timetable

Period	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February	Wednesday 26 February	Thursday 27 February	Friday 28 February
Form and Period 1 9:00 Start	English Lit 1 hour	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins	Maths 1 Non-Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	RE 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 mins
		IT 1 Hour 30 mins			
		French Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins			
Break	Break				
Period 2 and 3 10:50 Start	History 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Geography 1 Physical 1 Hour 30 mins	English Language 1 hour 45 mins	Science - Chemistry 1 Hour 10 mins	Science Physics 1 Hour 10 mins
		Single Science Biology Y10 1 Hour 45 mins		Single Science Chemistry 1 Hour 45 mins	Single Science Physics 1 Hour 45 mins
Lunch	Lunch				
4 13:50 Start	Science - Biology 1 Hour 10 mins	Sport 1 Hour 15 mins	French Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour	Bus Enterprise 1 hour 15 mins	Health and Social Care 1 Hour 15 mins
		GCSE PE 1 1 Hour	Italian Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour		Spanish Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins
			Spanish Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour		





Monday 03 March	Tuesday 04 March	Wednesday 05 March	Thursday 06 March	Friday 07 March
RE 2 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths 3 Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	Ash Wednesday	PE Practical	Art/Drama/Music
Break				
History 2 EEE/SP 1 Hour 50 mins	Geography 2 Human 1 Hour 30 mins			
Lunch				
GCSE PE 2 1 Hour	French Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			
Catering & Hosp 1 Hour 20 mins	Italian Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			
	Spanish Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			

Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 boys' football team delivered a fantastic performance on Monday, securing a 2-0 victory against Holyhead School. This places them top of the league by 2 points!

The match was filled with incredible moments, including a fantastic goal from Jaydon, showcasing his skill and determination on the pitch. The match was a true display of skill, determination, and teamwork. A standout moment came from Kaylan who earned Man of the Match after scoring an incredible free-kick goal! His precision and confidence on the field were remarkable.

However, this win wasn't just about individual brilliance—it was about the outstanding teamwork and unwavering support the boys showed for one another. Their encouragement and commitment truly reflect the values we uphold at Saint John Wall.

A huge thank you to Mr Holden for his fantastic coaching, which has played a key role in the team's success. Let's keep this momentum going. Well done boys!

By Miss Young



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK FREE SESSIONS

King Edwards School of Grammar, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ

DAY	TIME	TITLE & SESSION
MONDAY 17th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Wellbeing & Sport for Females (8 - 14)</u> Affirmation & Wellbeing Sessions Flag Football
TUESDAY 18th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Wellbeing & Sport for Adults & Young People (12 - 15)</u> Healthy Cooking & Environmental Action Workshop Physical Activity & Football Sessions
WEDNESDAY 19th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Multi Sport Activities for Young People (8 - 11)</u> PE Sessions & Multi Sport Activities Badminton & Dynamo Cricket Sessions
THURSDAY 20th Feb	10 am - 2pm	<u>Interactive Play for Young People with SEND (8 - 14)</u> Play Interactive Session



FREE Lunch provided by Kerbside Cobs



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Transport for
West Midlands

Sprint Works A34 Birmingham Southbound Trinity Road Junction from Thursday 27 February 2025

Transport for West Midlands would like all your students and staff to be aware of the upcoming works at Trinity Road junction, off the A34 Southbound in Birmingham and encourage them to plan their journeys.

Please **share** the following information with students, staff and parents as soon as possible.

What is happening?

From Thursday **27 February**, works will take place at Trinity Road junction off the A34 Birchfield Road southbound.

As a result there will be no right turn into Heathfield Road.

To access Handsworth Wood from the north of Birmingham, please use the A4040 Wellington Road right turn from the One Stop roundabout.

Due to this right turn closure, there will be some changes to bus stops on Heathfield Road and Trinity Road.

NX 52 Bus towards Birmingham will be diverted continuing along A34 Birchfield Road, taking a U turn at Six Ways junction and returning along the A34 Birchfield Road to take a left into Heathfield Road.

These works are taking place as part of **A34 Sprint Phase II work**.

Sprint is a bus priority corridor linking Walsall with the centre of Birmingham, Solihull & Birmingham Airport - joining the A34 with the A45 to create one continuous bus route.

For detailed information please visit: www.tfwm.org.uk/sprint-works

Travel advice

- Plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- Be mindful of the bus stop changes and bus diversion. Allow more time for your bus journeys.

To plan your journey by bus use [JourneyPlanner](#)

- Follow the signed diversion route for the upcoming road closure

Disruption Alerts

Use this service to:

- Sign up to automatic email and text message disruption alerts.
- You'll get an alert every time there is a disruption to your bus, tram or train service.



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