



The Net

St. Gregory's Catholic High School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 23rd May -

Trip to Arthog

Friday 23rd May - End of the term

Monday 2nd June - Start of term

Thursday 5th June - Y9 Vaccinations

Thursday 5th June -

Standards Governors

Friday 6th June - Y7 Sports Hall Athletics

Friday 6th June - Bronze expedition DofE weekend

Monday 9th June - Y10 Edale trip

Thursday 12th June - Food Prep mock exam

Thursday 12th June - Naples meeting

Friday 18th July - End of term

STAFFING

Welcome to:

Mr Lucas - Assistant Headteacher

Mr Daniel - Assistant Headteacher

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This has been a short, busy and poignant half term.

We began the term with the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis, who has had a big impact on our school community and parishes. To celebrate his many achievements, and to reflect on his life and work, staff and pupils took the time in 'Celebration of the Word', form time and in lessons to show our gratitude and offer prayers for everything that Pope Francis worked so faithfully for.

It has been a big half term for our Y11 cohort, who have started their GCSE examinations. Each of them remain in our prayers as they begin this journey. Their dedication and hard work has been inspirational and I am sure that we will see this reflected on results day in August. To celebrate their hard work and the efforts of the St. Gregory's staff, we had a special 'mass for success' for them, which was led by Father John Schofield.

Our St. Gregory's team has grown this half term, with the addition of Mr Lucas and Mr Daniel who have both made a very positive impact to life in the SLT team and on our school. We have also welcomed back an ex-colleague in Mr Lancaster, who has been helping us considerably in our DT department.

There have been some fantastic extra curricular activities taking place in recent weeks; including a cultural trip to the French cafe in Warrington (Gourmand), an Oxbridge visit to Cronton College, participation in the Warrington inclusive sports day, 105 pupils going on the Duke of Edinburgh

weekend and we will end the term with a trip to Arthog. Our Y9 pupils have also participated in some work experience with Mini First Aid Warrington and Balfour Beatty.

We recently received confirmation that we will be adding some much needed additional classroom space in school and an extended car park. We will be sure to keep you informed as the project progresses.

Our charity campaigns continue to have a positive influence on our wider communities. The most recent campaign being fundraising for Down Syndrome and The Childrens Adventure Farm Trust via our staff Eurovision sweepstake and a non-uniform day.

The half term ended with the news that we have a new Pope in Pope Leo. This has been met with great joy and hope that Pope Leo can continue the work of Pope Francis, whilst also bringing his own leadership to a new chapter for the Catholic church in our 'Year of Jubilee' as we are called to be pilgrims of hope.

I can not finish my notes for the half term without acknowledging my pride for Liverpool FC becoming the new Premier League Champions

for the 20th time - well done to Arne Slot and his team!



Mr McGlinchey
Headteacher

LITERACY NEWS

Word of the Week	
Epitome	Collude
Mitigate	Malicious
Reconciliation	

Lexia Congratulations

A huge 'well done' to Parker and Zoey in Year 7 and Siri in Year 8 for completing every



part of the 'Word Study' strand on their Lexia literacy intervention program! You are one crucial step

closer to completing the program through your outstanding attitude to learning.

All three of these pupils have worked really hard so far this year, including using Lexia at home. Remember: for our intervention pupils to make the most progress possible with their reading, we encourage half an hour a week spent on Lexia at home or outside of school time.

Key Stage 3 Archdiocese Public Speaking Competition

Our Key Stage 3 public speakers have had another fantastic meeting this half-term.

During this session, we discussed what makes a great public speaker and had the opportunity to practise our skills in small and large groups. We also shared written versions of our speeches, offering encouragement and feedback. But the next stage is the all important one: deciding on our two winners to take through to the Archdiocese competition!

This will be judged by Miss Mannion, Ms. Chappel, Mrs. Harrigan and Dr. McCooey-Heap on Monday 9th June in the drama theatre. Best of luck!

Miss Mannion

LRC NEWS



Competition

We've had a focus on Graphic Novels and Manga this

half term with our main display and a competition. We asked for some bookmark designs for LRC users to colour in. We had lots of different designs with our favourite book themes such as 'Dog Man', 'Heartstopper' and 'Demon Slayer'. Thank you to all who joined in and well done to Evelyn Y9, Gabrielle Y7 and Kornel Y8 who won the competition. Our winning design have now been put in the LRC for pupils to pick up and use.



Displays

We have also had activities and displays in the LRC for Mental Health Awareness Week, VE Day celebrations and The Carnegie Awards.



Book Club



Book Club have finished reading the Cheshire Book Award books. Both book clubs have worked really hard to read through all the books and have enjoyed the process. We look forward to finding out who were the winners at our celebration event.

Mrs Andrews

E-BOOK PLATFORM

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How do I read them?

On a computer, laptop, or through the free App for tablets or smartphones.

To download the App Search "eplatform" in the App store and download.

Search for St. Gregory's Catholic High School library.

Click the 3 little lines in the top left corner and select sign in. Enter the username and password - username: Student email Password: password

Once downloaded the book can be read on all devices without the need for internet connection.

Any problems?

Please contact the LRC Manager Mrs Andrews

FICTION ADDICTION

'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief'



I would recommend 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief' to anyone who likes the Percy Jackson or Harry Potter books. It is a great book full of adventure, unicorns, high-paced action fights, quick steals and one villain. If you like the book and finish it, don't worry—there are a lot more Skandar books.

Written by Joseph Y7



FP & N

Here are just some of the amazing results from our Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils this half term.
Mrs Cross

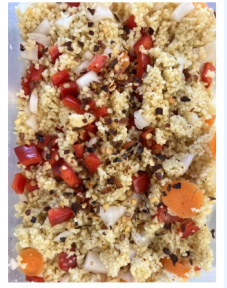
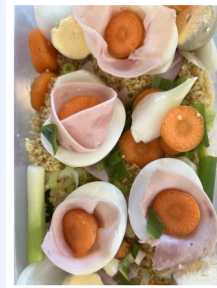
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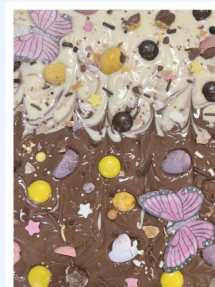
Y10 Trial Dishes



Y9 Couscous Salad



Easter Treats



Lemon Meringue Pie



CHAPLAINCY



This term, St. Gregory's pupils presented The Children's Adventure Farm Trust with the money raised from our recent non-uniform day. Thank you again to all those that donated and to CAFT for visiting to tell us about how our contribution

will help this fantastic charity. Find out more about 'the Children's Adventure Farm Trust' here - www.caft.co.uk

Volunteers Mass

We celebrated those pupils who spend their time volunteering in our community with a special mass. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who offer their own time to make this world a better place.

Mrs Whitlow



SVP

I met with our amazing SVP team who prepared a pitch for a 'St Gregory's talent' evening to raise essential funds for charity. I was blown away by their ideas and their dedication to others. We are blessed to have this wonderful group.



UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS

In April pupils in Y7 and Y8 took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. The challenge is a national competition aimed to stimulate mathematical problem solving. The department are pleased to announce the winners below! Congratulations to all pupils from the Maths Department!

Gold Winners:

BethanyY7, KerriY8

Silver Winners:

RaferY7, HarrisonY7, HollyY8, AndreiY8, RyanY8, DominicY8, NicoY8, NatanielY8, KrystelleY8, HarryY8, IslaY8, LucasY8, NoahY8, AnayaY8.

Bronze Winners

IlhanY7, EthanY7, EloiseY7, SulakshaY7, SpencerY7, HaithamY7, JakeY7,

MuhammadY7, Lyla-KayY7, RumaysaY7, AnujinY7, AgnesY7, CaydenY7, JaneY7, AminahY7, MarkusY7, NoahY7, JamieY7, ChristianoY7, Dina-SirineY7, KubaY7, KamilaY7, GeorgeY7, WeronikaY7, AmeliaY7, LucasY8, ChinechemY8, EdwardY8, LydiaY8, MaxY8, AadyaY8, ElliottY8, PeterY8, aulaY8, IndigoY8, MichaelY8, LiamY8, AstonY8, EleanorY8, OscarY8, NadiaY8, BareeraY8, JakeY8, EllenY8, AnnaY8, BertieY8, AnnaY8, ZofiaY8, IoanaY8, TroyY8

MEM Maths Challenge:

In February, Mathematical Education on Merseyside organised

their annual February Half Term Challenge. The Mathematics department would like to congratulate Elizabeth(Y8) and Kathy (Y10) who achieved certificates of Merit for their solutions. Both pupils were invited to the prize-giving event held at Liverpool University. Well done!

Mr Johnson



WOODEN BENCH - POEM BY A PUPIL

The wooden bench stays there as time passes,
Like sand grains slipping through hourglasses.
Whether if I sit down, stand up or lie,
It is inevitable; time will fly.

For all my efforts, my best I did try,
Hours flew past in a blink of an eye.
The life I live, I could never forsake,
Just wishing for time, an escape, a break.

I see a dog sprinting through the park,
It fetches it's owner a piece of bark.
A man's best friend; undeniably true,
As they grew older, they grew closer too.

Across the road, a lady and her son,
Enjoying their moment; having much fun.
With every step they take, their spirits soar,
Unconditional love; forevermore.

By the small pond is where an old man dwells,
Under the willow's shade, his history tells.
On a wooden bench; similar to mine,
He relaxes in nature's peaceful shrine.

Unwind, lay back, admire life's beauty,
Amidst the calm, I let myself be free.
Numerous sacred memories are made,
I shall cherish it all before I fade.

On a wooden bench, I sit and I gaze,
Wanderers traversing their daily haze.
Each face a story; each a unique quest,
But in this bustling realm, we all need a rest.

The wooden bench still stays there as time goes,
Whatever will time bring? Nobody knows.

Written by Ayah Y9.

CRONTON COLLEGE VISIT

The Y9 pupils that took part in the Oxbridge Event at Cronton College this term and had an amazing time sampling some of the courses that they have on offer.

Mr Poland



Y11 MASS

This term our Y11 pupils attended Mass, led by Fr John Schofield, to celebrate and reflect on their time at St. Gregory's. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck as they do their GCSE Examinations.



WORD SEARCH

A	M	A	D	A	V	R	C	V	C	N	Y	X	Z	S
T	N	S	O	L	A	R	F	L	A	R	E	B	U	S
D	C	A	D	E	T	N	W	Q	F	Z	I	N	Y	Q
O	D	W	D	G	M	N	E	J	C	B	A	B	K	C
G	A	L	A	E	U	W	P	N	S	R	Y	A	P	O
A	L	I	Q	S	M	K	Y	Q	U	M	H	R	K	M
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X	Q	K	W	U	M	D	M	D	H	P	A	E	I	I
I	F	S	Q	R	B	N	E	P	N	L	J	V	N	J
E	V	P	B	N	Q	P	L	U	S	A	J	L	K	H
S	X	Q	R	O	P	L	H	N	W	N	F	L	E	T
D	N	G	N	E	B	U	L	A	Z	E	E	E	O	R
A	C	C	D	J	W	T	K	I	L	T	U	X	A	A
Y	X	A	L	A	G	O	T	I	B	R	O	L	F	E

SUN
NEBULA
SATURN
URANUS
GALAXY

NEPTUNE
SOLARFLARE
ANDROMEDA
PLANET
COMET

PLUTO
EARTH
GALAXIES
ORBIT
MARS

WORK EXPERIENCE SESSIONS

A big thank you to Balfour Beatty and Mini First Aid Warrington for the engaging work experience sessions you presented for our Y9's.

Mr Poland



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GREGORY'S
WEBSITE
AND LISTEN
TO OUR
PODCAST



STREET LAMPS POEM BY A PUPIL

The road is slim and all the street lamps glow,
Each brightening up as I creep below.
It's shine growing dim as I leave it's light.
Street lamps behind me, swallowed by the night.

A path is what they each illuminate.
My legs at the mercy of cruel, cruel fate.
I cannot decide which way I should head,
For every single step is filled with dread.

Then, I come across a fork in the street,
I stand there, still, with indecisive feet.
I have not felt something like this before.
Not the same route, light or dingy grey floor.

This path feels different and it paved with gold.
There, stands a figure; hand open to hold.
The street lamps here feel so warm and so bright,
They radiate a calm, welcoming light.

Something holds me back; a cold, unknown grip,
I try to run but I stumble, I trip.
The comforting form; it now fades away.
I am left in a blur of black and grey.

Again, my worries pile up to the brim,
In washed-out colours, I am forced to swim.
Aching but hoping that there's something more,
A place that is beyond this dull, stone floor.

A place right past all the depressing dark,
A place where street lamps could hold joy, hold spark.
I hope the figure before will still stand,
Waiting, patiently, in gold-paved land.

Which way I should walk; I still do not know,
The road is still dim; the street lamps still glow.

Written by Ayah Y9.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Supporting your child with anxiety

It's perfectly natural for your child to be worried from time to time - it's something we all experience! In small doses, anxiety can be a good thing: helping your child to focus, get motivated and take action.

Prolonged periods or bouts of intense anxiety may have a negative impact, but there are lots of ways you can help them manage this anxiety and use routines to help keep them calm.

Things to remind *your child* about anxiety

- Anxiety has nothing to do with strength of character or courage.
- Anxiety is very common. On average 1 in 5 young people will struggle with anxiety.
- Anxiety is a feeling, not a personality.
- Anxiety is your brain doing exactly what it is meant to do. We need to feel anxious to motivate us into action. Anxiety is there to provide a warning for us that there might be a threat out there, to help us to respond appropriately. Whilst frightening and difficult at times, it is our normal response to perceived threat.

Possible symptoms of anxiety



Things to remind *yourself* about anxiety

- When our children are overwhelmed by anxiety, they will not be able to hear us until the thinking part of the brain is back online.
- Warm words and physical connections are needed to help calm the anxiety. We can help with this by prioritizing connection over correction. This should not be underestimated.
- Every time we choose to speak warmly and empathetically, we are supporting them in bringing their pre-frontal cortex back online, so they can engage more and think more clearly.
- Giving enough time to do this is so important for us to do first because only after that physical arousal has been settled, can we start to address what's difficult for our young people.

If you would like to find out more about supporting your child's mental health, practising mindfulness over the holidays, support regarding self-harm and learn more about the programmes on offer for the families of neurodivergent children, you can read our Health and Wellbeing Summer Newsletter on our [website](http://www.stgregoryshigh.com/news-events/newsletter-archives) - www.stgregoryshigh.com/news-events/newsletter-archives

THE DIGITAL THEATRE PLUS

We now have a subscription with Digital Theatre Plus (DT+) and pupils can log in via the link below or via the DT+ tile on RMuNify.

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Username: student@stgregoryshigh.com

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This site boasts a magnificent collection of live performances of a wide range of plays; acting tutorials; theatrical terms and techniques; poetry and support material and performances of set-texts on our English curriculum. It also spotlights different roles within the world of theatre in an accessible and engaging style. This resource has great potential to inform and inspire our pupils, and families are also very

welcome to explore its wealth of content.



BACK OF THE NET

Sports Ability Day



Five of our Y7 pupils attended Sports Ability Day at Orford Jubilee Hub this term. They participated in numerous sporting activities, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and resilience.

Y8 Rugby



Well done to our Y8 rugby team who enjoyed matches and a master class at Sir Thomas Boteler High School.

Football

Congratulations to our Y10 football team in beating Great

Sankey High School in the semi-final of the Warrington Cup. An outstanding performance by everyone!



Y7 Rugby



Excellent effort from our Y7 rugby league team who were narrowly beaten 28-24 in their north west counties plate fixture.

Mr Dean

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