



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 06 September**  
Start of Term

**Thursday 23 September**  
Open Evening

**Thursday 07 October**  
National Poetry Day

**Thursday 21 October**  
End of Term

**Friday 22 October**  
School Closed

**Monday 01 November**  
Staff Training Day

**Tuesday 02 November**  
Start of Term

## STAFFING

### Welcome in September to:

Mr Cilia	RE Teacher
Mr McMorine	Head of DT
Mr Parry	PE Teacher
Mr Sexton	History Teacher

### Farewell to:

Mr Farrington	DT Teacher
Miss McQuaid	RE Teacher
Mrs Rowe	Teaching Assistant

### We wish the following staff a long and happy retirement

Mrs Atherton	SEND Admin Assistant
Mr Bywater	DT Technician
Mr Finch	History Teacher

### St. Gregory's Photography Competition



All details on the school [website](#)  
Closing date: 31 August, 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



I would like to express my appreciation of the journey we have been on together for the past sixteen months. We know that the pandemic is not over and sadly, there may be further upheaval and difficulties to overcome in the future, but now feels like a good time to not only thank our community as a whole but to reflect on what we have achieved as we head into the summer break and a period of renewal

Thank you to the brilliant young people of St Gregory's, the students. This is your school and every adult connected to it is only here because of you, this is your education and this is the place where we want you to shine, grow academically but most importantly, to become wonderful young adults who go on to great lives and careers. Without you in school, we did not have a school; we were merely an empty shell. It is you that makes St Gregory's the special place it is and we are delighted you are here, inspiring us every day.

Thank you to our Y11s (Class of 2021) They don't just leave our school family

talented and intelligent, they leave as great people. I will miss them but I know they will go on to achieve great things.



Thank you to our parents and carers, you have become subject specialists whilst also juggling your day job, running your homes and dealing with the many anxieties that life and the pandemic has thrown at you. You have made sure your children attend school every day and are well prepared for learning. You have done an outstanding job .

We go now into the summer in the hope that we can enjoy the rest, recuperate and enter a new school year with optimism and hope for better times ahead, using all of the lessons learnt during the pandemic to make us more understanding of who we are when we face challenges.

Ed McGlinchey  
Head teacher

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## RETIREMENT OF MR FINCH



St. Gregory's will lose one of our inspirational and iconic teachers this summer. After more than 30 years at the school, Mr. Finch will be retiring.

He will be remembered as a committed, dedicated and passionate History teacher who has inspired thousands of pupils. Throughout his time at St. Gregory's, History has been an extremely popular subject and many of Mr. Finch's pupils have progressed into careers in History and Politics because of his teaching and how much they enjoyed his lessons. Personally, I have never met a bigger advocate for studying History than Mr. Finch and it has been an honour to work alongside him. He has also provided opportunities for studying History outside of the classroom, giving up his own time to organise and attend visits across Britain and Europe during his time here. He has put young people from the St. Gregory's community first

throughout his time here and it now gives me great pleasure to see him embark on a richly deserved retirement with his family and friends.

It goes without saying that Mrs. Tottle, Ms. Mathers and I will miss him greatly as will our colleagues in the Geography Department. However, what has struck me is the reaction of our whole school staff community. Teachers and support staff have said they can't imagine St. Gregory's without him and it will be very strange returning to school in September without him being here.

Personally, I will miss the post-match debriefs we have about Everton games every Monday morning and the jokes about his personal experiences in the Industrial Revolution! For Mrs. Tottle and I, who have worked with him for years now, Mr. Finch has been a mentor and someone to look up to. Enjoy your retirement Finchy!

Mr Egan

# SAFEGUARDING NEWS

As we come to the end of what has been an extremely challenging year, I would like to thank all parents, carers and grandparents who have supported our young people through this difficult period.

## Challenging Choices



Earlier this term a number of our pupils took part in a Challenging Choices workshop delivered by Altru Drama. The production, which introduced us to a young person who had become involved in County Lines and knife crime, was thought provoking. Pupils then took part in a workshop during which they had to consider the choices that the young person had made.



## National Online Safety



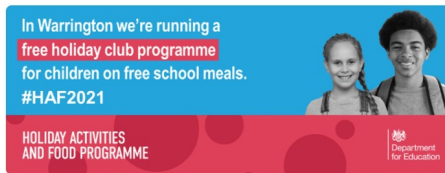
A platform that offers support, advice and guidance to teachers and parents with regards to how to keep our young people safe online.

There is a parental course that you may wish to complete in order to help you support your child in using the internet and social media safely. This should appear on your dashboard if you have already signed up.

If you have not done so already, please log on as a parent to access the course as well as the wealth of information that can be found on the app.

## Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

HAF is an exciting new scheme, funded by the Department for Education, giving children in England who are eligible for free school meals the opportunity to take part in fun, enriching, school holiday activities.



Places on the holiday schemes are available free of charge to children aged 5 to 16 who receive free school meals, but children and young people of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to attend. Each local programme will provide delicious, healthy meals, allow kids to get active, help them learn new things, make friends and have fun.

To find out more or book an event please follow the [link](#).

## Stay Safe in the Sun

Hopefully we will see the sun during the summer holidays and whilst we all enjoy the nicer weather, it is important that we 'stay safe in the sun':

- Wear sunscreen – at least factor 30 with a four star UVB rating
- Check for heat exhaustion – ensure that you move into the shade
- Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water

## Water Safety



As the temperature increases it is perfectly natural to want to cool off.

However, there are many dangers when it comes to swimming in unsuitable rivers, canals and quarries and this does not take into account the hazards of freezing cold water and currents. Teenagers especially are drawn in by peers and a keenness for risky behaviours. Please take time to speak to your child about the dangers of swimming in open water.

For more information on swimming in open water please go to the Canal & River Trust [website](#).

## Mental Health

The past year has had an impact on the mental health and wellbeing of many people. There are many charities and organisations that can help.

The [Samaritans](#) is a charitable



organisation that is there to listen to anyone who is struggling at any time of the day. In July they are running their 'Talk to Us' annual awareness campaign for 2021. Samaritans awareness day is 24th July, and their social media will be promoting awareness.



For other mental health and wellbeing support, please visit [Happy? Ok? Sad?](#).

This site includes details of services and resources for children and young people and links to additional local and national free downloadable resources.

**ChatHealth Warrington:** is a secure text messaging service for young people, parents and carers. The service provides information, advice and support on a range of health and wellbeing issues.

## Warrington Text Numbers Monday-Friday 9am -5pm

11-19 Young People's Service 07507 330101

5-19 Parents Service 07480 635994

Messages will be responded to within 24 hours. Outside these hours, service users will receive a 'bounce back' text message indicating that they will receive a response when the line re-opens.



**Kooth:** offers free online support and counselling to young people aged 11 –18 in Warrington.

**PAPYRUS:** is for young people



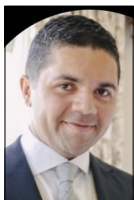
who are having thoughts of suicide and anyone who is worried about a

young person who may be at risk of suicide.

Take a look at the free [downloadable resources](#), including flyers and posters promoting the service, and leaflets on "Coping with Exams" and "Being Yourself During Change".

Mrs McKenna

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW



Congratulations to Myles Stacey, a former pupil, who is a special adviser to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and has been awarded an OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order

of the British Empire, an OBE is the second highest ranking Order of the British Empire award) "for voluntary and charitable services to the Black community during the Covid-19 response".

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## 100% ATTENDANCE



Well done to Nate O'Connor (11Plessington) and James Jones (11Julian) who have both achieved five years with 100% attendance!



Miss Sanderson (Y11 PPM)

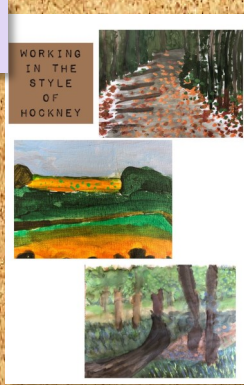


# ART NEWS

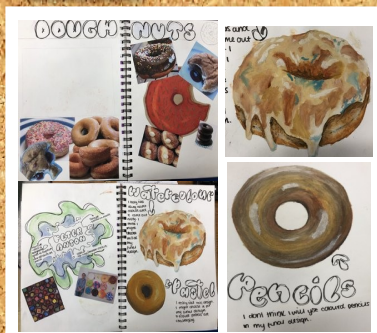
Y7



Y8



Y9



The department are extremely pleased with the high quality work that has been achieved by our pupils this term.

## Year 7

Pupils have constructed 3D bugs using resist techniques.

## Year 8

Pupils have done a fantastic job with their David Hockney inspired landscapes.

## Year 9

Year 9 have also been exploring other ways they can make surface texture!

It's all about creating texture using different paper pulp techniques, once dry these can be used to create different topping effects on their doughnuts! These look good enough to eat!

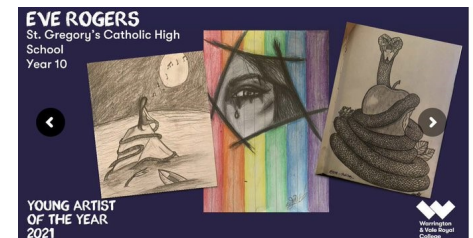
## Royal Mail 'Heroes' Stamp Art Competition

All our entries have been posted. Fingers crossed one of our pupils' designs will be made into a stamp! Results will be released in October.



## Young Artist of the Year 2021

Congratulations to Eve Rogers (10Winefride) who came runner up in the competition run by Warrington and Vale Royal College.



## MATHEMATICS NEWS



In April pupils in Y7 and Y8 took part in the UKMT Mathematics Challenge. The challenge is a national competition aimed at stimulating mathematical problem solving. The following pupils won Gold Silver and Bronze Awards.

**Gold:** Tobias McWilliams (8More)

**Silver:** Sophia Clark (7Plessington); Charlie Heavey (7Teresa); Francesca Milsom (8Kolbe); and Fia Shibu (7Plessington)

**Bronze:** Niamh Angel-Webb (7Fisher); Michalina Brudzynska (8Winefride); Tom Deepak (8Winefride); Filip Dudzik (8Kolbe); Francesca Hindle (8Fisher); Aneetta Joseph (7Plessington); Coco Knight (8Julian); Oliwier Kowalczyk (7Teresa); Ellie Loi (7More); Charlie Mather (8Winefride); Annabel McKenzie-Ross (8Julian); Dale Mirabel (7Winefride); Krystal Morris (8Julian); Kevin

Mrowinski (7Plessington); Ryan Robin (8Kolbe); Matthew Rogers (8Kolbe); Izabela Rozek (7Plessington); Joe Shannon (7Julian); Daniella Sutton (7Kolbe); Maria Tokarska (8Plessington); Elaine Varghese (7Winefride); Louis Vesga (7Plessington); and Alex Welsby (8Winefride).

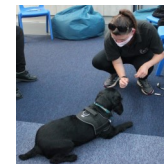
A special mention goes to Tobias McWilliams who was invited by the UKMT to take part in the Junior Kangaroo Challenge. He was one of the top-scoring 25% of participants, and was awarded a certificate of merit!

Congratulations to all pupils from the Maths Department!

P. Johnson



## DOG THERAPY



This term we have welcomed Lottie the Therapy Dog into school to work with pupils to help develop social skills and

communication and help give them a positive frame of mind. In some cases it enabled pupils to engage in intervention who would not normally do so. Feedback from parents has been very supportive.





## LITERACY NEWS

### Word of the Week

This term they were:

Superfluous	Ambiguous
Tortuous	Chronological
Vulnerable	Miasma
Motivation	

Thank you to all those pupils who have sent in sentences using the featured words.

### Accelerated Reader



We had our first five million word millionaire this term. Congratulations to Natasha Tindall (7Fisher)

### AR Millionaire Club

Michael Eriobuna	7Julian
Cealan Graham	7Fisher
Lily Green	7Campion
Finn Hamill	7Fisher
Olivia Jacobs	7Campion
Jenith Jayaseelan	7More
Jack Johnson	7Winefride
Muhammad Khan	7Campion
Archie Stevenson	7Winefride
Natasha Tindall	7Fisher
Harry Wallace	7More
Melissa Woods	7Fisher

### Passport to Literacy

Congratulations to all our Y7 and Y8 pupils who have completed their passports, while in the middle of a pandemic! Many pupils exceeded their targets. Well done!



### Ebook Platform

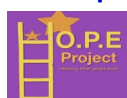
Remember to check out our Ebook Platform. If you have not already downloaded the App, click [here](#) or login to RM Unify and from the launchpad click on the Ebook platform tile.

The library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles and will offer your children 24/7 access to a digital library. Pupils can have two books out at any one time. Sign in and get reading!

Mrs Mason and Mrs Huckerby

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

### The Hope Project



This term three pupils got the opportunity to take part in the Hope Project run by our Youth Engagement Officer PC, Mel Marshcroft at the Halliwell Jones Stadium. The Hope Project looks to support the towns homeless. The pupils created a piece of art to signify hope. Thank you to Tesco Extra, Winwick Road for kindly donated paint for the project.

An official opening of the new artwork will take place in the Autumn.

### Eucharistic Service



It has been lovely to start up the Eucharistic Service again this year. We will be resuming this first week back on Friday 10th September at 3:10pm.

### Confirmation

We now have over 100 of our Y8 and Y9 pupils registered for confirmation in the Autumn term. Pupils have been learning all about what it means to be confirmed in their RE lesson and are looking forward to making their confirmation later this year.

Mrs Whitlow



## LRC NEWS

This term the temperature has been hot and the numbers coming into the LRC have been rising along with the temperature.

### Loyalty Card Reading Challenge



Rafael Khan (7Teresa) won the draw from the completed Loyalty cards.

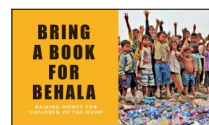
### Euro Sweep

Kye Pomfrett (7Campion)  
Ben Quinn (8Plessington)

Congratulations!

Mrs Mason and Mrs Huckerby

## FUNDRAISING



Miss Pilkington's Y8 English class have been reading 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan and have

been inspired to raise money for children who are forced to live and work on dumpsites due to extreme poverty. They asked pupils in Y7 and Y8 to donate books for a book sale. The group raised £137 which will be donated to 'Children of the Dump' a charity who aim to end the cycle of poverty through giving children free education and somewhere to live. Well Done!



## GCSEPod



Using GCSEPod to Revise

It has been a pleasure to introduce Y8 to GCSEPod over the last couple of weeks during form time. I look forward to awarding prizes next year to our new group of users. The current Y9 and Y10 pupils will be up against a motivated year group competing to watch the most pods in **Pods Win Prizes** and achieve the most diamonds by answering questions on Check and Challenge in **Diamonds are Forever!**

Over the last academic year nearly 12,000 pods were watched, and 19,000 diamonds achieved.

Congratulations to Shimroon Yousaf (9Fisher) who watched the most pods, and Olivia Burns (9Winefride) who collected the most diamonds.

Enjoy your summer holidays and do not forget that you can make a summer playlist of your favourite pods to enjoy at the beach! Mr. Jones

## SAFEGUARDING

DSL  
Mrs McKenna ( Deputy Head Teacher)

Safeguarding Governor  
Mr Roger Harrison.

Safeguarding Advice: 01925 444140

Cheshire Constabulary :101

Social Work Teams: 01925 446257

Out of Hours: 01925 443322

ChildLine: 0800 1111