



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Please Note**  
All events are subject to change  
in response to government  
actions

**Monday 26th October**

Start of Term

**Friday 6th November**

National Stress Awareness Day

**Wednesday 11th November**

Remembrance Day

**Thursday 12th November**

Remembrance Mass 7pm St Albans

**Thursday 19th November**

Y11 Mock Results Day  
Y11 Leavers (2019/20) Presentation Service

**Friday 27th November**

Y11 Mock Music Performance Exam

**Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec**

Y9 Examinations Week

**December - Random Acts of Kindness Month**

**Mon 14th - Fri 18th December**

Well Being Week

**Tuesday 15th December**

Carol Service

**Wednesday 16th December**

Family SEAL

**Friday 18th December**

End of Term

**Tuesday 5th January**

Staff Training Day School Closed

**Wednesday 6th January**

Start of Term



I want to thank all our pupils for the mature and adaptable way in which they have approached the many changes that have been made in school to ensure that we are all safe. It is clear to me that the vast majority of families have taken on board everything that is required to successfully and safely navigate what is and will continue to be, a turbulent time for our country and school community.

Every year we are proud to celebrate strong examination performances because of the hard work of pupils and staff. Despite the restrictions, 2020 has been another successful year with improved performance on last year's results, including some outstanding individual stories. Results Day was still buzzing with anticipation even with social distancing rules (photos p2) and all our Year 11 pupils have now gone on to further study at college or taken up apprenticeships.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 pupils who have settled in superbly and fully

embraced the culture and ethos of St. Gregory's, particularly given the turbulence they experienced at the end of Year 6 and the unusual start to this particular academic year. We look forward to the day when Year 7 can experience our *true* school.

Open Evening this year has taken place virtually with a new video of the school that is available for viewing on the school website. Prospectus packs have been sent to our partner primaries and are also available on the school website and we have provided bespoke individual family tours of our school at the end of the school day, which have been extremely popular. We look forward to welcoming new pupils in the future to our St. Gregory's community.

Finally, I would like to wish you all good health, with the hope that our community will be as unaffected by the pandemic as much as possible, so that our pupils can continue to enjoy the high-quality education we offer at St. Gregory's.

Mr McGlinchey

## SAFEGUARDING NEWS

During our recent lockdown, many of us will have been thankful for technology which has allowed us to stay in touch with friends and loved ones, attend Mass virtually, access learning, carry on working and generally provide some sense of normality. However, as we are all too aware, with the use of technology comes increased risk including cyberbullying, scams and illegal activity. In order to protect our pupils I thought it may be helpful to share with you some websites that offer a wealth of advice and tools to help us to stay safe online.

1. [Safer Internet](#) has tips, advice, guides and resources for parents and carers. It also has a section for young people where they can watch video clips and complete quizzes and games to help them remain safe online.

themselves to help support their peers to stay safe online.

2. [NSPCC](#) - keeping children safe



online has a variety of sections for you to read including 'talking to your child about online safety'; 'parental controls' and advice on how to make internet connected devices and toys safe for your child.

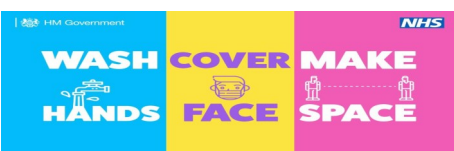
3. [Internet Matters-Reporting](#) has direct



links for you to report harmful content as well as links to key online safety issues.

I hope that you will find these links useful and feel empowered to talk to your child about how they can keep themselves safe online.

Mrs C McKenna  
Deputy Headteacher



Their [blog](#) has clips that have been created by young people

## GCSE POD

### PREPARE FOR TAKE OFF

An exciting new e-learning platform to help with your GCSEs



gcsepod  
education on demand



Coming soon to a screen near you  
www.GCSEPod.com

During these unprecedented times GCSEPod has allowed pupils to carry on with their learning throughout lockdown with nearly 20,000 visits.

GCSEPod still has all the great features of the past, such as creating playlists which you can download and watch offline.

An exciting new feature 'Check and Challenge' allows you to instantly spot gaps in your knowledge then watch a pod to plug the gap. To access this feature, look out for the 'Check and Challenge' symbol on GCSEPod.

Some facts and figures for week beginning October 5th:

Total views: 72121

Streams for week: 425

Top three users:

Edward Price (11 Winefride)

Grace Wilson (10 Winefride)

Betty O'Boyle (10 Winefride)



Congratulations to Science, the highest using department this week!

Mr Jones

## STAFFING

### Welcome to St Gregory's

Mrs Bland	Finance Officer
Miss Crawley	RE Teacher
Mrs Harrigan	English Teacher
Mr Hill	Assistant Head Teacher
Dr McCooey-Heap	English Teacher
Mrs McKenna	Deputy Head Teacher
Miss McQuaid	RE Teacher
Ms Mathers	History Teacher
Mr Micallef	MIS and Data Analysis Leader
Miss Smith	Music Subject Leader
Mrs Whitlow	Chaplain

## DRAMA NEWS

### Year 10 GCSE Drama – An Evening at the Theatre!



During these challenging times, theatres around the country have had to shut their doors. This is having a devastating impact on the lives of so many theatre makers and musicians across the globe. You can imagine how lucky we felt, therefore, on the evening of 22nd September when Y10 Drama pupils were treated to a rare event of watching a piece of live theatre from the comfort of our new tiered seating in school.

The theatre company 'Wise Children', created their own Covid-19 safe bubble to rehearse and perform 'Romantics

Anonymous' - a musical by Michael Kooman, lyrics by Christopher Dimond and book by Emma Rice. They then live streamed their performance across the UK.

The story follows Angelique, a gifted chocolate maker inhibited by social anxiety, who takes a job in Jean-Rene's struggling chocolate factory where a fragile love affair unfolds. There were funny, tender and painfully awkward moments throughout the play but true love wins in the end and it tells a story about breaking the mould and finding the courage to be happy.

We hope to continue to host events like this for small groups of pupils from the same year group and will be looking at suitable productions that have been pre-recorded to watch together to enjoy and learn from.

Ms Chappel/ Miss O'Connor



## CAREERS NEWS



School offers a range of information, advice and guidance to all pupils.

Our Careers Advisor, Stacey Lowe, is situated in the St Francis of Assisi room every Friday. If you would like a careers appointment (open to all years) please tell your form tutor or email me on [jmclenaghan@stgregoryshigh.com](mailto:jmclenaghan@stgregoryshigh.com)

Check out our careers [webpage](#)

which contains a wealth of information including information on college virtual open evenings.

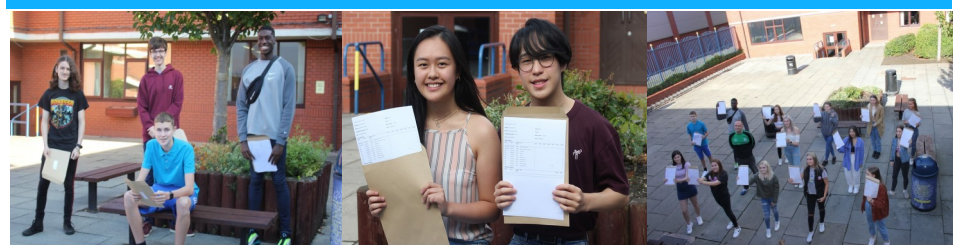
Next term the colleges will be conducting virtual Teams sessions with Y11 during Personal Development lessons on the following Tuesdays:

3rd November - Cronton and Riverside  
17th November - Warrington Royal and Vale

1st December - Carmel College  
15th December - Priestley College

Mrs McLenaghan Careers Leader

## GCSE RESULTS DAY 2020



**Accelerated Reader®**

All our Y7 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part in the Accelerated Reader Scheme at St Gregory's which aims to create a reading for pleasure culture through the fostering of healthy competition and regular reading.

Two of our Y7 pupils Daniella Sutton (7Kolbe) and George Wild (7Campion) have already read over 400,000 words! We can't wait to report our first Word Millionaire. - what an amazing achievement!

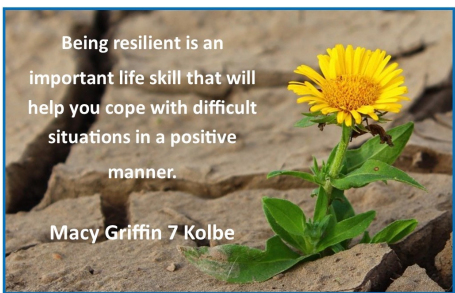
Mrs Mason/Mrs Huckerby



**Word of the Week**

This term we have launched our Word of the Week, focusing on words that are misspelt or pupils do not understand. Their challenge is to use the chosen word in a sentence and email to their teacher or staff in the LRC to receive reward points and a chance to be featured on Twitter.

Below is our first entrant this term: Congratulations!

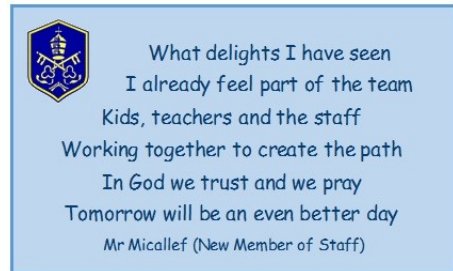


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BRUNCH 1</b>	YEAR 10	YEAR 8	YEAR 8	YEAR 7	YEAR 7
<b>BRUNCH 2</b>	YEAR 11	YEAR 11	YEAR 9	YEAR 9	YEAR 9

**National Poetry Day  
October 1st, 2020**

In a very different setting we celebrated National Poetry Day on October 1st.

Pupils who visited the LRC listened to poets reading their poetry throughout the week and we set a challenge for pupils to write a poem and send it in or record themselves reading their poem or any poem and send it in to tweet on the day. We had some wonderful poems and readings from pupils and staff. Check out our [Twitter](#) feed to have a look! Thank you to everyone who took part.



The Science Department also took up the challenge launching a poetry competition for Y7 and Y8. Their task was to write a poem about any of the following: forces, the human body, the periodic table or science investigations.

The winners were Sienna Boardman (7 More) and Toby McWilliams (8 More) who will both receive an Amazon gift voucher.

All the poems are available to read on the [school website](#).

Congratulations. Miss Cannell (Science) and Mrs Mason/Mrs Huckerby (LRC)



**Virtual Book Club**

Do you love books? This group is for you! Join by [Email](#). Go to the Virtual Book club page on the school website and choose one of the featured books. Read it and fill in the review or rating form and return by email. All pupils will be eligible for 5 reward points on their LRC Loyalty Card any parents who would like to take part will also receive a reward.

Look forward to reading your reviews!

**Book Aid for Africa**

Over the summer the Maths Department kindly donated approximately 100 old text books to [Book Aid for Africa](#) whose mission is to provide good quality books and other educational resources to educational institutions and Communities in Africa and the North East of England.

Miss Organ



**NUMERACY CHALLENGE**

Test your 'little brain cells'! Can you solve the puzzle? Answer on p4.

<b>A</b>	+	<b>B</b>	=	<b>11</b>
<b>C</b>	+	<b>D</b>	=	<b>1</b>
<b>=10</b>		<b>=7</b>		

**Meet our new Chaplain**



Hi, I'm Suzie Whitlow and I am the new chaplain at St Gregory's. I started the role in September and I'm really enjoying it so far! All of the pupils and staff have been so welcoming and made me feel right at home.

A few things you might like to know about me are: I love all things Disney and you'll often see me with something Disney themed! I love to sing and I have a gorgeous little daughter called Emilia who is 9 months old.

The important thing to remember about my role is that if you have any worries or concerns you can come and talk things through with

me in the chapel which you'll find just behind the arts theatre.

Suzie Whitlow



# EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## Mental Health Awareness Day Saturday October 10th, 2020



Usually we have events in school to highlight the importance of our mental health, especially in these challenging times but we did not ignore the day. Pupils were shown a PowerPoint (available on the [website](#)) in form time challenging them to do Random Acts of Kindness to make a positive impact on someone's mental health.

## Restart a Heart Day Friday October 16th, 2020

Another wonderful initiative that is very popular every year is 'Restart a Heart' Day, organised by the Resuscitation Council UK along with the British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, St John Ambulance, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and

Saving Lives for Scotland. They work together to help raise awareness of cardiac arrest and help people to learn CPR, giving them life saving skills and the confidence to use them. In 2019, an amazing 291,000 were trained.

The group training has been cancelled but the PowerPoint (available on the [website](#)) will be shown in form time.



## School Nurse

Mrs Jaber is still available to meet with pupils on a Tuesday during brunch. Appointments are needed at the moment so please contact Mrs McSorley should you need one.



## COVID CHECKLIST What to do if displaying symptoms at home



- Ring school on absence line 01925 574888 (Option 1)
- [Book a test](#) or via 119
- Notify school of test date
- Follow the rule to self-isolate with others members of your household
- Immediately notify school when results are known
- If you test negative for coronavirus, return to school if fit to do so
- If you test positive for coronavirus, you must share information promptly about your recent contacts through the NHS Test and Trace service
- School will contact Public Health and follow their guidance.

**You must follow the rules to self isolate if instructed to do so by NHS Test and Trace**



# BACK OF THE NET

## Rugby



This half-term pupils in PE lessons have had the opportunity to work with the Warrington Wolves. Classes in Y7-9 have worked on developing their technical skills in addition to improving their tactical knowledge and game performances. Pupils experienced in Rugby League and those who are new to the game, have had access to professional coaching from the Warrington Wolves staff engaging in lessons that are challenging, enjoyable and fun. Our

newly formed partnership with the Warrington Wolves will continue after the half-term break in which even more of our pupils, both male and female, will gain access to first class coaching.

## Our Pupil's Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Lily O'Brien (8 Winefride) who has been selected for Lancashire County Cricket Club Trials!



Lily was inspired to take up the game after being taken to watch England play at Edgbaston in 2019. She now plays for Widnes Girls Cricket Club.

Izzy Gibbins (9 Julian) has also been gathering medals in her chosen sport of Angling, recently coming 5th out of 59 Junior Anglers (11-16) in the Canal River Trust National Junior Championships in Staffordshire, and fourth in her most recent tournament run by the Moat House Angling Academy.

Her love of angling began three years ago when her dad took her fishing.

She is also going to be featured in The Canal River Trust blog!

Mr Dean

## Numeracy Challenge

The answers are A= 6.5, B = 4.5, C = 3.5, D = 2.5



# SAFEGUARDING

Links to important safeguarding information can be found on the [safeguarding page](#) of the school website

DSL is Mrs McKenna (Deputy Headteacher)

Safeguarding Governor is Mr. Roger Harrison.

Warrington Duty and Assessment Team: 01925 443400  
(Working Hours)/01925 444400 (Out of Hours)

Cheshire Constabulary :101  
[ChildLine](#): 0800 1111

**Remember: All pupils must be in school by 8.40 a.m. at the latest**