



BRS Newsletter

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November 2022

Headteacher's Introduction



I would like to start this newsletter by extending a very warm invitation to everyone connected with our school community to join us for the

school's Carol Service on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm.

As we get closer to the Christmas holidays I would like to remind families that Friday 16 December is our final day of term. School will close at 12:50pm on this day. We then look forward to welcoming students back to our school community on Wednesday 4th January.

Staff farewells

Very shortly we will be saying goodbye to two valued colleagues—Ms Whiteford (Curriculum Leader for MFL) who is relocating to be closer to her family and Mr Lenaghan (Teaching Assistant) who will shortly be retiring. A special mention must go to these colleagues who have served the school so well. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We are recruiting members to our Local Governing Body (LGB)

The LGB is the 'eyes and ears' of the Trust Board, monitoring how our school is progressing, while remembering that the headteacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school. Contributions as a parent governor are strategic, also having responsibility for and a duty to the Bishop of Nottingham to ensure that the Catholic character of the school is preserved and developed.

No special qualifications are needed; the most

Upcoming Events

08.12.22	Parental Workshop in school
13.12.22	Rewards Trips
15.12.22	Christmas Carol Service
16.12.22	End of Term—school closes 12:50
03.01.23	INSET day
04.01.23	All pupils return back to school
30.01.23	Start of Year 11 Mock exams
16.02.23	Year 9 Parents' Evening

important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active part in the LGB's work. Training is available for all governors, and our LGB has an expectation that those new to school governance attend induction training, as well as other available training as applicable.

If you would like to stand for election, please contact us at office@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Family Support Fund

We understand that many families may be facing financial pressures at the moment. If you would like to discuss anything money related which could include trips, meals, school uniform or access to computers, please email the school, confidentially, office@brs.srscmat.co.uk where we will try our best to support families through these difficult times. A reminder that we do have some pre-loved uniform items available and the Family Support Fund can be accessed via the following link [Family Support Fund - Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy - Burton upon Trent \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/family-support-fund)



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Parental Support

On our website we have a dedicated Parental Support section with links and information to the following:

- Free School Meals application & information.
- Educational Support Fund Policy.
- information about local Food Banks.

This link will take you straight to the page:

<https://www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk/parents/parental-support/>

Message from Mrs Rowe

A huge thank you to all of our families for their support in encouraging higher attendance since September.



I am really pleased to announce we have achieved the government expected percentage of attendance so far, plus our persistent absence figures are well below that of other schools in the country. Please do keep encouraging your child(ren) to come to school every day on time. If they have a routine medical appointment, they can be collected from school for this or brought in after the appointment which will maximise their learning opportunities and get them in good habits for adult life.

If you have any questions regarding school attendance, please contact me on 01283 749450 or at: attendance@brs.srscmat.co.uk

BRS Christmas Carol Concert

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Thursday 15th December - 7pm
Tickets £2 - by ParentPay or
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Parental Workshop

8th December 6pm—7pm in school

The focus for this parental workshop will be a talk on anxiety from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and we will also be discussing wellbeing and healthy relationships in school.



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Messages from our Year Leaders



Message from Head of Year 7

Year 7 we are nearly at my favourite time of year Christmas!

I cannot believe that you have nearly finished your first term here at Robert Sutton. You have all achieved so much this term, and its lovely to see you all so settled and making new friends and trying new activities within school. I am also so proud to see so many of you getting your Bronze and even Silver achievement badges, and I'm sure we will have someone who will achieve Gold soon too ! The next few weeks are going to be very busy—we have our trip to the panto, school carol concert, and finally achievement assemblies. So, as we approach the last few weeks of this term, remember to wrap up warm, bring a coat, a hat and gloves to school.

Message from Head of Year 8

It has been a very busy term academically for Year 8! I hope you all got a chance to see their creative designs and marvellous cooking on social media. Amazing!



They have also been heavily involved in lunch time and after school clubs with some even involved in helping Key stage 4 with their PE competitions outside school. They are such a credit to us. They are looking forward to the end of term and end of term activities as a lot are involved in the Christmas concert in the last week.

Well done as always, Year 8!



Message from Head of Year 9

Congratulations to the following students who have received 30 or more achievement points already and we are only in November!

Harriet W	George E
Gabriella B	Lilly C
Harley N	Paige T
Josh B	Beth J
Harry W	Simon K
Anna J	Riley W
Ruby C	Evangelene P
Alexis B	Matthew S
Jack R	Harley S
Bella Y	

I would also like to say a special thank you to some students who are always kind. They really do make the year group and the school a lovely place by their actions and wonderful attitude. What fantastic role models and a credit to their families: Harriet W, Gabriella B, Josh B and Jack R.

Many of our students are wonderful and have these fantastic qualities, so we will see more names in this category next month.

Message from Head of Year 10

Christmas is fast approaching! Year 10 have been working hard this term, focusing on their attitudes in lessons and outside during breaktime and lunchtime. It has been a pleasure to see students working hard during their different subjects and the focus they are already showing in their GCSE years.



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Next month we have lots to look forward to such as the Rewards trip to Derby and the achievement assembly at the end of term, where we get to celebrate everyone's success.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the improvement in attendance in Year 10. It is so important that students are consistently in school and making the most of their education.

As always, any issues or items that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Message from Head of Year 11



Year 11 have recently completed their mocks in Maths and English and I couldn't be prouder of them. Their behaviour and attitude towards these mock exams has been impeccable and the students have been a real credit to our school.

The Year 11 prom committee are continuing to raise money for both their prom and leavers assembly. They are currently organising a Christmas disco for Year 7 and Year 8 after the success of their October disco. Additionally, they are organising a Secret Candy Cane delivery service during December and are providing refreshments for the Christmas Carol Concert. These students continue to develop their leadership and independence skills, whilst organising these events.

A number of Year 11 students have engaged with the school's mentoring programme and have started to mentor and support some of our younger students, which has been lovely to see.

For the remainder of the half term, Year 11 need to maintain their high standards and have a lot to look forward to, including the Santa Dash, rewards trip to Nottingham Winter Wonderland and their achievement assembly.

Remembrance



During Remembrance week students put on a performance depicting some of the trials & horrors experienced by our soldiers & those left behind in WW1. There were lots of visitors, many tears & amazing compliments!!

Every Year 7 student created a paper poppy in their Art lesson, and the Thursday afterschool Art club put them all together to create a poppy cross that was displayed during their 2 minutes silence.



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Remembrance (continued)



In Art lessons Year 7 students have been exploring the 2014 installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*, displayed at the Tower of London to commemorate the centenary of WWI. Artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper created 888,246 ceramic poppies, each poppy to represent British or colonial fatality during the war. Each Year 7 student created their own clay poppy, which was then displayed at Stanton Manor Care Home for residents and visitors. Not only a beautiful display of their hard work, but also a powerful visual commemoration.

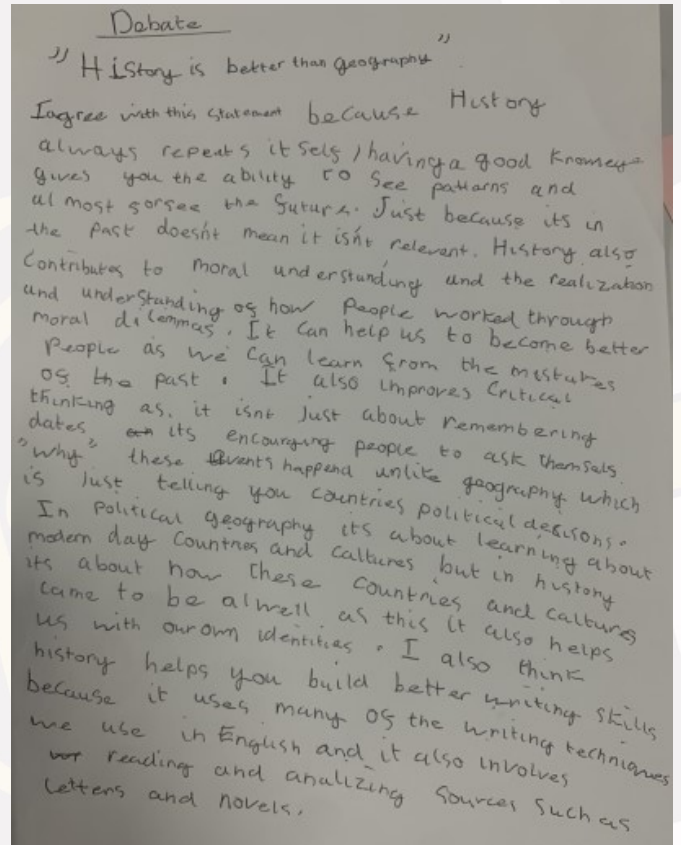
CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you for the amazing donations for the CAFOD Family Fast Day.



Debate Club (Miss Gibson)

Please see below the incredible efforts that the Debate Club recently produced:



Georgie M and Gabriella B (Year 9) created a speech for debate "History is better than Geography" and I was so impressed with the content of their speeches and their confidence in their delivery!

Careers (Mrs McAulay)

If there are any parents/carers that have interesting jobs and would be willing to come into school to speak to our students,



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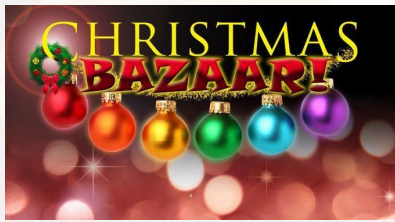
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St Mary & St Modwen Christmas Bazaar



On 8th October, Keari in Year 7 abseiled down Derby Cathedral and had, at that time, raised £590 towards Rainbow's Children's Hospice in Loughborough. Keari is already planning what she can do next year!!!

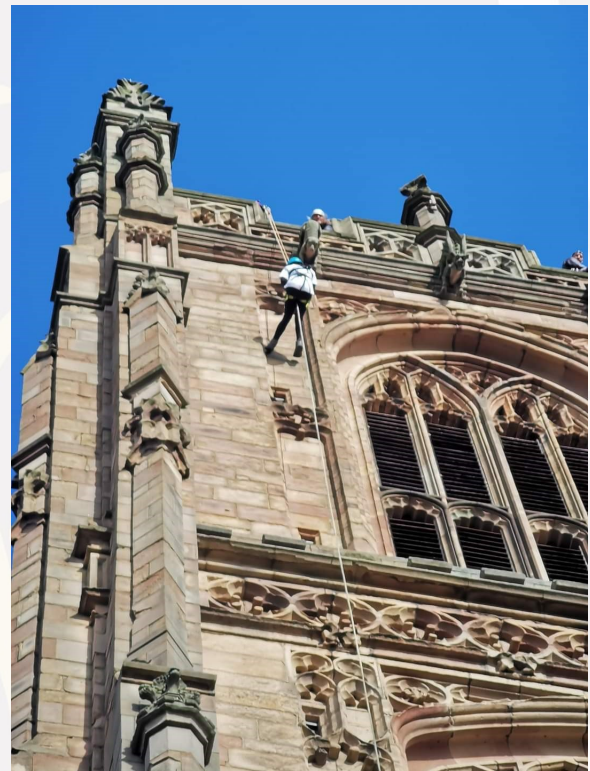
Saturday 3rd December, 12 noon

As well as lots of other exciting things there will be:

- Homemade Curry
- Raffle first prize of £500.00 and many more prizes
- Bottle stall with lots of alcohol - £1.00 a ticket
- Jewellery stall with lots of sterling silver and vintage Jewellery
- Bric a brac stall
- Tea, Coffee Sandwiches and Cakes
- Santa will be there!

Celebrating two of our fabulous students

Naomi in Y8 was a finalist at the weekend for NATD Theatrical Scholarships. She was a finalist in 2 categories - Ballet and Contemporary. Naomi was awarded with Runner Up in Contemporary out of 21 other dancers. Well Done Naomi!!



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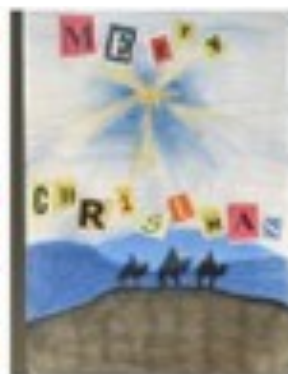


Wishing you Peace and Joy at Christmas

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A small selection of the wonderful Christmas card design entries created by BRS pupils