



BRS Newsletter

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May 2023



Upcoming Events

14.06.23	Study Leave for Year 11 starts
29.06.23	Year 10 Parents' Evening
30.06.23	INSET day—school closed to all pupils
11.07.23	SEN consultation evening
20.07.23	Summer Variety Show
21.07.23	Sports Day
25.07.23	End of Term

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

TES Awards

BRS could be named the best in the UK after being shortlisted for a national award. Our lovely school has made it to the finals of the Tes Schools Awards 2023, in the Secondary School of the Year category. Now in its 15th year, the Tes Schools Awards recognise the best teachers and schools from UK state and independents, including early years settings, primary and secondary.

BRS recently became one of only three in the country to move from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Outstanding' under the new Ofsted framework. Inspectors said that pupils are extremely proud to be part of this "highly ambitious school" and that leaders have the highest expectations for pupils, who receive a "high quality" education.

The 'Sutton Way' was highlighted in the report, which focuses on academic excellence, spiritual development and social excellence and permeates throughout the school.

The winners of the Tes Schools Awards will be announced on Friday, June 23...keep your fingers crossed for us!

GCSE examinations

May has seen the start of the GCSE Examinations - , our

Year 11 students are working incredibly hard to ensure that they are fully prepared. It is important that the students continue to make use of the support that is on offer both academically and pastorally in the lead up to the exam season. We recognise that this can be a pressured time and so our staff are committed to making sure that every student is especially supported within this time. If families have any queries linked to the examination period then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year team who will be happy to help.



A reminder that all revision resources can be downloaded from our website—[Examinations - Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy - Burton upon Trent \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.blessedrobertsutton.co.uk/examinations)

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Messages from our Year Leaders

Message from Head of Y7—Miss Meredith



Year 7, we are nearly at the end of your first year here at Blessed Robert Sutton. This half term you have had your first experience of exams in the hall, and I have to say you all lined up and entered the exams so maturely, well done.

The current standings for best form award are:

- 7.1 650 Achievement points
- 7.2 704 Achievement points
- 7.3 727 Achievement points
- 7.4 680 Achievement points

Therefore 7.3 are currently in the lead. However, there are still a few weeks left to change your Form's position. Remember to gain those achievement points to win the 'Form of the term' at the end of term achievement assembly.

We have a very busy schedule next half term. You will have the opportunity to take part in sports day, which is another chance for you to compete against your peers. Therefore, start thinking about the banners you want to make and how you could take part in sports day. You will also be planning Year 7 charity week on the 3rd of July; this is an opportunity for you and your Form to plan and raise money for a charity. I would like you over half term to start thinking about what activity you would like to run, then discuss this with your form tutor when we get back after the holidays.

Finally, have a lovely break and be sure to come back refreshed and ready for the last half term of the academic year. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch with Year Leader—Miss Meredith
(kmeredith@brs.srscmat.co.uk)



Message from Head of Y8 - Miss Harkin

I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone so far. Thank you to all the students and parents who have supported us in ensuring that the first half of this final term have been successful. We ask that all our students look smart in their uniform and have all the equipment they

need ready for each day ahead. This includes two pens, a pencil, calculator, reading book, ruler and any PE kit they may need. We are pleased to say that the vast majority of our year group are now sorted with this and have these routines well embedded already. If you have any questions or concerns about this and would like further support, please do get in touch with us. Year 8 is all about 'opportunities' and so what better time than now when we embark on our final term of year 8 to reflect on all those that year 8 have had access to this year and think ahead to the upcoming events we have. Letters will be sent home with your child shortly about our up and coming rewards trip.

With a new summer term, the clubs and activities rota has changed as part of the Sutton Experience. We encourage your child to look at this list regularly (a copy can be found on the school website) in order to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities our students are lucky enough to have access to.

All-in-all, we have lots to look forward to and hope that our students maintain the high standards of good behaviour, excellent effort and general kindness around school in order to make the most of it. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch. Year Leader—Miss Harkin
(pharkin@brs.srscmat.co.uk)

Message from Head of Y9—Mrs McDowall

This term has just flown by and we hope our families have enjoyed half term. The year team have been delighted with the positive attitude that the vast majority of our students have been exhibiting over these weeks, and the number of polite and cheerful interactions we have each and every day is really uplifting. We would like to thank you all for the support given in regard to re-establishing our basic expectations; the year group have responded brilliantly.

As always, thank you for all for your continued support. We hope the rest of half term goes well.



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Message from Head of Y10—Miss Waters



The last few weeks, since returning from the Easter holidays, have gone so quickly and it is nice to see the weather getting warmer and students enjoying it at break and lunchtimes, long may it continue!

Mocks are just around the corner and I am looking forward to delivering to our young people what they should expect in mocks as well as what good revision looks like, this will be in a combination of form time sessions, in class sessions and during our Acts of Collective Worship as a whole year group. Last half term we ran a session specifically to support parents and guardians in how to help your child/ren to revise. If you missed this the presentation can be accessed here— [Parental Workshops - Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy - Burton upon Trent \(srscmat.co.uk\)](#) . I just want to highlight as we are on the journey for Year 10 nearly being in Year 11, where they will soon be the main focus of the school, that I am proud of the hardworking young individuals they are becoming, they consistently live the school values into being and I extremely proud to be their Head of Year and look forward to what the summer term will bring and then Year 11. If you have any queries regarding your young person in Year 10, then please do get in touch by emailing myself (ewaters@brs.srscmat.co.uk)

Message from Head of Y11—Mrs Bannister



Last half term saw the beginning of the GCSE exams and I have been really proud of the start students have made. There has been a feeling of real optimism (and relief) that the exams have finally begun, and so far, the conduct of students has been exemplary. I would like to thank parents for their continued support in getting students into school on time and for making sure they have the correct uniform and equipment to complete the exams. Whilst not in exams, students have been benefiting from the bespoke revision sessions the school has put on for them prior to their next exam. We have managed to cover specialist teachers in every subject, so students can have a last minute revision session with their class teacher. Again, I have been very proud of the way students have approached these sessions, making full use of the support on offer to them. We have been delighted by the number of students who have been coming each morning to the breakfast we have

been providing. I think the students have been really pleased to have somewhere to go and revise, talk with friends or just have some quiet time before the exams begin for the day. I know the tea and toast has gone down really well and we will continue to offer this throughout the exam period completely free of charge.

Last but not least, we are busy preparing to make Prom a wonderful experience. Students have indicated whether they will be attending or not and we will be making the final arrangements in the coming weeks. Thank you for keeping up with the payments on ParentPay and if you need support, contact our Finance Team (cmills@brs.srscmat.co.uk).

As this is the last newsletter piece I will be writing as Year Leader for Year 11, I wanted to mark the occasion by saying a few thank yous. Firstly, I want to thank the students, who have been an absolute pleasure over the last five years. It has been a real privilege to see them become the fantastic young people they are today and I am very proud to have been a small part of that. I know that we have a vast number of musicians, athletes, actors, academics and artists in the year group, but whatever students find themselves doing in the future I know they will be a success. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents, who have been brilliant to work with. I have really valued the open and honest communication we have had and I think this has played a significant part in the success of the year group. I look forward to catching up with parents properly on Results Day in August, where I am sure we will all be celebrating the success of the students. However, in the meantime, if there are any questions you have or require assistance in anyway, then please contact the Year 11 team. Mrs Bannister, Year Leader jbannister@brs.srscmat.co.uk



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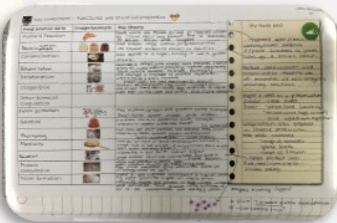


In the DT and Food Classrooms

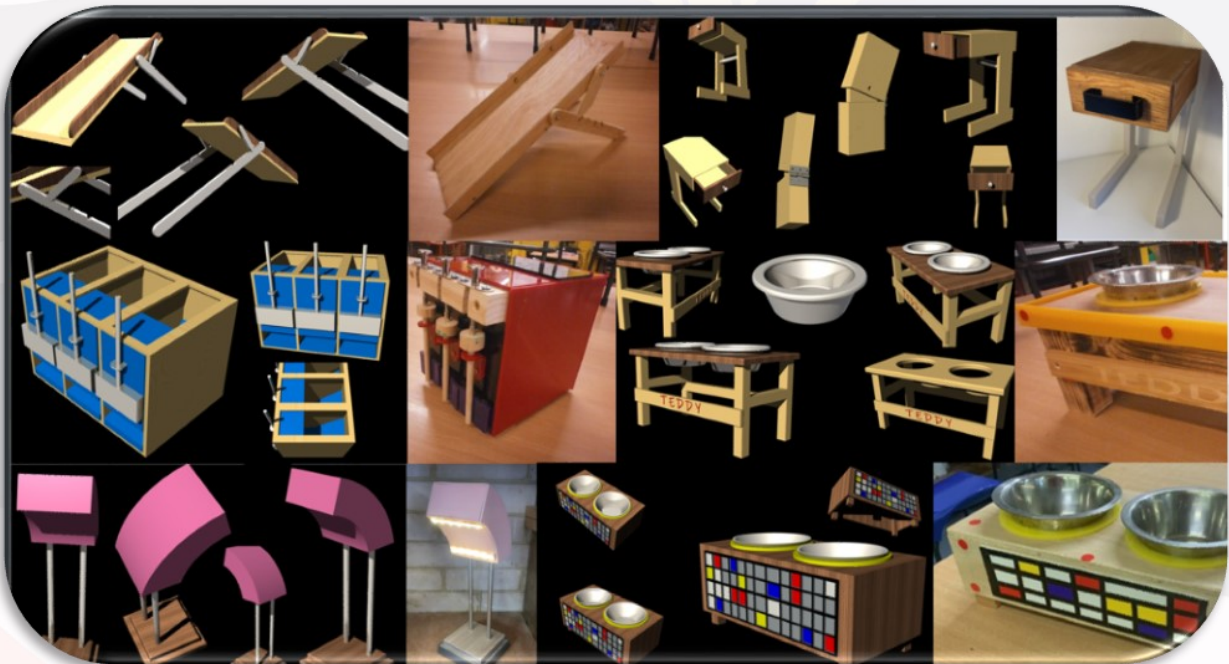
Fantastic work continues in the DT and Food classrooms.

KS4 – Year 11 have submitted the NEA work and are now focusing on revision for the written papers for both Food and Nutrition and Product Design in June.

Year 10 Food and Nutrition have been focusing on the Functional and chemical properties of food and will soon be preparing for their Mock NEA2.



Year 11 have completed their making section and here can be seen a few of the pupil's final CAD designs, together with the completed product. The contexts given by the exam board were, Working from home or Caring for an animal. The pupils have spent a great deal of time working with their target market to analyse and research what could be a viable product. Then following their own specification, set out the design process to come with and then fully develop possible ideas. All the way through they are working with their target market, which is a true reflection of what happens in industry.



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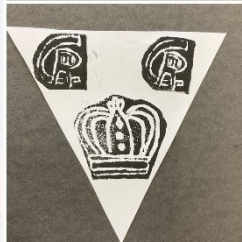
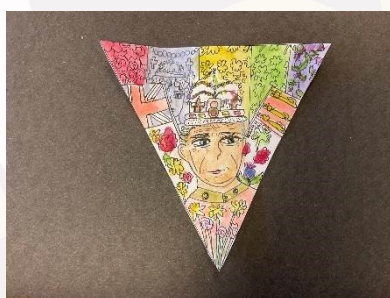


In the Art classroom – April – The Kings Coronation

KS3 students have been creating work to commemorate the Kings Coronation. Exploring the symbolism behind the coronation emblem and significant objects found within the ceremony.



Year 7 Coronation clay tiles



Year 9 polyblock printed bunting



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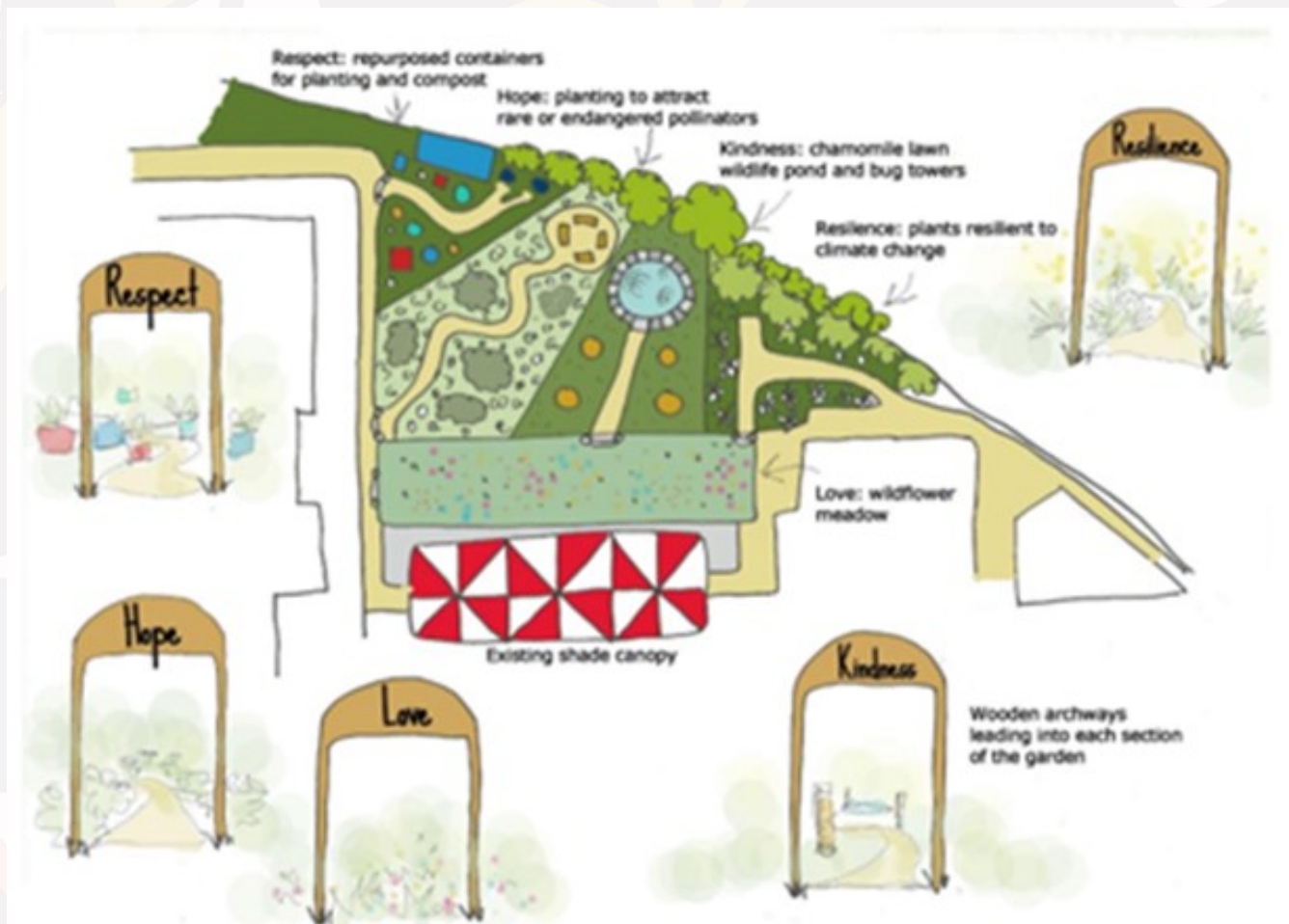
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Our school eco prayer garden is well under way and is really taking shape.

Its hard to believe this started with the Student leadership team designing an eco prayer garden and entering a competition!

Huge thanks to East Midlands Airport for giving us the opportunity to enable the leaders design to come to life in the school grounds.



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BRS achieves the Live Simply Award -

LiveSimplyAward

CAFOD The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

BRS has been honoured with the prestigious LiveSimply Award. This recognition comes as a result of pupils remarkable efforts to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's most impoverished communities. Presented by CAFOD, an overseas development charity, the LiveSimply Award acknowledges the exceptional projects undertaken by our school, highlighting the importance of caring for both people and the planet. It recognises the positive impact that these actions have had on our school community, as well as our outreach work to the local and global communities.

This achievement follows our recent accomplishment of becoming an Outstanding Catholic Secondary School, as recognised by Ofsted earlier this year. And more recently, our school has also shortlisted for the prestigious TES award as Secondary School of the Year. These accolades are a testament to the dedication and hard work of the pupils and the entire school community.

The LiveSimply Award was earned following a thorough assessment, during which our pupils and staff showcased the various initiatives we have undertaken to demonstrate our commitment to living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. The report highlighted several commendable aspects, including the successful bid for funding to establish a prayer and eco garden. Notably, the students took the lead in designing and presenting the project to East Midlands Airport. Additionally, our DT department created beautiful outdoor stations of the cross, some of which were shared with a visiting primary school, demonstrating our desire to impact others positively.

The report praised our school's efforts to support the local community through food bank collections and assistance to residents in a care home. Furthermore, their commitment to CAFOD and the global community was highly appreciated. The students' understanding of the relationship between their faith and the need to protect the planet and support fellow human beings was highlighted in the report. The report highlighted the school's introduction of recycling facilities and the eco-conscious actions taken by the CAFOD Club, emphasising our school's dedication to sustainable practices.

Siobhan Farnell, the CAFOD LiveSimply Award Assessor, expressed her delight in confirming that Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy is the **first secondary school in the Nottingham Diocese to achieve the LiveSimply Award**. She commended the pupils and staff for wholeheartedly embracing the principles of living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities, acknowledging their actions as truly transformative for their school, local community, and global neighbours.



Vacancies at BRS...

Due to our school growing, we have the following opportunities available for a September start—

Teaching Assistant (we have 3 roles available)

If you would like to know more please drop us an email at office@brs.srscmat.co.uk

