



Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy

Easter Newsletter Edition



Academic excellence,
spiritual development
and social awareness
through Christ

Headteachers Welcome



Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Members of Our School Community,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire school community for their continued hard work, commitment, and support. Our students have shown great resilience and determination in their learning, and it is clear that they have truly earned a well-deserved break.

The Easter period offers a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect, and spend quality time with family and friends. It is also a time of great significance, inviting us to appreciate the message of hope, renewal, and new beginnings through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I encourage all of our students to use this break not only to rest and recharge, but also to reflect on their achievements so far and to return with renewed energy and focus for the term ahead.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a peaceful and joyful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back safely and refreshed.

Warm regards,

Mr Gray
Headteacher



BRS Easter Newsletter



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BRS Feedback

We welcome all feedback and thank all parents for their valuable contributions. Please complete the form below to provide your feedback and observations.



Easter Morning Prayer

Gracious God, on this glorious Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. As the Sun rises, may the light of His victory over death shine in our hearts. Fill us with joy and hope and new life found in Him.

Amen.



Key Dates for the Next Half Term



16th April: Year 10 Parents Evening

23rd April : Saint George's Day (Wear a red accessory)

30th April: UK Junior Maths Challenge Yr7 & Yr8

1st May: Saint Joseph the Work Feast Day

4th May: May Bank Holiday

6th- 8th May: Year 10 Mock Exams

13th May: Year 9 Retreat Day

May Half Term is
Monday 25th May -
Friday 29th May
First day back after
half term:
Monday 1st June



Questionnaire for Parents/Carers

Give your view by completing this parental questionnaire providing us with reflections on your own and your child's experiences of the Catholic Life and Mission of our school

Scan to complete
the questionnaire



Important Information



ParentPay

As a reminder please make sure you are checking Parent pay student accounts to ensure that the students accounts don't go overdrawn, as this can cause a problem when purchasing food from the canteen

If your child is not well enough to come to school, please report via an email to attendance@brs.srscmat.co.uk or calling 01283 749481 by 8.25am.



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St Valentine's Roses

This year, our Chaplaincy Team led a wonderful "Buy a Rose" initiative to mark the feast of St Valentine. Over 100 roses were shared across our school community, brightening the day for both staff and students. Some were gifted anonymously, while many included heartfelt messages of friendship and appreciation. It was a lovely way to celebrate kindness and connection within our school.



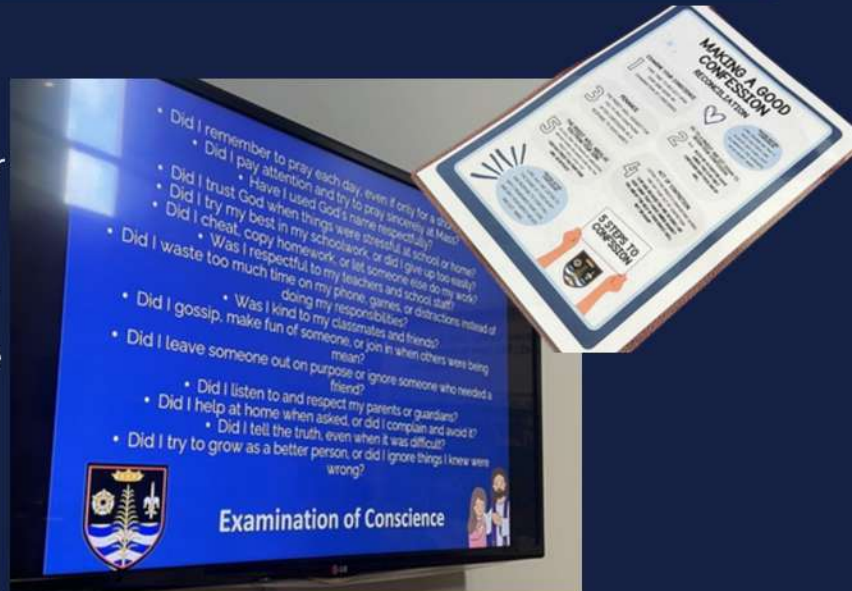
Chaplaincy team - Stations of the cross

In preparation for Easter, our Chaplaincy Team led the school community in a moving virtual Stations of the Cross, experienced through the eyes of Mary. This reflective journey invited students and staff to pause, pray, and walk alongside Mary as she witnessed the Passion of her Son.



Confessions

Father Prince came into school to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions took place in the school chapel, creating a calm and prayerful space for students to pause, reflect, and prepare their hearts for Easter. We were delighted to see so many students take part, embracing this important opportunity for spiritual reflection during Lent.





Catholic Life and Mission

Catholic Life in Our School



Celebrating Our British Saints

This term, our school community has already enjoyed celebrating both St David's Day and St Patrick's Day. Staff and students were fantastic in embracing the spirit of each occasion, proudly wearing the chosen colours linked to our British saints.

As we look ahead, we're excited to continue this tradition by inviting everyone to wear a small item of red on 23rd April in honour of St George's Day. Full school uniform will still be worn, with just the addition of something red to mark the celebration.

We look forward to coming together once again to celebrate our final British saint of the year.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Lent, our school community came together to support CAFOD's Family Fast Day, focusing on the global challenge of world hunger. Staff and students chose to have a simple lunch of soup and a roll instead of a full meal, taking time to reflect on those who regularly go without.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over £100 to support CAFOD's vital work around the world. It was a meaningful act of solidarity and a powerful reminder of how small sacrifices can make a real difference.

Saint Feast Days 2026

2nd March Saint David's Day
Wear one small item or accessory in Yellow!



17th March Saint Patrick's Day
Wear one small item or accessory in Green!



23rd April Saint George's Day
Wear one small item or accessory in Red!



Next Year Saint Andrew's Day
Wear one small item or accessory in Blue!



As part of the Catholic life and mission of our school, we are committed to helping our pupils grow in understanding of the rich heritage of faith, culture and community that shapes who we are. These Saints not only hold significance in our Christian tradition but also represent the diverse history and identity of the nations that make up the United Kingdom. Next Year we will also celebrate **St Andrew's Day**. Students are invited to wear normal uniform and one item of the chosen Saint colour. This might be a ribbon, badge, pair of socks, hair accessory, or similar. We ask that any additions are simple, appropriate and do not replace or alter the standard uniform.





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Chaplaincy induction Mass

Our Chaplaincy Team recently celebrated their Induction Mass, a special moment in which they were formally commissioned to support the Catholic life and mission of our school. During the Mass, Fr Prince blessed the Chaplaincy badges before presenting them to each member, marking their commitment to serve our community with faith, compassion, and leadership.

We are incredibly proud of our Chaplaincy Team and the important role they play in helping to shape the spiritual life of the school. Their dedication is already making a positive impact, and we are excited to continue growing this wonderful group.

We now look forward to welcoming more students into the Chaplaincy Team as we continue to build a vibrant and active faith community.



Parish Youth Group at St Joseph the Worker

Each month, St Joseph the Worker Parish hosts a vibrant Youth Group for young people in our community. Miss Fair leads the sessions, which are always filled with fun activities, games, and—of course—free pizza. It's a great chance for students to meet new friends, get involved in parish life, and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming space.

If you're interested in joining, please speak to Miss Fair or Fr Prince for more information.



Year 9 Vocation Q&A with Father Prince

Our Year 9 students recently took part in an inspiring Q&A session with Fr Prince, exploring the theme of vocation. Students asked thoughtful questions about his personal calling and learned about the journey to priesthood, including his formation and experiences growing up in India. Fr Prince spoke openly about how he discerned his vocation and shared the many steps involved in becoming a priest. He also reminded students that God calls each of us to something special, and that every person has a unique purpose in the world.

It was a meaningful and reflective session, giving students a deeper understanding of vocation and the many ways we can respond to God's plan for our lives.

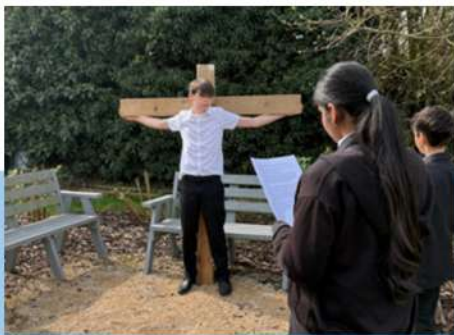
PARISH YOUTH GROUP

WHERE: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER,
MOUNT STREET, DE15 0JA
TIME: 6PM-7PM
FROM: Y8-Y11
FREE PIZZA AND GAMES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE
SPEAK TO MISS FAIR FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND A CONSENT
FORM

The Stations of The Cross

During the season of Lent, all students took part in the Stations of the Cross, a meaningful tradition in the Catholic Church. This devotion invites us to reflect on the journey of Jesus to his crucifixion, helping us to remember his sacrifice and love for humanity. By participating, students had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of compassion, prayer, and reflection, which are central to the Lenten journey.





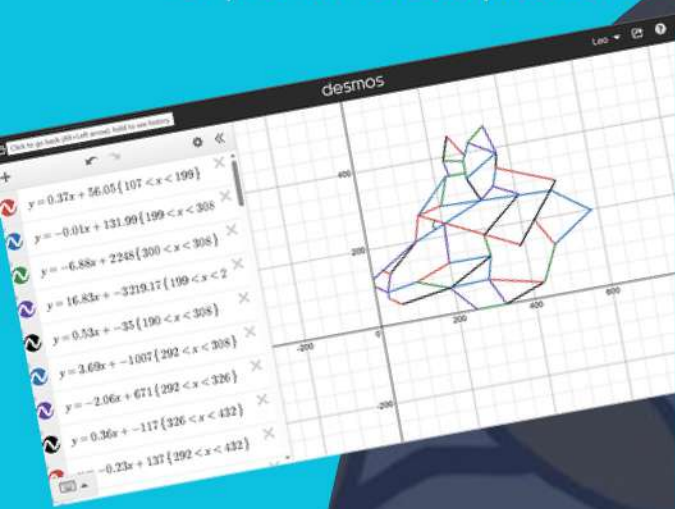
Maths Challenge



The winners for the January Desmos art competition were: Leo C, Lukasz B and George B - all year 8. Here's a picture of Leo's work.

AGT MATHS CHALLENGE January Maths Challenge All years
 Deadline: 15th Jan 2026 / 30th Jan 2026
 Desmos Studio Math Art Contest

- Create a piece of artwork using the Desmos graphing calculator, Desmos Geometry, or Desmos 3D calculator. Artwork will be judged on its: creativity, originality and precision.
- For help to get started - scan the QR code or watch the YouTube videos on this playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIM6rMGnbg0G44Q7CNks_aQz0RNGFaw
- Open to students in all years. We will have a competition in school. There is also a global competition.
- Deadline for school competition - Friday 30th January. Email your submission to Miss Jones ejones@brs.srscmat.co.uk
- Deadline for global competition - Thursday 15th January. Upload your submissions: <https://www.desmos.com/art> if you are under 13 a parent/guardian needs to submit it on your behalf. Full rules for global competition: <https://help.desmos.com/hc/en-us/articles/4106381614221-2025-Desmos-Studio-Math-Art-Contest>
- Any questions - see Miss Jones in A202 or email ejones@brs.srscmat.co.uk



For the UKMT Intermediate challenge, we had 9 students in year 9 and 10 who competed. Caleb H (9) and Lochlan Y (10) achieved bronze awards. Blake N (9), Tom E (10) and Sebastian W (10) achieved silver awards. Reggie R (9) and Ben S (10) achieved Gold awards. Reggie also qualified for the next round - Grey Kangaroo competition. We are incredibly pleased with the results and are proud of how hard all the students worked.

February Maths Challenge: Open to all years Digits of Pi
 Deadline 14th March

14th March is Pi day as the date in the American form is 3.14. Many of you have opened for during Maths lessons. It is a day to celebrate the number pi and which challenge this month is to memorise the most digits of pi.

There will be a competition in school to see who can remember the most digits. You will be given a list of 100 digits of pi to memorise. The date is 2025.3.14. It is the 100th anniversary of the first use of the symbol pi.

Current school record is 333 digits of pi.

Search for the YouTube for the Pi Song by AcapSCIENCE. They have songs to help you learn 100, 200 or 300 digits of pi.

You can also learn digits of pi using this game on the graphing calculator. Go to google and search for 'calculator'. Click on the calculator icon at the top. On the right hand side of the calculator, click on the pi button and it will start to calculate pi. You can click on the pi button as many times as you want. It will show you the digits of pi. If you click on the pi button a few times, it will add one more digit for you to try and memorise.

If you are interested in learning more about pi, here are two videos about the number pi in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbW4q930>

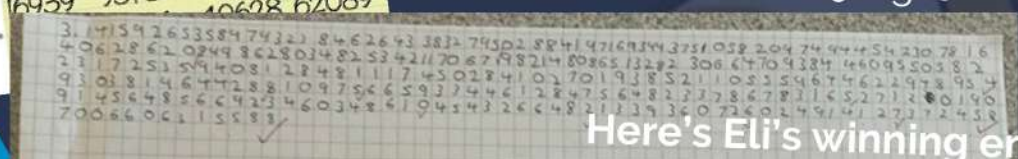
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8m37702>

100 digits of Pi

3.1415 92653 58979 32384
 62643 38327 95028 84197
 16939 93751 05820 97494
 10698 62089

The winners for the February Maths challenge - Pi day competition) were:

1. Eli B year 8 - 319 digits
2. Rose E year 9 - 296 digits
3. Sophie W year 11 - 269 digits



Here's Eli's winning entry!

AGT MATHS CHALLENGE **CAREERS & ASPIRATIONS**

March Maths Challenge
 Poster competition - All years
 Deadline 31st March 2025

March is Women's History Month. We also celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11th February, International Women's Day on 8th March and International Day of Mathematics on 14th March.

Have a think about whether you want to have a career in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). There are also loads of jobs not in STEM subjects that will involve some sort of mathematics. You can research Maths careers here: <https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/careers/> and here: <https://www.stem.org.uk/post-16/careers>

Your challenge this month is to find out about the work of a woman who had a career in STEM. Present your findings on a poster or as a fact file (done electronically or by hand).

Posters will be judged on their content and the creativity of how the information is displayed.

Paper posters can be given to Miss Jones in A202 or digital posters emailed to ejones@brs.srscmat.co.uk. Good luck!

Florence Nightingale

Area of Expertise: Nursing

Key Dates: 1820-1905

Key Events: Crimean War, Florence Nightingale Institute

Ada Lovelace

Area of Expertise: Computer Science

Key Dates: 1815-1842

Key Events: Analytical Engine, Babbage's Daughter

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE 11th February

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 MARCH

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MATHEMATICS MARCH 14

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Don't forget you can still take part in our next Maths Challenge!

Terrific Textiles

Year 9 Decorative Textile Techniques

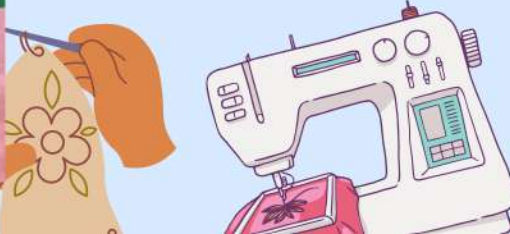
This term, our Year 9 students have been immersing themselves in decorative textiles techniques. Their focus has been on screen printing and polyblock printing, two processes that have allowed them to explore colour, pattern, layering, and composition in exciting new ways.



Throughout the project, students have demonstrated curiosity, resilience, and a strong willingness to experiment. From designing their own motifs to carefully refining their printing skills, they have produced an impressive collection of bold, expressive, and visually striking textile outcomes.

The final pieces showcase not only technical skill but also imagination and individuality. Each student has created work they can genuinely be proud of, well done year 9!

Mrs Turner
Curriculum Leader Art & DT





East Staffordshire
SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Barclays Girls' Football!



**ST. GEORGE'S
PARK**



A huge well done to Annabel K, Eve B, Eva B, Lillie S, Megan J & Sharvika A.

On Thursday 5th March 2026, the Barclays Girls' Football in Schools Biggest Ever Football Session returned to St George's Park!

East Staffordshire Sports Partnership and South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership welcomed over 250 girls for an exciting day of football. The event was split into two parts — in the morning, Year 3/4 girls took part in fun, festival-style activities designed to engage and inspire everyone, followed by an afternoon of competitive matches.

We are incredibly proud of the 6 girls from Blessed Robert Sutton who played a key role in the event. They delivered fantastic football activities in the morning and refereed matches in the afternoon. Girls, you should be so proud of the leadership, confidence, and teamwork you demonstrated throughout the day — you were outstanding ambassadors for the school!

This event marked another important step towards achieving equal access to football for girls in schools, and it was wonderful to see so many students involved and enjoying the game.



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Matilda

This term students have performed Matilda Jr in front of a sold-out audience - they were amazing! The stage was oozing with talent and enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see every member of the cast enjoying themselves up there!

Congratulations to all who were involved, what a fantastic show you put on!

Some comments from audience members:

"They were just amazing"

"I am so impressed with how they were all in time with one another"

"The best show I have seen in a long time!"



A massive thank you to all the staff that supported with this show, Mr Grimes and I really appreciate it.

And a big thank you to our audience members, without you these students would not have got the recognition they deserve.

I look forward to our next school musical! Watch this space!

Mrs Nixon





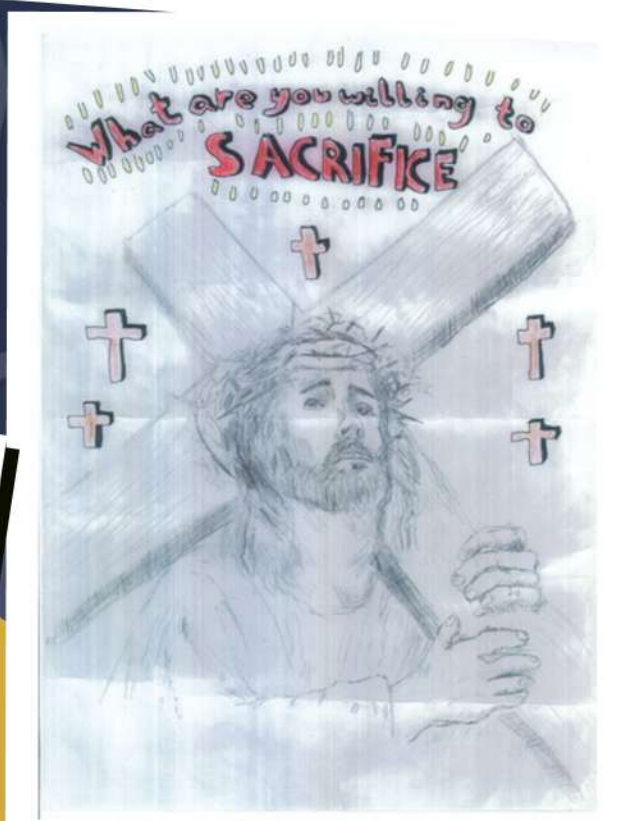
BRS Celebrating Success



Lena K, Year 7



"Hands on history"
Lena K in Year 7 took part in a piano competition on 22/03/2026 and did amazingly well! Well done Lena!



A beautiful piece of artwork depicting the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. By **Eli B** in 8.4



An Easter themed mug Easter themed mug made and decorated by **Lois B** in Year 8.

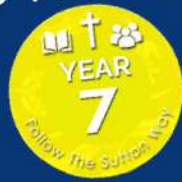


Well done to **Kendal** in 7.2 who has achieved both her Emerald and Sapphire award in Gymnastics. She only needs one more to get to Elite Team.



Another amazing piece of artwork depicting Jesus carrying the Cross. By **Denzel K** in 7.4

HEAD OF YEAR 7
Mrs McDowall



Easter Greetings! I cannot believe it is the end of the second term for year 7 already. Blink and they will be in year 8 It has been great getting to know the students even better and seeing them thrive not just academically but spiritually and with their extra curricular activities too.

So proud of all the year 7s that performed in Matilda I am sure anyone who saw them will agree they did a fantastic job. I am looking forward to seeing many more productions and talent develop even further. We have the upcoming summer production which will also showcase some of the fantastic talent we have at our school.

Kindness continues to be the most treasured personality trait by both staff and pupils alike and I would like to congratulate the following pupils who have been caught being kind this term. Owen B, Molly W, Majla I, David M.

Whenever I congratulate a student on being kind they always say the same thing "but I haven't done anything" I always have to gently correct them and say you have and you have no idea of the difference it made. Here are some of the achievements from year 7 in various pursuits.

Dev Sean recited pi to 208 decimal places and came forth in the whole school. Wow how did he not win? as a mathematician I can only recite to 10 decimal places so a massive well done. He was first in lower school. Lola Is preparing for her grade 2 keyboard exam. So excited about this as I am looking for students to play the piano during assemblies and other functions. Our amazing Thea has achieved her 800m swim. This is a great achievement at such a young age. We have had one Olympic swimmer come from BRS it would be great to have another. Poppy L has done some fantastic artwork and has already been noticed for having a great talent in this area. Kendra has won an- emerald and sapphire award in gymnastics. She needs just one more to get into an elite team. Esmae M is volunteering to coach at gym club so a natural leader. Esme is also a fantastic Gymnast and you can see her talents as she will be performing in the Summer show. Angelo is part of Buxton rhinos hockey team and plays every weekend as a forward. Angelo has scored 12 so far this season and I'm sure has even more success to come. Alan plays for Winhill Vikings in div 1 burton league. Top of the division. Clearly another very talented sportsman.

That list is making me tired just looking at it!

So have a wonderful Easter and I look forward to seeing all our wonderful year 7 students for the last term of their first year at high school.

Best wishes and God Bless
Mrs McDowall (Head of year 7)

HEAD OF YEAR 8
Miss Toms



Well done year 8 on another successful term!

8.3 and 8.4 delivered fantastic Celebration of the Words to the year group, and showed different ways of participating in these worships. Eli in 8.4 produced some amazing artwork for his form's worship - its not always about standing up in front of the year group and reading.

Year 8 have also been kept busy with the student runners in reception. Mrs Field has been seriously impressed with how enthusiastic you have been in the role - she even had to insist one day on the student runners having their lunch break, as they were busy with some admin work that they had been given!

Congratulations to all the students that have been successful in their roles for student leadership. There are a large number of different roles, and it is amazing to see so many of the year group sign up for the roles.

Have a happy, safe, Easter holidays!
Miss Toms Head of Year 8



HEAD OF YEAR 11
Mrs Harkin

As we begin our final term upon your return, we as a school community would like to reflect on how far Year 11 has come and to acknowledge the journey that lies ahead. This is such an exciting and significant time for Year 11 in their school lives. Over the past years, they have grown not only academically, but as individuals, developing their resilience, independence and character. It has been an honour to watch and experience this first hand. The weeks ahead will require focus, commitment, and perseverance. There will be moments when you will feel challenged but remember you are not alone. We are here to support you every step of the way. It is our privilege to do so.

Mrs Harkin
Head of Year 11



HEAD OF YEAR 9
Miss Waters



Year 9, I wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of each and every one of you.

This term has been filled with so many fantastic achievements. On the sporting front, it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, commitment, and success across a wide range of activities. Whether representing the school in fixtures, competing in tournaments, or simply pushing yourselves in lessons, you have shown real determination and team spirit.

You have also demonstrated a strong sense of compassion and community through your participation in CAFOD Fast Day and the Lent Walk.

Alongside this, there have been so many impressive academic achievements. Your hard work in lessons, your focus, and your resilience have not gone unnoticed.

As we reach the end of this busy and successful period, you have all earned a well-deserved rest. Take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy yourselves.

I look forward to seeing you back, refreshed and ready for the next term.

Well done, Year 9!

Miss Waters

Head of Year 9



HEAD OF YEAR 10
Mr R. Davies

This half term has been filled with so many great achievements, I would like to personally thank so many of you on your positive behaviour, it has been great to see so many of you showing maturity, focus, and commitment to your learning.

In particular, I hope many of you will be receiving 100% attendance postcards from Mrs Rowe – a fantastic achievement that reflects your dedication and reliability. You should be very proud of this.

As we look ahead to next half term, I encourage you to keep up this same level of commitment and hard work. Your Year 10 mock exams are an important opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned and to prepare for the future. Continue to push yourselves, stay focused, and aim high so that you can achieve the grades you truly deserve.

Well done on a successful half term, and I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish next!

Mr Davies

Head of Year 10



BRS Sports NEWS



The U16 Girls Football Team celebrating their incredible goals!



The U13 Girls Football Team who have had some amazing Goals this season!



Year 8 won the county sportshall athletics competition



Year 11's Big Lent Walk



Dominic took part in the English Championship ICO & won a Gold & Bronze medal.



Year 8 taking part in the Big Lent Walk



Year 9's Big Lent Walk



Year 11's annual football match against Qesport!



Year 7's Big Lent Walk



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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS & CARERS

Safe Use of the School Lane

To ensure the safety of all students, staff and families, we need your urgent support. The lane running through our school is a public right of way, and during busy school times it is frequently used by students walking to and from lessons, clubs, and transport.

Recently, we have experienced several incidents where cars have travelled down the lane while students were present, creating unsafe and potentially dangerous situations.

If You Must Use the Lane

There are times when vehicle access may be essential. If this is unavoidable, please follow these rules:



Please Avoid Driving Down the Lane

To help keep our school community safe, we ask all parents and carers to:



Drive at NO MORE THAN 5 MPH

This is essential to protect students who may be walking along or across the lane.



Be prepared to stop immediately

Students have priority at all times.



✓ Find alternative routes

Please use designated drop-off points, nearby car parks, or surrounding roads wherever possible.



Avoid driving during peak times

Particularly:

- 8:00am - 9:00am (arrival time)
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm (departure time)



✓ Walk into school whenever you can

Short walks from nearby streets help reduce congestion and keep the lane safe for students.



Stay Alert and Patient

Visibility can be limited. Children may be distracted or in groups.

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP EVERY STUDENT SAFE.





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