

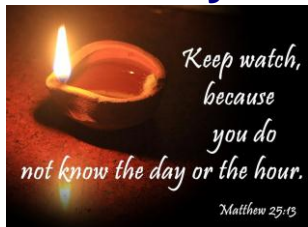


St Gregory the Great Bulletin

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Assembly this week



The Gospel reading for assembly this week is Matthew 25:1-13, the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, where Jesus teaches us to be always ready for God. In tutor groups we will be exploring the value of wisdom. We will also be celebrating Interfaith Week in partnership with local faith communities, and we'll be encouraging students to keep working on their entries for the Anti-Bullying Week poster competition.

Anti-Bullying Competition

There is still time to enter the Anti-Bullying Week poster competition on the theme 'All Different All Equal'. To enter, students must design a **buddy** or **peer support** scheme to run in school, using text, drawings and pictures on a maximum of one side of A4 paper.

Students can hand in entries to their tutor or to Dr. Caseby. The deadline is the end of November.

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams

Year 11 students are sitting PPEs this week – please see last week's bulletins for the exam timetable. You can support your child by making sure they know when and where each of their exams is. Students sit PPEs under the same conditions as the external exams in the summer. All exams take place during normal school hours.

Important dates:

Monday 13 th November	Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (all week)
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 10 Information Evening
Monday 4 th December	Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (all week)
Thursday 7 th December	Sixth Form Parent/Tutor Evening
Wednesday 6 th December	Carol Service
Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term (early closure)
Thursday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 11 th January	Year 11 Parent / Teacher Evening
Thursday 18 th January	Sixth Form Options Evening (for Year 11 students)
Thursday 25 th January	Year 9 Parent / Teacher Evening
Mon 12 th Feb – Fri 16 th Feb	February Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 7 Parent / Teacher Evening
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 10 Parent / Teacher Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Last Day of Spring Term (early closure)
Monday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 3 rd May	Year 8 Parent / Teacher Evening
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st June	May Half term Holiday
Tuesday 24 th July	Last Day of School Year (early closure)

Lockdown Practice

Our lockdown practice went very smoothly last Friday, helping us to ensure that our procedure for keeping children safe inside school buildings works well. The practice was the subject of much discussion among students last week and we were pleased to see that their calm sensible attitude helped it to run smoothly.

Section 48 Monitoring Visit

Hot on the heels of our visitors from the Department for Education last week, we welcomed a team from the Diocesan Education Service to school on Monday. They were here for a monitoring visit, checking on our progress since our last Section 48 inspection. This type of inspection is for faith schools and is in addition to an Ofsted inspection. They noticed clear improvements and are supporting us to make further, rapid progress.

Prepare to Perform

You can find advice about supporting your child on our website at:

<http://stgregory.oxon.sch.uk/prepare-to-perform-support-your-child-through-their-exams/>

We use the PiXL (Partners in Excellence) 'Prepare to Perform' model of support. This outlines ten ways in which parents and carers can support their children with revision and exams:



1. **Being a role model**
2. **Help them set goals**
3. **Keep them active**
4. **Healthy eating**
5. **Time out**
6. **Sleep patterns**
7. **Unplugging**
8. **Staying cool & calm**
9. **Belief**
10. **Be supportive**

Cross Country Team Success!

We entered a full set of teams for the Oxford & Thame Cross County Team event last week, with a great deal of success:

Year 7 Girls A	Second
Year 8/9 Girls	Second
Year 10/11 Boys	First
Year 12/13 Boys	First

These teams will now go on to represent St Gregory's in the County Finals.

November Newsletter



Look out for our next newsletter which will be out at the end of the month, full of news about student achievements and school events.

OXFORD CITY HOOPS BASKETBALL CLUB
Est. 1995

The logo for Oxford City Hoops Basketball Club features a stylized orange basketball with a black silhouette of a city skyline in front of it. Below the basketball, the words 'OXFORD CITY' are written in a large, bold, blue font, and 'BASKETBALL' is written in a smaller, bold, blue font below that. At the bottom, the slogan 'TOGETHER WE BALL' is written in a bold, black font.

Do you want to play basketball?
Why not come and play at Oxford Hoops? This friendly and inclusive club is currently recruiting players of all ages and abilities - boys and girls welcome. Children from age 9 are welcome to join the U12 session.
Come for a trial session on Saturday at St Gregory the Great School, Cricket Road, Oxford, OX4 3DR

U12	9-10.30am
U14	10.30-12pm
U16	12-1.30pm