



St Gregory the Great Bulletin

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Assembly this week



Our Chaplaincy team are leading assembly each day this week, asking the question 'Who am I in Christ?'

The Gospel theme is Matthew 21:28-32, the parable of the two sons.

Each day during October we will be praying the traditional Catholic prayer, The Angelus.

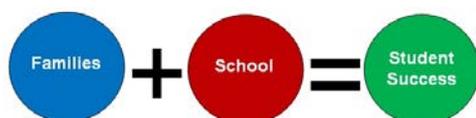
A Great turn-out to the Y11 English & Maths Subject Evening!



It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our English and Maths subject evening last Thursday. Your support will be key to the success of your children not only in these core subjects but also across the whole curriculum. Year 11 didn't miss the opportunity to do a bit of fundraising for their prom – selling refreshments and delicious cakes from their stall in the conference room.



Coming Soon... Parent Forum!



One of the suggestions made at the post-Ofsted meeting last term was that we start a regular parent Forum. We plan to have the first meeting after half term. Several parents have already got in touch saying

they want to be involved. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Caseby, Vice Principal by email to: r.caseby@dbmac.org.uk



Mobile Phones

We're getting there with mobile phones. Remember, if we see it, hear it, or hear of it, your phone will be confiscated for three days, for collection by a parent or carer. The original research on how banning mobiles improves student performance can be found here: <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/dp1350.pdf>

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 11th October
Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th October
Thursday 9th November
Monday 13th November
Thursday 23rd November
Monday 4th December
Thursday 7th December
Wednesday 6th December

Open Evening – **School Closes Early with No Lesson 5.**
Year 9 Parent / Tutor Evening
INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Year 8 Parent / Tutor Evening
Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (all week)
Year 10 Information Evening
Year 10 Pre-Public Examination
Sixth Form Parent/Tutor Evening
Carol Service

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning in school last week raised the marvellous sum of £226.98 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you everyone who baked for it.



Could you be our next Parent* Governor?



A letter about nominations for the Parent Governor election was emailed home last week. We need people who are committed to driving forward the improvement of our school and can spare time to attend approximately 10 meetings a year. We would particularly welcome anyone with experience in Finance or Human Resources, but the position is open to anyone with the drive and commitment to help the school. Don't worry if you don't have experience - you will receive an induction and on-going training. Parent governors do not have to be Catholic, but will need to support the ethos and values of the school. If you want to learn more, please email Dr Robert Bennett, Chair of Governors: rpbennett3@gmail.com

* A 'parent' means all natural or adoptive parents, any person with parental responsibility as defined in the Children's Act, or any person who has care of a child or young person who is a registered pupil in the primary or secondary phases at St Gregory the Great Catholic School.

Top Tips for Road Safety at School



1. Do not drive onto the school campus when you could walk or cycle.
2. Park elsewhere when you can, especially at peak times.
3. Observe the 5 mph speed limit – Kill your speed, not a child.
4. Park responsibly – use the marked bays. Never park on double yellow lines.
5. Respect the disabled parking bays – they are for those who need them.
6. Use the appropriate entrances – don't cross roads more than you have to.
7. Pedestrians take care – use the crossings to cross the drive.
8. Cycle safely – Use the one-way system and the cycle racks.

Early Closure 11th October

We'd like to remind parents and carers that there will be no lesson 5 on Wednesday 11th October as the secondary school is closing early for our open evening. If your child is helping on the evening you will be contacted separately about this.

INSET Day Friday 20th October – School Closed to students

School will be closed on Friday 20th October for an In-Service Training day for teaching staff. The following week is our half term holiday.

Did you catch the September Newsletter?



Our first newsletter of the year was emailed home last Friday, full of news of student achievements and events in and out of school. Paper copies are available from reception.