



St Gregory the Great Bulletin

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Monday 6th November 2017

Assembly this week (and last)



Dr Caseby led assembly last week following the Gospel theme taken from Matthew 22:34-40, Love your neighbour. We celebrated Holy Mass in the chapel for the Feast of All Saints on Wednesday, and collected the names of loved ones who have died for the Feast of Holy Souls. We will pray for the dead throughout November.

This week our Gospel theme is Matthew 23:1-12, the greatest will be humbled, and the humble will be made great. We will also be thinking about how to prepare for tests in Key stage 3 and exams at KS4 - the humble also know they need to revise if they are to receive great results!

Year 11 PPE Timetable

There will be Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) for year 11 students in the week beginning 13th November. 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.

	Period.1	Period.2	Period.3	Period.4	Period.5
Monday 13 th Nov Sports Hall	English Literature (1hr 30)		RE (1hr 45mins)		Physics (1hr)
Tuesday 14 th Nov Conf.rm	Geography (2hr)		Product Design (1hr) Food (1hr)		
Wednesday 15 th Nov Sports hall	Maths (1hr 30)		English Language (1hr 45mins)		Law (1hr)
Thursday 16 th Nov Sports Hall	Biology (1hr) Chemistry (1hr)		Maths (1hr 30)		Law (1hr)
Friday 17 th Nov Sports Hall	History (1hr 45mins)		Maths (1hr 30)		French (1hr) German (1hr)

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 9th November
Monday 13th November
Thursday 23rd November
Monday 4th December
Thursday 7th December
Wednesday 6th December
Friday 15th December
Thursday 4th January 2018

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
Last Day of Autumn Term
First Day of Spring Term



Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday

In this week before Remembrance Sunday, we will be recalling the sacrifice of those who have died in conflict. Poppies are available from student reception for a suggested donation of 50p. All money raised will go to support the work of the Royal British Legion with veterans of war.



Anti-Bullying Competition

A reminder that all students are invited to enter the national anti-bullying poster competition. The theme is 'All Different All Equal'. To enter, students must:

All Different

All Equal

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- Design a **buddy** or **peer support** scheme to run in school.
- Outline their scheme using text, drawings and pictures on a maximum of one A4 side.
- Entries can be fun, serious, colourful, futuristic, or different, but must consist solely of the student's own work.

We will collect the entries during November. There will be school prizes for the best entries as well as the chance of winning prizes in the national competition.

Lockdown Practice

We will be practicing our lockdown procedure this week. Just as schools must practice fire evacuation procedures, we must also have a lockdown procedure in place. While a fire evacuation keeps children safe by getting them out of a building, our lockdown procedure keeps them safe by keeping them inside. It is a response to possible dangers such as an airborne chemical, a police incident close to school, or an intruder on the school campus. Unlike a fire drill, a practice lockdown need not disturb learning, so lessons will continue as normal. If you have any questions, please email our Operations Manager, Mr Simpson at c.simpson@dbmac.org.uk

Department for Education Visit

We had two visitors from the Department for Education visiting the school last Thursday. They were monitoring the progress we are making since the last Ofsted inspection. In their verbal feedback they commented on the security of our safeguarding procedures and the improvement in students' behaviour that they observed in school. This is good news and we would like to thank students and their parents and carers for your continued support for Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Our visitors also noted the work we are doing to improve the quality of teaching and learning in school, so that all students can make good progress. They told us that we need to increase the pace of improvement in this area.

We would also like your view on how we are doing, please see the item below about our Parent Forum and how you can share your views.

Parent Forum

We are planning our next Parent Forum meeting for later this term. If you have any questions, or suggestions for how we can improve school, please send them to Dr. Caseby at r.caseby@dbmac.org.uk Thank you.

