



St Gregory the Great Bulletin

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Assembly this week

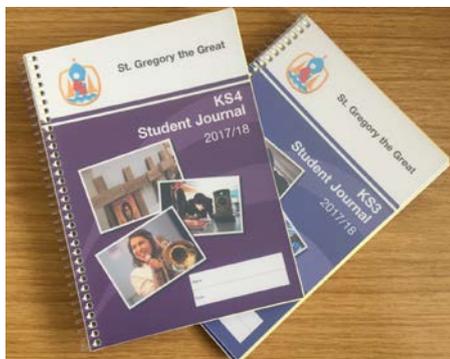


Mrs Wileman and Ms Barnes are leading assembly this week with a focus on academic progress.

Our Gospel theme is Matthew 21:33-43, the parable of the tenants.

Each day during October we continue praying the traditional Catholic prayer, The Angelus, in lesson 4

Student Journals



Every student at St Gregory's was given a Student Journal at the start of term. This Journal is an excellent way for you to keep in touch with school. It's full of useful information about the school day, key dates, and advice on attendance, learning and behaviour. Students are able to record their homework each day and the deadlines; details about each homework task will be posted on Show My Homework by class teachers.

Please support your child to be successful in school by checking that they have filled in their school timetable and their homework timetable (yellow pages at the front), and by signing their Journal

each week to show they have completed all their homework tasks for the week. You can also use your child's Journal to communicate with school, using the space provided on the pages for each week to write a note to their tutor.



School Health Nurse Newsletter



Together with this issue of the bulletin, you will receive a copy of the School Health Nurse Newsletter for this term. It's full of news and advice from the SHN team. Our School Health Nurse, Ruth Vilella, is available each school day from 9am to 3pm, Tel: 07789 920687 or email: r.vilella@dbmac.org.uk

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 11th October
Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th October
Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct
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

Open Evening – **School Closes Early with No Lesson 5.**
Year 9 Parent / Tutor Evening
INSET Day – School Closed to Students
HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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

Cycle Safety

We're really pleased to see so many students cycling to school. This is better for them, because they are exercising, and better for the environment because it helps reduce pollution and traffic congestion. It looks like our new traffic safety and cycle security arrangements are encouraging more students to cycle.

As the days grow shorter during autumn, it's particularly important that students are safe when cycling to and from school.



Cycle Safety Checklist:

1. Cycle helmet
2. Reflectors and working front and rear lights.
3. Working front and rear brakes
4. Both tyres at the right pressure
5. No play on the handlebars
6. No play on the saddle
7. Chained oiled & moves freely
8. Working bell

Our checklist is based on the M-check for bicycles. You can download a copy here:

<https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/cyclists/rospa-m-checklist.pdf>

Reminder: Finding help & sharing concerns

There are many ways for students to find help, share a concern, or sort out a problem in school:

- **Morning welcome** at the front of school
- **Tutors** during tutor time in the morning
- **Mediation Stations** every break and lunchtime
- **Student Reception** in the Library
- **School Nurse**, Ruth Vilella, by appointment, or drop in at lunchtime
- **Chaplaincy**, Mrs Enticknap or Fran Walsh, in the RE corridor or in the Chapel
- **Home-School Links**, Alison Stroud, in the admin corridor

If you don't want to talk to somebody face-to-face, you can use **Mailbox** or **Whisper**:



Mailbox

There is a white mailbox in the library, by the door to the admin corridor, where students can post notes.



Whisper

Clicking the Whisper button on the front page of our website will open an online form. Use this to share any concerns.

Mailbox and Whisper are monitored daily by staff members in charge of safeguarding. Please check that your children understand that they are not to be misused as this would distract staff from keeping children safe.

Early Closure for Open Evening on 11th October

We'd like to remind parents and carers that there will be no lesson 5 this Wednesday, 11th October, because the secondary school is closing early for our open evening. Students will leave at 1.40pm. 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.