

ST REGIS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 7 – IFEOLUWAPO

YEAR 8 – AMANDA

YEAR 9 – NIGEL

YEAR 10 – SPECIAL

YEAR 11 – RAUL

CHESTER – AMANDA

LICHFIELD –

IFEOLUWAPO

WORCESTER – RAUL

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

IS LICHFIELD!

Well done!

MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

Today has been a day which is a very important event in our school calendar. Every day here at St Regis we are proud to celebrate our diverse and multi-cultural school community but today we encourage everyone to promote this through cultural dress or wearing the colours of their home flag. In addition we have a whole school worship outside gathered around our very special tree, have the wonderful sounds of bhangra drums around the site and have a range of traditional cultural foods available to sample. It is always a great day, and the site is beautifully colourful and full of energy. A lovely way to end the week and celebrate the welcoming and harmonious culture we hold so dearly here at St Regis.

Next week is shortened by Bank Holiday Monday, so I hope you all enjoy a long weekend and spend some additional time with loved ones. Next week also marks the official start of this years GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. This is always a very challenging time for our Year 11 students as the exams mark the end of a five year journey through secondary education. We are proud of the hard work and efforts that our students have put into their studies, particularly in the last few weeks, and look forward to supporting them over the remaining weeks throughout the exam season.

Mr Parry
Principal





In a recent Year 8 assembly we celebrated two students who have been playing football for the Wolverhampton schools team and playing in an international tournament! They received footballs in recognition of their achievements. Well done, girls!

Year 10, 11 and P16 students participated in a Basketball Final at Heathpark this week. After a 'nervy' first quarter where a number of attempts at scoring were not capitalised on, St Regis started to get into their rhythm in the second and third quarter scoring some determined points. The boys' attitude and approach in the game was fantastic, especially against a strong team with multiple substitutes. Heathpark were eventual winners securing a gold medal and St Regis with the Silver. Player of the match was Jermain E (Yr11) with the majority of St Regis's points. Another shout out to the two Yr10 boys who played up/out of age category and assisted the team - Ali R & Kujiro A.



From the Chaplain...

This Friday, with much excitement and anticipation, we celebrate our day of cultural diversity. We marvel at the beautiful traditional colours and clothes of the different cultures we represent and admire, we delight in tastes from other parts of the world and enjoy a range of cultural music. For many it is our favourite day of the year.

Just before break time, as the whole school gathers for a time of reflection, we shall listen to the story of the sisters Martha and Mary and consider their very different approaches to their faith: Martha serving practically whilst Mary sits and listens to Jesus' words. Both attitudes are necessary and both are valued by God, with Mary being praised for her willingness to listen. God has hidden his wisdom and insights in unexpected people and places throughout history and across all different cultures. Only by being prepared to truly open our minds and hearts and by seeking to understand those different from ourselves can we really enjoy life in all its fullness.

In recent months we have listened to students and staff from across the school as we start to develop a new school vision based on Matthew 13:31-32 'The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed... Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds will come and perch in its branches.' There have been ideas around growth, around putting down roots in solid ground and around thriving and bearing fruit. But one thing that was appreciated by all those we consulted was the diversity of our school community and the way we strive to ensure that all are valued.

Our school tree is actually an oak tree; a species which can provide a home and support for up to 2,300 other species in this country including a range of fungi, insects, bats and birds. I have seen starlings nesting and feeding their young in our oak tree and I have heard woodpeckers drumming there in the early morning. What a good symbol for our school as we celebrate our diversity and our status as a School of Sanctuary, providing a place of welcome and safety for people from across the globe that we might all flourish together.

Loving Creator God,

we thank you for the beauty and diversity of the world around us and for the beauty and diversity of those we share it with. Thank you that you created us to be enriched and inspired by one another and help us to value and not fear that which is different and that which challenges our comfortable ways and our assumptions. We pray for peace between peoples and nations, peace in our cities and streets and peace in our school corridors and classrooms. Help us always to seek understanding and to choose compassion.

Amen

