

ST REGIS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

17th May 2024



YEAR 7 – LILIAN

YEAR 8 – AMANDA

YEAR 9 – KADIJA

YEAR 10 – SPECIAL

YEAR 11 – ADEEBA

YEAR 12 – ALEXANDER

YEAR 13 – KIRA

CHESTER – RIBQAH

LICHFIELD – KATIE

WORCESTER – ADEEBA

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

IS LICHFIELD!

Well done!

MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

It has been a great week here at St Regis. We have taken our Year 7's out for a Geography field trip in our local village of Tettenhall and it was lovely for the staff on the trip to receive positive feedback from members of the public about the conduct of our students. Similarly, we were very fortunate to host some training onsite delivered by local Fire and Police services regarding first responder first aid. This training is part of a City-wide program and involved students from Year 7 to Year 10. The course providers commented on how wonderful our students had been and how great their engagement in the training was.

Finally, our Year 9 and 10 students actively took part in a West Midlands Police awareness campaign #Sceptre which aims to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime and gang youth violence.

We end the week with 40 Year 9 and 10 students out in Cannock Chase on a Duke of Edinburgh navigation training exercise today. Such a wonderful range of experiences and opportunities being offered for our students. Year 11 students continue to work incredibly hard towards their GCSE exams and we are so proud of their efforts this week.

Wishing you a great weekend!

Mr Parry



A selection of students were invited to take part in a First Responders First Aid course. This was in support of our weekly safeguarding focus Gangs & Youth Violence. Well done all and thank you to West Midlands Police & Fire Service for providing this training!



As part of their Geography work Year 7 walked into Tettenhall village this week and conducted a number of surveys and questionnaires. The theme was 'The impact of building a new Mcdonald's in Tettenhall.' Pupils were respectful and we received some lovely comments from the community on our behaviour, including from an ex-Regis student!



They will now be working in lessons on their final reports, using the data they have collected.

From the Chaplain...

I imagine that ancient people would have been familiar with death. Without any medical knowledge, just their powers of observation, it is understandable that they would have understood the difference between life and death as being the presence of breath. In this context, the words of Genesis 2 seem logical: Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Indeed, the Hebrew word 'ruach' means 'breath', 'life' and 'spirit'. It is this word that was used by Ezekiel in his vision of the valley of dry bones.

Ezekiel's vision tells of a wide valley of dry bones to which he is called to prophesy. He is also told to call upon the wind to come from every direction and animate the bones. As Ezekiel watches, the bones come together, are covered with sinews, flesh and skin and finally, with the arrival of the wind, they live. A hopeless situation about which nothing can be done is turned around by God's Spirit bringing together and bringing life. A prophesy of hope for the people of Israel who had been scattered and exiled from their homeland; their national identity and faith in tatters.

This weekend many Christians will celebrate Pentecost, remembering God's Spirit bringing life and hope to Jesus' disciples following his resurrection and ascension; empowering and emboldening them for the work of spreading the good news of forgiveness, hope and new life throughout the known world.

During Christian Aid Week this year we have been hearing the story of Aline, a mother and survivor of abuse who lives in Burundi. She too experienced a life in tatters and felt that there was no hope for her and her family. But through her deep love for her children and her extraordinary faith, and the support of Christian Aid, she found the strength and resources to start again. She now has a small business which enables her to feed her children as she uses her knowledge and skills to help others in her community.

This afternoon our Year 8 students will be engaging with resources from Schools of Sanctuary. As we hear the stories of people who have had to flee persecution, leaving behind their homes and former lives in order to seek a place of safety and welcome, we might well consider how God's Holy Spirit is working among us today: bringing together people with different stories, gifts and talents in order to create something new and beautiful among us. We pray that each person who arrives in our school community will find here a place of welcome and sanctuary, a place where they are respected and valued, and that together we can build a more hopeful community where all can flourish.

The theme for worship w.c. 29th May is 'Jesus the Friend of Sinners' John 8: 1-11

At St Regis we are striving to become 'cashless' and so, moving forward, will not be accepting payments in cash in the academy.

Our preferred method for all payments will be the online payment system, ParentPay. This system enables you to pay for items such as: School Meals, Trips, Revision Guides, Music Lessons etc. and can provide parental consent for trips even if no payment is necessary.

The benefits of using the on-line payment system are:

Your child will not have to carry cash - making the academy a safer environment

You can easily track your payments for activities/purchases on-line

You can budget by paying money onto your account and spend it when required

You can top-up your account by debit/credit card or bank transfer

ParentPay has been designed to work on tablets, phones and desktop computers / laptops.



If you've not used ParentPay yet and need an activation code or reminder, please email finance@stregisacademy.org with your child(ren)'s name and form(s).

If you would still prefer to use cash to make payments to the academy, then we are able to issue a barcode which can be used at a PayPoint outlet of which there are a number in the vicinity of St Regis (details of PayPoint outlets can be found at consumer.paypoint.com).