

ST REGIS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

19th July 2024



YEAR 7 – PRECIOUS

YEAR 8 – SHAWN

YEAR 9 – SHRIYA

YEAR 10 – JAIMEE

YEAR 12 – DILPREET

CHESTER – PRECIOUS

LICHFIELD – SHAWN

WORCESTER –

GEORGE

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

IS LICHFIELD!



MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

As we come to the end of the Academic year 2023–2024 it has been wonderful reflecting on what an amazing year we have had here at St Regis. This week we have celebrated as a whole school with our Inflatables fun day on Tuesday, and selected students from each year group enjoyed an off-site trip on Wednesday. We are incredibly proud of all our young people at St Regis and thank you to every student for their hard work and contributions this year!

I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am for the new Academic year 2024–2025, which looks like it is going to be another exciting time for the Academy.

We have introduced students to our new school values of Sow, Nurture, Grow and Flourish which aligns with our school vision of: ***As a tiny mustard seed grows to become a great tree of life, at St Regis we sow the seeds in an environment where our young people can grow into happy and successful adults. We nurture opportunities to learn through curiosity; to explore their faith through understanding; and to flourish in a compassionate and thriving community, where all are welcome.***

I wish all of our student and our families a peaceful, restful and enjoyable summer break. Please keep safe, look after one another and return to us happy and healthy in September. Thank you all for your ongoing support.





**ST REGIS STARS
OF THE YEAR!**

*This is based on
highest positive
points for the year.*

YEAR 7 – JEDIDAH S.

YEAR 8 – AMANDA N.

YEAR 9 – SHRIYA P.

YEAR 10 – JAIMEE M.

YEAR 12 – ALEXANDER G.

CHESTER – JAIMEE M.

LICHFIELD – FINLEY H.

WORCESTER – ROY P



We are excited to invite prospective students and their parents/carers to our autumn Open Events!

This is an amazing opportunity for Year 4, 5 or 6 students & families to visit St Regis.

2nd October 9.30am - 11am

10th October 5pm - 7pm

12th October 9.30am - 11am

22nd October 9.30am - 11am

**Visit the website
to register!**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance



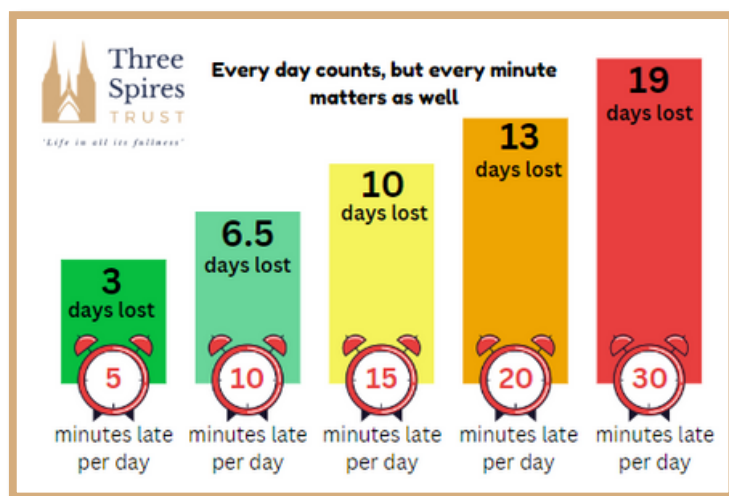
Being in school is important, but so is being punctual. In school, the learning starts as soon as the day starts - when a child is late to school, they miss out on learning, on worship, on Maths, on time to connect with their peers and on being part of them.

Expected attendance

97%

Absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- They fall behind in their work
- Affect their motivation
- Affect their enjoyment of working
- Affect their desire to attend school regularly
- Affect their confidence in school
- Means that they miss out on social life in school and extra curricular opportunities and experience
- Affect their ability to maintain



Please note that concerns over your child's attendance may trigger:

- First day response telephone calls home
- Home visits by the attendance team or education welfare service
- Attendance meetings
- Referrals to the local authority
- Penalty notices
- Court proceedings

Nationally, children who have only:

91%

attendance or less will drop at least one GCSE grade across their subjects.

Persistent absence
below 90%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As part of their response to the national concerns about absence from school, the DfE has issued new statutory guidance. ‘Working Together to Improve School Attendance’ comes into effect on 19 August 2024, which means that it will be in place upon our return to school after the summer holidays. The key change for parents and carers is the new **national** approach to prosecuting parents and carers for children’s absence from school. Headteachers and principals will no longer be permitted to authorise a leave of absence for a holiday - there will no longer be an absence code for “authorised holiday”. As such, **holidays from school will be unauthorised**. The current penalty notice frameworks, which have been administered locally, will be replaced by a National Framework. The penalties are outlined below:



‘Life in all its fullness’

Penalty Notices are changing from 19 August 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">Per parent, per child</p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent for a leave of absence.</p> <p>This means that if 4 siblings take a leave of absence during term time, this would result in <u>each parent</u> receiving 4 separate fines .</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 consecutive days of term time leave</p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. This is called irregular attendance.</p> <p>It is important to note that INSET days count, in this instance, as school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">First Offence</p> <p>The first time a Penalty Notice for leave of absence, or for irregular attendance, the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines may be issued by the Local Authority where there has been 10 sessions (ie 10 half days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This is called irregular attendance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Second Offence (within 3 years)</p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice for leave of absence, or for irregular attendance, the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</p>	<p>FINES CAN BE ISSUED FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Third Offence & any further offences (within 3 years)</p> <p>The third time an offence is committed for term time leave of absence or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued - the case will proceed straight to the Magistrates’ Court. Fines will be up to £2500 per parent, per child. If found guilty in a Magistrates’ Court, can show on a parents’ future DBS certificate as “failure to safeguard a child’s education”.</p>	

Typically, absences may be authorised for the following reasons:	Absences will be unauthorised for the reasons which include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illness Sporting events at county, regional or national level Interviews for a new educational setting Work experience placements Regulated performances Medical or dental appointments Religious observance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family holidays Shopping days A birthday Family days out Unregulated performances Arrival at school after registers have closed A parent’s medical appointment

As a parent or carer, it is crucial to notice that penalty notices are rising to £160 and that the notices are to be issued per parent and per child. At Three Spires Trust, we want to remind parents and carers that this is not something that is controlled by the school and, importantly, the money from any penalty notices is retained by the local authority.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE – THEY CANNOT BE APPROVED RETROSPECTIVELY

From the Chaplain...

In Eulalia Clarke's 'The Five Thousand' she departs from the traditional meal of bread and fish, opting instead for a fish and chip supper reminiscent of a church outing or perhaps an end of year staff picnic! One aspect of the original story her painting does retain is the sense of plenty. When Jesus took compassion on the hungry crowd who had followed him round the lake, listening to his teaching and bringing their sick for healing, he didn't just provide them with a snack to keep them going. 'Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets of what was left...' (Mark 6) This is a story which speaks to me of God's love for his people and his desire to provide for them and to bless them in generous abundance. This is also a story in which a small act of kindness, that of the little boy offering his packed lunch, is transformed by God and grown into something which becomes a blessing for many. An idea which we will come back to in September as we refocus on the parable of the mustard seed.

Notice though, that Jesus doesn't take control and do everything himself. 'You feed them,' he says to his disciples. Jesus doesn't simply provide but he empowers and he enables others to take part in the amazing transformation and act of generosity which is brought about. As we reflect on the school year behind us, we might identify opportunities we had to be part of something which became a blessing and a joy to the wider school community. May we also look forward to the time of rest ahead of us, welcoming and enjoying the blessings of holidays, family and friends that we might return refreshed and ready for the work God calls us back to in September.

Generous provider, we thank you for the seasons of work and of rest.

We invite you to share the coming weeks with us, praying that you will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer, that our homes may be places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety and that we might return refreshed and renewed for the new school year. Amen

Three Spires Trust Inspire - Summer 2024

SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVICE

There are a variety of local food banks for anyone needing extra support. For some, the summer holidays are a time of fun, enjoyment, excitement and adventure. However, for others the holidays can be difficult. Maybe you and your family need routine, perhaps the additional meals are challenging, maybe you are a working parent and it is hard to find childcare, maybe your mental health benefits when your children are in school – there can be lots of reasons that the holidays can be difficult.

Local Food Banks

Summer 2024
Kids eat FREE or for less than £1

- Tesco Cafe:** Kids eat free with an adult meal purchase of at least 60p
- ASDA Cafe:** Kids eat for £1
- Morrisons Cafe:** One kids meal free with an adult meal purchase of £4.49
- Sainsburys Cafe:** Kids eat for £1 with a purchase of adult hot main - from 11:30am
- IKEA:** Kids eat for 95p from 11am
- Dobbies:** Kids eat free with any adult breakfast or lunch
- Travelodge & Premier Inn:** Up to 2 kids eat free at breakfast with an adult meal purchase
- Bella Italia:** Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase - Mon-Thurs between 4-6pm
- Beefeater & Brewers Fayre:** 2 kids get a free breakfast with a paying adult meal
- Sizzling Pubs:** Kids eat for £1 Mon-Fri between 3pm-7pm with purchase of an adult meal