



MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

The Year 11 parents' information evening that we hosted this week followed on from the Year 7 - 10 parents' information evening we hosted last week. These evenings were incredibly well attended with a packed lecture theatre on both occasions. The engagement from parents and the positive feedback we received was fantastic and we hope that the evenings were informative and beneficial!

It was also lovely to have some parents join us in this weeks Year 7 Welcome service at St Michael's Church. This is always a special service where we bring Year 7 together for their first collective worship and celebrate the successful completion of their first few weeks at St Regis. We also gifted each student a Bible, thanks to our partnership with Good News for Everyone.

We are looking forward to opening our doors in the coming weeks to welcome hundreds of families onto site as part of our Open Events. With over 200 people already signed up, it will be great to showcase our wonderful school and the amazing work we do here on a daily basis. Anyone that is interested in attending any of our Open Events should sign up using the details in this Newsletter and on our website. Places are going fast so please sign up to ensure you don't miss out!

WhatsApp Channel QR code:



Mr Parry
Principal



St Regis Outdoor Education



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

This is an amazing opportunity to visit St Regis. Please share with Year 4, 5 or 6 students & families!

**2nd October 9.30am - 11am
10th October 5pm - 7pm
12th October 9.30am - 11am
22nd October 9.30am - 11am**

**Visit the website
to register!**



From the Chaplain...

How do we explore and grow spiritually? What might our spiritual journey look like?

Most of our journeys today are made by car, and though the journey might give us time to reflect with part of our brain, other parts are engaged in remembering the directions, keeping us safe, planning what we need to do when we arrive and perhaps listening in to anything of interest on the radio. It is unlikely we take in much of our surroundings as we travel at speed and highly improbable that we meet people to chat to on the way. How different it is to travel on foot, as Jesus and his companions did. How much more aware of the world, of our connection with it and indeed of the needs and tiredness of our own bodies and how much more likely to strike up conversations with fellow travellers.

Our spiritual journeys are not dissimilar. As we travel through life, the experiences we have, the people we meet and the ideas we are exposed to will all leave their mark on us. Just as with a physical journey, there will be days when the going is easy: with no obstacles in our way we will feel confident in our understanding of God, of the world and of our place in it. But there will be other days when we feel like we are walking through fog or struggling with hurt. Our experiences and those of others might challenge the beliefs we were sure of. How do we navigate our way back to safety and confidence on those days?

I remember leading a group of tired pilgrims and finding ourselves at the edge of a large, recently ploughed, muddy field. The map suggested we should cross over the middle of the field but from where we stood we could see no sign of the footpath and no sign of the way out on the other side. We had no option but to start walking, one step at a time and to trust our map-reading skills. I remember my relief, halfway across the field when I first caught a glimpse of a faint foot print in the mud... someone else had travelled this path before me. As a Christian I am comforted by God's promise that he will never abandon me. Whatever challenges I face, I know I am never alone. I also find comfort in stories of those men and women of faith who have gone before me: often very ordinary, flawed people like me and yet through whom and in whom God has been present doing something extraordinary. Thirdly, God has a habit of being able to reveal himself through the world and the people around me: all his children and all containing something of his essence. Of course, he is not always immediately obvious: sometimes it is necessary to pause and wait for him to show himself.

God of mystery and imagination,

help us to see you in both the unexpected and the familiar,

for surely you are present in all things.

The stranger who, from nowhere, stops to help;

the beloved friend who speaks a word of comfort;

the stone when lifted reveals the life beneath;

the child who marvels at such a world of tiny beings, unnoticed and essential

– all these display the wonders of your love, ever present if not always known.

In these times of uncertainty and doubt, enable us to lift our eyes to heaven.

Remembering the stars are always there but that it takes the darkness to reveal them. Amen.

Prayer by Sheryl Anderson, District Chair, Liverpool Methodist District

