



MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

The final two weeks of term have encapsulated the wonderful work that takes place day-in, day-out here at St Regis Academy, with so many amazing activities and opportunities taking place for our young people.

We have enjoyed Key Stage 3, 4 and Post 16 church services at St Michael's church; held a very successful Christmas Concert with Christ Church and St Paul's Junior schools; celebrated students' successes with our Roller Disco rewards day; completed our first ever Year 7 Winter Sports Day; invited our local community to join us for our Community Christmas lunch; and in addition to all of this, had successful parents' evenings, sports fixtures, off-site visits and trips taking place.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to St Regis Academy at normal times on Tuesday 7th January 2025, as we have staff INSET days scheduled for Friday 20th December and Monday 6th January.

I want to thank all staff, students and parents for their ongoing support and hard work this autumn term, it has been such a successful one for the St Regis school community.

We look forward with excitement to the spring term and all of the successes that 2025 hold for St Regis as we continue to grow and flourish together.

I wish every one of our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas break.



Mr Parry
Principal





**ST REGIS STARS
OF LAST WEEK!**

CHESTER - Amanda N.

LICHFIELD - Hareem A.

WORCESTER - Ivy C.

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK
IS CHESTER!**

YEAR 7 - La'Sharnti S.

YEAR 8 - Hareem A.

YEAR 9 - Amanda N.

YEAR 10 - Shriya P.

YEAR 11 - Vansh D.

YEAR 12 - Poorva K.

YEAR 13 - Ronahi I.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child tax credit
- Working tax credit run-on
- ESA
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If you believe that you are eligible, please tell the school!

DID YOU KNOW? The school receives additional funding for children who are in receipt of free school meals.



**Three
Spires
TRUST**

'Life in all its fullness'





Congratulations to the winning form 9C2 for the Year 9 Half a Termly Challenge! On Friday they were awarded doughnuts, crisps, cakes, hot chocolate and more! They smashed their record for points, and it was a well earned treat for them!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the new prayer team!

Our brand new team of students and staff were offered a blessing in our Christmas church services earlier this week. Responding to a call to offer the gift of a listening ear and a prayer these volunteers from right across the school (staff and students of every age) have received training and are ready to bless our school community through their care and thoughtful words.

Congratulations and thank you to each one of them!



St Regis Reward Roller Disco

St Regis School kicked off their festive celebrations with a Christmas Rewards Roller Disco, ensuring students were rewarded for their attendance, behaviour, punctuality and attitude to learning. Over 350 students met the criteria and were invited to attend.

The event went down a treat. Students that had not skated before were given enhanced tutorials to support them. The skaters, laughed, fell, bonded but most of all enjoyed themselves and appreciated the opportunity and experience. What a brilliant way to end the term.

Also, congratulations to the 12 students awarded for their continued hard work and dedication. These students were amongst the top performers in the school for reward points over the last 12 days of term leading up to Christmas. Each student was awarded a certificate, Amazon gift voucher and personalised Christmas bauble.

Congratulations Shriya, Jasmine, Miriam, Akaljapsimar, Vedant, Anya, Harmanpreet, Noyal, Christianah, Muhammad, Raeesah and Kelsey!



As we approach the end of Autumn term, we invite every student to complete an anonymous feedback form on the service provided by our canteen food providers, Innovate.

This feedback is vital for ensuring we are providing students with a great food service and that we are meeting the needs of all students.

The link for the survey is:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Cj66ag29be>

The QR for the survey is:



Deadline for entries is Friday 17th January 2025.

NEW for 2025!

IASS SEND Surgery

We are delighted to announce that the IASS team will be delivering a SEND Surgery every fortnight at Cherry Street SEND and Sensory Hub, Cherry Street WV3 0QW.

Each session we will have a specific SEND focus, as well as offering a coffee and chat for parents, carers and young people who may have any questions or queries related to special educational needs and/or disability.

Our first session is on:

Thursday 9 January 9.30am to 12.30pm

“Getting the right support at the right time”

Drop in and have a chat any time from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

**Look out for more dates in the New Year on our website and social media
@wolvesiass**

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Working together to keep our young people safe

Secondary



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- Consent
- App focus: Telegram

Image Sharing

With the rise of camera phones and other devices in the last few years, taking photos of themselves and their friends is commonplace amongst young people. These photos are often shared online. In recent years, there has also been an increase in young people asking to share nudes of themselves. This is commonly known as sexting.

There are reasons as to why a young person might agree to sending an image of themselves in this way:

- they may believe they are in a consensual romantic relationship
- they may be pressured, tricked or coerced into sharing an image
- they may be exploited or groomed into sending the images.

The law on image sharing:

In order to protect children, any indecent image of a child (someone under 18) is known as Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), even if the image was created by the child themselves (self-generated CSAM). The law states that it is illegal to create or share CSAM. Creating images also includes AI or photoshopped images. The law also includes possession of an image and re-sharing images. Parents should not have images sent to their device, even if the intent is to report the image. Images should be reported to the Police immediately. It is important to note that this law is to protect children, not criminalise those who send images of themselves.

EDUCATE THEM ON THE LAW

Discuss the law with them. It protects them from the pressures of sharing images with real-life friends, as well as protecting them from the risk of exploitation.



USE PLATFORM SAFETY FEATURES

Make sure children are aware of how to report and block any inappropriate content they may receive. Review the various privacy settings available on the apps they use.

IMAGE SHARING KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARENTS

OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Educate children on personal boundaries by letting them know they are never obligated to share images of themselves. Also, remind them not to request images from others.



ONLINE PREDATORS

It's important to have conversations with children about the distinction between online friends and genuine, real-life friendships.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Understanding consent

Consent is the explicit, informed and voluntary agreement to engage in a particular activity, often referring to sexual interactions, but it also applies to other areas such as relationships, sharing personal boundaries and decision making. For children, this means ensuring that they have the capacity to give consent without feeling pressured, coerced or manipulated.

Why is it important for young people to understand consent?

- Teaching consent encourages children to respect their own and others' physical and emotional boundaries.
- Consent fosters open communication, mutual respect and equality in relationships.
- Educating teenagers about consent helps prevent situations of sexual assault, harassment and coercion.
- Understanding consent gives teenagers the tools to make informed choices about their body and relationships.
- Consent creates a culture of respect which helps to reduce harmful behaviours like victim-blaming.

The Four C's of consent help children to know if consent has been or is still being given:

- **Clear:** Yes means yes. If it isn't a yes, it's a no.
- **Continuous:** Keeping check that it is still a yes; yes now doesn't mean yes later.
- **Coercion-free:** It isn't yes if pressure has been put on someone to do something.
- **Conscious:** The person giving consent must be fully capable of giving consent.

What parents and carers should know about Telegram

This summer, Telegram made the headlines when its owner was arrested. Although it may not be the most popular messaging app among young people, it is considered one of the fastest-growing platforms. While there are many discussions surrounding the risks associated with using Telegram, here are some key points to keep in mind:

4 WAYS TO TEACH CONSENT TO TEENAGERS

Teaching children about consent is vital for fostering respect and responsibility. Here are some effective strategies.

MODEL

Model consent in everyday situations. An example of this might be to ask for a hug.



TALK

Talk about what consent looks like in relationships. Use TV shows or news articles as conversation starters.



RESPECT

Emphasise mutual respect, taking into consideration seeking and giving consent.







DISCUSS

Discuss the legal aspect of consent, as well as the emotional impact of not gaining consent.



Keeping your child safe is our number one priority at St Regis Academy. You can contact your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year or the Designated Safeguarding Leads if you have any concerns or questions by emailing: admin@stregisacademy.org. If it is urgent, please call the school and ask for a DSL.

RISKS TO CONSIDER IF YOUR CHILD USES TELEGRAM

 END-TO-END ENCRYPTION	 SELF-DESTRUCTING MESSAGES	 LARGE GROUP CHATS	 LOCAL CONNECTIONS
Private conversations known as 'Secret Chats' can only be accessed by the participants. This puts children at risk.	A timer can be set when sending a message in a Secret Chat which will then self-destruct/disappear.	Group chats known as Channels can include up to 200,000 participants. This allows for unregulated conversations.	'People Nearby' connects users locally, but may expose children to grooming and exploitation risks.



From the Chaplain...

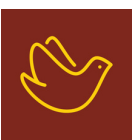
I love Christmas for loads of reasons, but the real reasons are not the fact that we have a holiday from school, not the abundance of good food, not singing carols and decorating the house and meeting up with friends and sending cards and the presents... I enjoy all those things, but they are not the really good news for me.

The really good news is this: that God – our God who is beyond our understanding, wise and good and powerful enough to create all the universe, who had the sense of humour and imagination to create giraffes and elephants and tiny but beautiful insects and amazing landscapes and planets... that same God loves us enough to do something that you wouldn't imagine was possible unless you had heard the stories. In order to let us know how much he loves us. he made himself into a tiny human baby so that he could really get alongside us and experience life in our shoes... or in a human body at least. And because of that, he knows what it is like to be us. He knows what we struggle with. He knows what it is like to feel afraid – really afraid. He knows what it is like when people lie about you. He knows how injustice feels and hunger and having to follow rules you don't agree with. He knows how it can be difficult to please everyone who has expectations of you and he knows how it feels to be betrayed by someone you trusted. He knows because he experienced it all first hand in a human body.

Not only that but when he came and lived in a human body he didn't choose to live as a privileged person – he actually chose to be poor. He lived in a small occupied country being controlled by foreign soldiers. He chose an ordinary young couple as his parents... people who could offer him love but not always a warm, dry roof and a comfy bed. His birth was announced to shepherds and so they were his first visitors – not respectable people but rough men who lived outside with the animals and so would have been dirty and smelly and not made welcome in any religious building among civilised society. It is to these people more than anyone that God's heart goes out.

And because of all that, because of God's immense and immeasurable love for us, love which is stronger than hatred, stronger than fear, stronger even than death; love which is for every single person no matter what their circumstances or history; love which knows no limits and which crosses every boundary – even the boundary between heaven and earth, love which will stop at nothing and make every sacrifice in order to make itself known to us – because of that, we have hope. And that, for me, that is a real reason to celebrate at Christmas.

Wishing you all a joy-filled Christmas!





ST REGIS WISHES YOU A

Merry Christmas



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

