

ST REGIS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

10th January 2025



MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

It has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back to St Regis for the new calendar year, and, whilst the weather may not have felt like the seasons are changing any time soon, the start of the spring term.



We started the week with re-set assemblies for all students, refocusing on our expectations and standards with the focus this week being uniform. We have also had various sports fixtures taking place and welcomed Year 4 Perton Primary Academy students into school to make use of our fantastic nature reserve.



On Saturday we have students and staff departing on the school's first ever ski trip as part of a Three Spires Trust visit to Pila, Italy. The visit is a first for the Trust and will see 71 students from 4 schools taking to the slopes to learn a new life skill!



I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this cold snap and wish all of our families a very happy New Year.



Mr Parry
Principal





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>

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Deadline for entries is Friday 17th January 2025.



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'

From the Chaplain...

Happy New Year!

This week we enter the church season of Epiphany, which is all about noticing God as he reveals himself to us humans. Of course we can never catch more than a glimpse of God, who is infinite after all! But even a brief glimpse tells us something about God and what God wants for us.

Our Bible story at school this week is from John's gospel and tells how Jesus averts a social disaster for family friends at their wedding by turning water into wine. Almost a side character the steward, in charge of the smooth running of the wedding, tastes the newly produced wine and expresses his amazement at the logic of saving the best until last. This is not the usual human way of doing things at all although it is typical of God.

But let's rewind a bit: why are they in this mess in the first place? Why has the wine run out? What has gone wrong? Has the steward perhaps selfishly syphoned off a bigger cut of the wedding budget for himself and spent less than he should on food and drink for the guests? Has he perhaps been ungenerous with his calculations? Or has he allowed some of the guests to be greedy and overconsume so that now others are going without? Whatever has happened, there are certainly signs of a mismanagement of resources here. But even though the steward has made a mess of things, Jesus is able to work through those present who trust in him and who follow his instructions to put things right. In the end there will be blessings all round in generous abundance and everyone will benefit.

In the book of Genesis we read that God has put humankind in a position of stewardship and responsibility for the rest of creation. We have other responsibilities too, for those in our care both at work and at home and for others on whom our lives and choices impact. We humans don't always get things right and, like the steward in the gospel story, we sometimes mess things up and end up wishing we could somehow start again. But God wastes nothing, there is no situation so bad that God can't see an opportunity and above all, God wants to bless us. So are we willing to notice, to trust in the goodness of his ways and to cooperate with him? If we can be generous and open to that, I believe that he will work with us to be a blessing to one another, to our community and perhaps even our wider world in ways that we can't yet even imagine.

May this new year bring opportunities to notice, to cooperate and to rejoice in what God is doing and may he bless us all in abundance. Amen

