



Friday 26th January, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

We have had a fruitful week with pupils in Years 11 and 13 making their final preparations for their mock examinations starting on Monday. I would like to wish them all lots of luck and we will continue to hold them all in our prayers. In addition, I hope our Year 12 pupils have a great work experience week as they continue their preparations for their future 'next steps'. This is such a valuable experience in supporting our pupils with their personal development and I appreciate your efforts with this too, alongside our Careers Coordinator Miss Phillips.

Prayer Theme

***"And Jesus said to them: Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.
And immediately leaving their nets, they followed him " - Mark 1: 14 - 20***

- We have prayed together as a community:

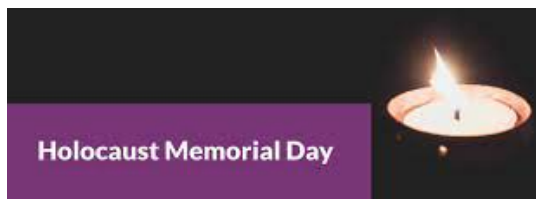
Dear God,

We thank you for the belief you had in the first disciples to call them into your service. We ask that you give us the courage to recognise that we are all part of your plan and you know us by name. We also ask for your guidance to look for whatever task you have called us to do in your service.

Amen

Holocaust Memorial Day - Saturday January 27th

- Tomorrow is Holocaust Memorial Day.
- This year's theme is 'The Fragility of Freedom' and we are reminded that there is still much to do to eradicate racism, discrimination and persecution.
- Pupils have engaged with our Personal Development Pop Up this week on this theme and have reflected on how we can all play our part in calling out any form of discrimination.
- Pupils are encouraged to use our #neverok email to raise any concern.



#HolocaustMemorialDay / 27 January



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Pupil Forum spotlight

- It is great to have so many pupils attending and contributing to their Pupil Forum.
- We currently have 38 members - it is open to ALL pupils and the Forum would love new members to join them.
- They discuss matters arising and contribute ideas to making the school a great place for all pupils to be in.
- Sixth form pupils lead the discussions and feedback any action points to relevant staff.
- Pastoral tutors can provide further information about Forum to pupils.



Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 8th February 4 - 6.30pm

- Please read the letter below if you have not so already, which outlines the instructions and details about our upcoming parents evening for Year 9.
- [Year 9 Parents Evening Letter](#)

Keeping Safe and Well Pastoral Focus

- Pupils have been developing some tools this week for coping with any Exam related stress that they may experience.
- The reality is that some pupils will find examinations difficult for many different reasons and we are committed to supporting them through any challenges they may face.
- The Charity Mind have developed some resources that have been used in this week's 'Keeping Safe and Well' session.
- [Tips for 11-18 year olds on coping with exam stress - Mind](#)



Year 11 Mock Examinations - Monday 29th January until Friday 9th February 2024

- Good Luck to all of Year 11 beginning their mock examinations next week!
- [Yr 11 mock examinations letter - January 2024](#)

Year 13 Mock Examinations - Monday 29th January until Friday 2nd February 2024

- Good luck to Year 13 beginning their mock examinations next week!
- [Y13 Mock Examinations - January 2024.docx.pdf](#)



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As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,

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