



Friday 10th May, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. This week has passed very quickly, being shorter than normal! It is lovely to see that the sun is shining and summer is finally on its way. Can I ask that all pupils come to school prepared with a full water bottle that they can refill at lunchtime. This ensures pupils remain hydrated and able to learn in school when it can become very warm in school.



Prayer Theme

This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you, Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'

John 15: 9-17

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Help us to love, to remain in an attitude of love towards all people, to show love to our communities, to our families, to those who do not show us love, and most importantly to ourselves. Help us now and always to remain in your love.

Amen

Communication with School

- A reminder that all email communication should go through House emails, not staff personal email addresses.
- Please also be considerate in all written communication and timescales for response, staff will not routinely respond to emails out of working hours unless urgent.

Examinations

- A final huge good luck to our pupils in their final public examinations that have begun in earnest this week! We will continue to hold them in our prayers.
- For Year 11 pupils and families, we will post on social media, at the start of each week the schedule of revision sessions and examinations. Please check this with your child and prepare accordingly.
- You may find this resource helpful when supporting your child through their exams, which can be a stressful time:

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

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Year 13 Leavers Mass

- Our Year 13 leavers Mass will be held at St Anne's Church, Winlaton on **Friday 24th May at 1pm.**
- All family members are welcome to join us.
- It will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate and congratulate our wonderful pupils.



Extra-curricular - updated Summer Timetable

- As part of our pupils Personal Development we encourage all pupils to take part in an extra-curricular activity.
- Please find a link to our updated timetable for the summer term:
[Extra Curricular Timetable Poster A3 - Summer term.xlsx - Sheet1.pdf](#)



Year 9 Football Final

- Our Year 9 pupils were a credit to themselves and the school when they achieved a place in the Gateshead schools final last Friday evening.
- Unfortunately they lost to Cardinal Hume, but they performed brilliantly as a team.
- Well done to all pupils and thank you to the staff involved for giving up their time to make this happen, it is much appreciated.

Important reminder about parking

- Can you please be respectful of our neighbours if you are needing to park near the school.
- Cars must never be parked in the bus layby or where the roads have the zigzagged yellow lines.
- In addition please never block a person's drive or access to their home.
- We have received reports that some people are making it difficult for our neighbours to put their bins out because the paths are so congested.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours who have the right to not be negatively impacted by poor parking.
- Thank you for your support with this.

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

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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