



Friday 24th May, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

A sincere thank you to all for your support this term so far. It has been a very busy half term and we can only do the very best for our pupils with your continued support.

Our mission statement extends to our whole community, including yourselves. We hold everyone in our prayers so that we can all reach our full potential in the light of the teachings of Christ. We pray especially for our Year 13 pupils as they begin their study leave today.

I hope you all have a lovely week and the sun shines hopefully!



Prayer Theme

'When he had said this, he breathed on them; and he said to them: Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained'

John 20: 19-23

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of your peace and the reassurance of your presence. Help us to recognize you in our daily lives and to live out your mission with courage and love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so we may bring peace and forgiveness to those around us. Guide us to be instruments of your grace and witnesses of your resurrection.

Amen

Year 13 Leavers Mass

- Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in celebrating our Year 13 pupils.
- A special thank you to Fr Rose for celebrating Mass with us.
- We are so proud of them all and know they have wonderful futures ahead of them.
- They will always be held in our prayers and thoughts.



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Half Term Reminder

- School closes today, Friday 24th May, for the half term one week holiday.
- School will reopen on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Year 11 Half Term Revision & Plans for after Half Term

- **Year 11** Revision sessions during half term:
 - Wednesday 29th May: Maths Revision (9.30-10:45) Higher and Foundation - M Band
 - Wednesday 29th May: Maths Revision (11.00-12:15) Higher and Foundation - T Band
 - Thursday 30th May: Geography Revision, Paper 2, Mrs Devlin (10:00-12:30 in GY2)
 - Thursday 30th May: Geography Revision, Paper 2, Ms. Nicholson (13:00-15:00 in GY1)
 - Friday 31st May: English Language Revision (10:30-12:00).
- The exam timetable for Yr 11 will commence with their Maths examination on Monday 3rd June, followed by a full timetable of dropdowns, revision lessons and their remaining examinations.
- It is essential that all pupils in Year 11 continue to attend school as normal to ensure they are in receipt of the support and guidance from staff prior to their examinations.



Water Safety

- We are so saddened to hear of the deaths of the young boys who had entered the River Tyne at Ovingham.
- Our prayers go out to their families, friends, loved ones and school communities.
- Please take a moment to read more about water safety advice and speak to your child about this.
- This message is shared within school also as part of pupils 'Keeping safe' Key concept, but reminders are always welcome.
- [Water Safety Advice](#)





Year 10 End of Year Exams

- Year 10 end of year exams begin on Monday 3rd June for two weeks.
- Please read this letter for details [End of Year 10 Exams](#)
- RAP Booklet [Year 10 RAP Booklet \(2024\)](#)
- Exam TT [Y10 EOY EXAM TT](#)
- We wish them all the best of luck!

Retreat Opportunity - Current Year 7 [when they are in Year 8!] 28/04/25-30/04/25

- We are very pleased to share advance notice of next year’s year 8 retreat dates to the YMT Youth Village in Consett.
- The retreat will be held 28/04/25 - 30/04/25
- A letter will be shared next half term with further information and payment details.
- The retreats are always popular and numbers are limited so please respond promptly to the letter.



INSET Date reminder

- Our next INSET day is Friday 28th June 2024.
- School is closed to all pupils on that day thank you.

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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