



Friday 7th June, 2024

### Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and the rain didn't dampen your spirits! It has been great to welcome our pupils back this week as we begin our final summer half term. Year 10 pupils have coped very well with the first week of their end of year examinations. Year 11 and 13 continue with their public examinations and I continue to be very proud of their conduct and efforts. We appreciate your ongoing support with assessments and know that our pupils benefit from encouragement at home linked to revision and preparation. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via our House email addresses.

### Prayer Theme

**"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen"**  
**Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

- We have prayed together as a community:

*Dear God,*

*We thank you for the sacrifice you foreshadowed in the Passover meal. Your body, the true Passover Lamb, was given for our salvation. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive in the Eucharist. May we always make room for you in the innermost places of our lives.*

*Amen*



### World Environment Day

- We are called as Christians to protect our environment and it is an important Catholic value.
- On Wednesday 5th June celebrated the day via our Personal Development Pop Up, informing pupils about the day and how they can care for the world in which we live.
- Our Eco committee prepared the resources and 'staffed' the Pop up seeking pupils' views on whether we do enough recycling in school.
- Our Eco committee have also ran a crisp packet recycling competition - winning pastorals to be revealed next week!



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### Year 11 Study Leave

- We could not be more proud of our Year 11 pupils and the hard work and determination they have shown so far during their external examinations.
- From **Thursday 13th June** pupils will be able to revise from home if they wish. However, they are strongly encouraged to continue to attend the warm-ups and drop-down revision sessions available in school. These sessions will provide invaluable teacher input to support revision prior to examinations.
- Best of luck to Year 11 in their remaining exams!
- If students choose to revise at home, they must continue to arrive in school when they have a morning exam by 8.40am at the latest and for afternoon exams they must be in school no later than 12.30pm

### Year 6 Transition

- We have several transition events this half term for various groups of Year 6 pupils.
- We are very much looking forward to welcoming all Year 6 pupils who are joining us in September to a range of events.
- We have our 'Challenge morning' for some students coming up on Tuesday 18th June which focuses on Maths and English.
- We have a range of Year 6 SEND events happening in June and July.
- There will also be weekly newsletters starting to come out this month so look out for them on the school website!
- In addition to our Transition days in July for all of Year 6: 4th July is our team building day and allocated transition dates will follow next week.



### Key Stage 3 End of Year Assessments

- Key Stage 3 have their end of year exams week beginning 17th and 24th June.
- The end of year assessments for KS3 will be classroom based and dates will be given by your child's class teacher in advance.
- Pupils will be able to input these dates and times into their exam timetable within their Raising Achievement booklets.
- To help students with their revision, we have also previously shared a Raising Achievement Booklet with pupils which will provide them with useful revision strategies to support them through their revision
- Good luck to everyone!



**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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