



Friday 13th December 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of term and Christmas I would invite you to see the various Mass times across our partnership parishes [Ovingham] [Find a Church - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#). In addition please see below Christmas services and Mass times taking place across Newcastle city centre Churches.

We will hold you all in our hearts and prayers for the rest of Advent. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible next Tuesday evening at our Carol Service at St Joseph's Blaydon at 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Carols Services at St Mary's Cathedral:
Wednesday 4 December, 10am - Newcastle School's Year 5 Carols Service
Tuesday 17 December, 7pm - Cathedral Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 18 December, 7pm - St Cuthbert's High School Carols Service

Carols Service at St Michael's:
Wednesday 18 December, 1.30pm - with St Michael's School

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES
Cathedral: 4pm (Family Mass) & 7pm (Celebrated by Bishop Stephen)
St Andrew's: 5.30pm
St Dominic's 6pm
St Michael's: 4pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES
Cathedral: 8am & 10am
St Dominic's 10am



Prayer Theme

'A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths' - Luke 3: 1 -6

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

As we journey through this Advent season, help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Show us the areas of our lives that need healing and transformation. Help us to let go of selfishness, fear, and distractions, so we can make room for Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Year 11 Family Survey

- Thank you if you were able to attend our parents evening for Year 11 this week
- Please look out for the link to a parent/carer survey to complete
- Your support is very much appreciated



Last Week of Term Arrangements

- **Monday**
 - During pastoral pupils will take part in the Trust Advent 'Celebration of the Word' that pupils in our school have prepared and delivered for the whole Trust.
 - Lessons as normal.
- **Tuesday**
 - The second half of year 7 will be attending their Theatre trip.
 - Lessons as normal for everyone else.
- **Wednesday**
 - Christmas themed non-uniform day [£1 cash donation in school].
 - Lessons as normal in the morning.
 - Christmas lunch served in the dining hall.
 - Christmas Inter-house Quiz Heats in the afternoon.
- **Thursday**
 - Cinema visit in the morning.
 - Christmas Inter-House Quiz Heats in the afternoon.
- **Friday**
 - Advent Masses in the morning.
 - 1.00pm finish.

A reminder that school will be finishing at 1pm on Friday 20th December, and all pupils are able to leave at this time. However the Gateshead buses (840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 854, 861 & 891) will not be here until 2-50 as normal. Any pupil who is waiting for the buses should make their way to the Hall where they will be supervised.



Year 10 Assessment Week

- A reminder that Year 10 pupils will sit their first formal assessments in lessons during the week beginning 13th January.
- Please see the letter below for further details.
- Thank you for your continued support in helping prepare our pupils as best as possible.
[Year 10 Assessment Week letter](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

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