



Friday 10th October 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been another great week in school and I have had the opportunity to visit a wide range of lessons across subjects and year groups. I continue to be proud of the levels of engagement from our pupils and the hard work of all staff ensuring that our curriculum offer and experience is both accessible and challenging. Most of our year 7 pupils have now visited the chapel with a lesson led by Becca and their RE teacher giving them all an opportunity to encounter God in their lives in a way that is meaningful to them. It was the turn of Year 11 St Bernadette pastoral groups for their class Mass yesterday, thank you to Fr Adrian for celebrating Mass with us.

Prayer Theme

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for showing us that even the smallest faith can grow into something powerful. Help us to trust You in the choices we make each day, even when life feels overwhelming. Teach us to serve with humility, not seeking praise or reward, but living faithfully in the quiet, everyday ways that show Your love to others. Give us courage to act with integrity, kindness, and patience, and remind us that every small act of faith has the power to make a difference. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Youth Council

- Good luck to our Diocesan Youth Council members who are attending their first residential this weekend at the Youth Village
- The commitment and Faith of our young people is an inspiration
- Please encourage your child to visit Becca if they would like to attend any of the groups and award schemes this year
- Young Vincentians, Chapel Club, JP11, Faith in Action, Scripture Club - to name a few!



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Virtual Parental Evenings

- Thank you to year 11 families for joining us online on Wednesday evening for our Vocational Pathway event
- We hope you found it useful and understand more about this pathway for pupils
- A reminder that we have a full calendar organised over the year: [Parental Engagement Opportunities 2025 - 2026 \[Family\].pdf](#)

Year 13 Celebration Retreat

- Following the success of last years retreat, our Year 13 are attending a celebration retreat at Ford Castle residential centre from Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th October
- Please keep them all in your prayers as they gather together to celebrate each other and to give thanks for their school journey so far as they embark on their final year in school
- We can't wait to hear all about it and thank you to the staff who are supporting this trip

Keeping Safe and Well - World Mental Health Day

- Today is World Mental Health Day and we have marked the occasion with a special KSW session on the importance of talking about how we feel and looking out for each other
- Our wellbeing champions suggested some techniques and strategies that we can all use to help keep us mentally well
- Our pupils have been reminded of who they can talk to in school and outside of school, including dialling 111, option 2, for mental health support



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Yours sincerely,

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