



Weekly Parent Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2020

COVID-19 PROCEDURES



CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES



**Wash &
sanitise
your hands
routinely**



**Please Keep
2m Apart**



CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE

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Forthcoming Dates

INSET Day – Friday 18th September

October Half Term – Friday 23rd October

Please also note the accompanying letter from Mr Grant

Premier partner

ASCL Association of School and College Leaders

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Education on Demand



SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS

Your child's school has invested in the award winning resource, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals! Join the thousands of parents encouraging their children to use GCSEPod to support learning, homework and revision.



Wow! Emma actually asked if GCSEPod counted as revision as she can't believe it. I can't believe it either! How fantastic to have a resource that meets students on their level, I am blown away! She actually does not feel as though she is doing revision!

Parent



I use GCSEPod to create mindmaps and flash cards, then watch the Pods back to consolidate my knowledge. I also watch them to recap information from lessons so I have a good understanding of the subject content. I like that the Pods are short and concise. Plus they contain information that will allow me to answer the exam question.

Student

- Proven to increase results
- 21 exam mapped subjects
- Available online and offline
- Audio visual content
- Builds confidence
- Use on the go, anytime, anywhere



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- Create a username and password

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**BRAIN
TEASERS**



What type of cheese is made backwards?

Where does Friday come before Thursday?

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

(Answers in next week's newsletter)



On This Day – 20th March

History: 1875 ~ First newspaper cartoon strip published



Music: 1966 ~ The Rolling Stones perform on The Ed Sullivan Show



Film/TV: 2015 ~ “The Martian” starring Matt Damon premieres at the Toronto Film Festival



Sport: 1999 ~ US Open Women's Tennis: Serena Williams wins her first Grand Slam title



Safeguarding Notices

Contact Details: All parents and carers will know that during the lockdown period we made weekly/ thrice weekly calls to all students to check on their welfare. At times this was made very difficult due to parent not having updated their contact numbers with us. Can all parents/carers please ensure that we have at least two contact numbers and these are updated when numbers are changed. This is now a legal requirement for schools. It is essential that we can contact you at all times, particularly during the current situation.

Attendance: We need all parents and carers to support school in maintaining excellent attendance at all times. The current guidelines are that all pupils should now be back in school. All precautions have been put in to place in school and we have now welcomed back all of our year groups. Please note - If your child is ill please ring the Attendance Officer first thing in the morning or use the attendance app stating why your child is not in school.

IF your child has:

A NEW persistent cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell you should keep your child at home and arrange for them to have a Covid-19 test. All members of the household should then self-isolate until you get the results of the test. If the test is negative your child can then return to school when they are well enough to do so. If the test is **positive** you should inform school immediately and they should then isolate at home for 10 days as should everyone else in the household. If your child becomes unwell in school and they have any of the above symptoms you will be asked to collect them **immediately** and arrange for a Covid-19 test as soon as possible and inform school of the result. They should remain at home until they get their results with the rest of the household self-isolating. If anyone in your household has tested **positive** for Covid-19 you should notify school immediately in order that we can follow Government guidelines in order to keep all pupils and staff safe.

Your continued support is appreciated. If you need any further advice please contact the attendance team or myself directly. Mrs Fleming – Safeguarding Lead



CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE - COVID-19 UPDATE

During this half term, due to the pandemic, careers and work experience related information will be provided to you via remote access from organisations. Below is an opportunity that can be accessed from home to help with your search for an appropriate university or apprenticeship for September 2021. As the term progresses, more opportunities will be provided in the newsletter each week.

UK University and Apprenticeship search virtual fair
Explore local, regional & national post 16 and 18 options.
Wed 21 Oct. 2-6pm

Register: ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com

Miss Fisher

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please follow this link to apply:
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> If you are eligible, £2.30 will be added to your child's account each day and will enable your child to buy a 'Meal Deal' including a main meal, drink and snack at lunchtime. If you think you may be eligible but your child wants to bring a packed lunch and doesn't want to use the restaurant, please make the application anyway as this will increase funding for our school.

Mrs Warom

School Website Updates

Over the summer, our school website has been updated with key information on the topics that your child will be studying in all subject areas. If you follow the curriculum link you will find all materials you need to support your child's learning. The link to the curriculum section on the website is here, <https://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk/>

When you follow the curriculum link to our website you will find the following things;

- The school curriculum vision.
- The exam boards that each subject uses for their exam groups.
- Useful revision websites.
- A five-year overview of what topics and skills your child will learn in every subject area.
- Knowledge organiser's for all KS3 subjects and topics.

We hope that this information and these topic summaries will prove to be very useful to understand what your child will be studying and to support their learning at home.

Mr Griffiths

School Homework Policy

Last year we launched our school Retrieval Practice homework strategy. Research informs us that pupils who regularly complete homework achieve better results than those who do not. They also enjoy their lessons and are able to remember more things that they have learned. Our homework strategy also proved to be extremely successful at equipping students with effective revision strategies and providing them with the tools to be successful in their lessons. We will be continuing the homework strategy with Years 7 – 11. Every Monday your child will be set Retrieval Practice homework by their form tutor. Each night they will be expected to complete two pages of work. To help your child complete the homework they will be practising how to do it in form time every day for the first few weeks of term. Every Friday form tutors will check the homework. If any pupil has not completed their homework then they will complete a detention on Friday afternoon. We look forward to your support with our homework policy.

Mr Griffiths

Remote Learning



We are working hard to ensure that our curriculum is readily available online and that, in the event of local restrictions, we can support all of our pupils. In addition to online access we will continue to provide paper-based resources for pupils.

We will be moving to using Microsoft Teams as a way of facilitating learning, setting and monitoring pupils' work. Over the next two weeks, we will be sharing further information on this.

Pupils will be able to access Microsoft Teams by downloading the app on their phones or logging on to Sharepoint with their school email and password, when using a home computer/laptop. We will be demonstrating this to students via IT lessons and in assemblies in the coming weeks.

You will be able to monitor the work set by sitting down with your son/daughter and looking at the work and resources on Microsoft Teams. Thank you to all of those parents who have completed the IT survey. If you have not completed it, please take a few moments to do so. Your responses will really support us in ensuring that we support all of our pupils.

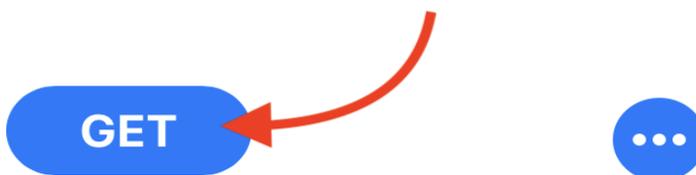
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Mrs Quoroll - Deputy Head



Microsoft Teams

Hub for teamwork



Pupil Maths Success

Elizabeth Tang was offered a week's placement at Leeds University over the summer following a very high score on the UKMT Maths Challenge. Reflecting on the experience, Elizabeth said:

"I was honored to be able to participate in the UKMT Virtual Summer School which was held on the 3rd August - 7th August. It was a thrilling week, introducing different mathematics theories and the history of mathematics. Among the various theories introduced, I enjoyed Number Theory the most, it is about two numbers which the first number multiply itself to form a square and the remainder of the first number from the second number form another square until we reach 1×1 . This formed a spiral with squares from the largest to the smallest which was an interesting result. Through this summer school I have learnt more advanced Maths and gained more opportunity to communicate with people who were excellent in Maths. I would like to thank our group, al-Khwarizmi, for contributing actively in our discussion and it has been nice meeting them. Although the questions were challenging, it has been a great opportunity to train my ability in tackling complicated questions. It was a fantastic experience but the unfortunate thing is that I could not participate in it in reality due to COVID-19. I believe that it would be an even better experience if I could attend it in real life."

Maths Breakfast Club

Maths Breakfast Club for Year 11 available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:10am. Flapjacks and orange juice provided!

The Catholic Life Of Our School



Gospel Reflection – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 18:21-35

As always Peter goes straight to the point and asks “How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times.” Jesus responds by saying not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

This is Jesus telling us that there is no limit to how often we must forgive. Asking for forgiveness is never easy. Forgiving someone might be just as difficult. However, we cannot go through life without doing either of these things. How we deal with forgiving and being forgiven brings us closer to each other and to God the forgiving Father.

