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JESUIT VIRTUE - SUMMER TERM 2



Our school community is being asked this term to be **intentional and prophetic**. Intentional in the way that they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.



Our word of the week this week is **prejudice**. How are you using our word of the week at home?

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Loving Father, I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life. My future sometimes seems distant and unknown. Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me. Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others.
I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother
Amen

HEALTH AND WELLBEING: MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

With all of us spending more time at home, we are all spending a lot more time online. Being connected helps reduce the impact of this new (temporary) normal and encourages us to continue with our lives. But it also presents a new set of challenges. How can you maximize all that the internet has to offer, while minimizing risks?

- 1. Keep them safe with open communication.** Know who your children communicate with and how. Make sure they understand the value of kind and supportive interactions and that mean, discriminatory or inappropriate contact is never acceptable.
- 2. Use technology to protect them.** Check that your child's device is running the latest software and antivirus programs and that privacy settings are on. Keep webcams covered when not in use. Parental controls, including safe search, can help keep online experiences positive.
- 3. Spend time with them online.** Create opportunities for your child to have safe and positive online interactions with friends, family and you.
- 4. Encourage healthy online habits.** Promote and monitor good behavior online and on video calls.
- 5. Let them have fun and express themselves.** Now is a great opportunity for your children to use their voice online to share their views and support those in need during this crisis. Encourage your child to take advantage of digital tools that get them up and moving, like online exercise videos for kids.

For more information go to <https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/keep-your-child-safe-online-at-home-covid-19>

MESSAGE FROM MISS BURROWS

This week we welcomed Y12 students back into school for some sessions with their subject teachers. It was wonderful to see and feel the school come alive again and I want to thank all of the students for following the guidelines and staying safe. Next week, we are looking forward to seeing Y10 students return for some time with their teachers before the summer holidays. I am also delighted to inform you that the repairs to the swimming pool are nearly finished! Our pool is looking fantastic and we will be tweeting some pictures over the next few weeks as the last few jobs are finished off. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic facility and we hope that the students will be able to start swimming again sometime in the new term. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and patience as these difficult times continue. We are planning for 'normality' in September but cannot confirm anything until we have further guidance from the government. Please check the website as it is updated every week with news about the current situation in school and any forthcoming events.

God Bless Miss Burrows

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED LEARNERS AND EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE:

- Year 7: Phoebe F (BRI6) & Samuel M (JOS5)
- Year 8: Katie-Mae S (BRI4) and Amy N (FRX3)
- Year 9: Jamie P (CAS2) & Churanjeet K (BRI6)
- Year 10: Nash Musiwa JO1S) & Aniah H (MON4)

Look out for your certificates on ClassCharts!
Well done all!



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YEAR 12 GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

The world our sons and daughters are going out into today is a very different, uncertain and more rapidly changing place than the one we as parents faced at their age. It is estimated that by 2026, 65% of new jobs will require graduate level skills and qualifications. While university is not suitable for everyone, a university education is perhaps the most obvious provider of these skills and qualifications. In July, we will be launching our 'PiXL Festival of Futures' to support students and parents on the next steps after Sixth Form. Until then, you could help Sixth Form by taking some time to go through and to try out some of our top tips.

- Learning information for exams can be tricky. Research shows that reviewing information as you go along can help improve memory retention. Help your child get into good habits of revisiting information regularly each week.
- Did you know that physically active students have more active brains? Research shows that exercise can also improve exam performance and mental wellbeing. Please encourage your child to keep active and take regular breaks when studying.
- Productive people work smarter, not harder. Please encourage your child to take regular breaks when studying and to revise in shorter intervals.
- Revising can be a daunting experience. Encourage your child to break down information into bite size chunks, form patterns and connections to help them learn.
- Research shows that we have a limited 'working memory.' Encourage your child to use varied revision techniques to maximise their memory to perform better.
- Distractions can get in the way of your child revising effectively. Help them to create a calming environment to work in and limit distractions such as phones, TV, music etc as these can interfere with the learning process.

We were delighted to welcome Year 12 into school this week. Students attended three hour sessions with their subject teachers. The sessions followed current guidelines from the government and enabled students to have some contact with their subject teachers. It was a great opportunity for staff to review what students have completed so far in terms of their online learning and for them to have that all important teaching of next steps.



We are hoping to offer Y12 another opportunity to see subject staff in the week commencing 6th July. This will give the opportunity for students to receive more teaching in advance of them having work set for over the summer period. A huge thank you to Year 12 students for their attendance and their compliance with the new safety measures that we have put in place. For all online learning timetables and support information see our website at <https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/preparefor>



SIXTH FORM NEWS



We are pleased to introduce our new Senior Prefect team. Congratulations to:

Hannah G - Head Girl

Kalum R - Head Boy

Joshua W - Deputy Head Boy

Lauren H - Deputy Head Girl

Justin J - Catholic Life

Max N - Well Being

We wish you every success in your roles

and have no doubt that you will make a

fantastic contribution to the life of the

school in your role as ambassadors for our

Sixth Form. Well done!

YEAR 10 NEWS

Year 10 provision will start from **Monday 22nd June** and letters have been sent out with details of dates and times for each student. Please read your letter carefully with your child so that they know what to expect when they return to school for their session. We are very much looking forward to seeing our Year 10 students return!

HORIZONTAL YEAR GROUPS - CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

You will have received a letter this week outlining a change to our pastoral tutoring system in school. From September, Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School will switch from a vertical tutoring model to a horizontal tutoring model. Students will be organised into tutor groups and year groups according to their age i.e. a student in Year 8 will be in a tutor group of around 20 other children all in Year 8. Each year group will have a Head of Year and will be named after one of the current House Saints. From September:

Y7 - St. Catherine (Gold & Black tie) Mr M Smith

Y8 - St. Augustine (Red & White tie) Mrs K Benton*

Y9 - St. Joseph (Green & Gold tie) Mrs K Hughes

Y10 - St. Monica (Black & Red tie) Mr A Bruton

Y11 - St. Bridget (Blue & White tie) Mr S Daniels

6th Form - St. Dominic Mr M Newman HoY12



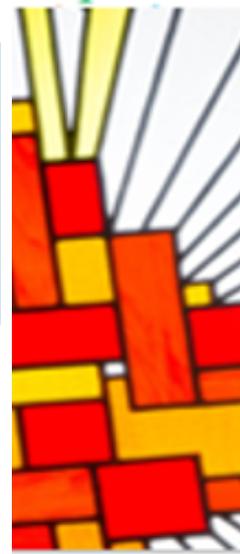
School uniform can be purchased from Midland Schoolwear at 1160 Warwick Rd, Birmingham B27 6BP. Please visit our website and read our school uniform policy carefully before making any purchases.

School ties can be purchased from both Midland Schoolwear and the school at cost of £7.

*Mr J Brookes will be temporarily in charge of Y8 until

Mrs Benton returns from maternity leave. St. Francis Xavier has been retired.

The switch from a vertical house group system to a horizontal year group system is a big change and for some students this change may cause anxiety. Please be assured that the change has been discussed and planned across the school for some time. There have been curriculum changes and having age related pastoral systems reinforces this. It will allow for stronger delivery of PSHE, Citizenship and British Values. The change will also promote a stronger Year Group identity.



TRANSITION

12 weeks
to go...

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Welcome to Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School

Hi everyone. We hope you are all well. Please look out for emails and post with your Transition Packs in. These packs include all the information you need for starting with us in September, so please, get any forms that you need to complete sent back to us ASAP. You can either post them back to us, or complete them online - we have sent it to you in both formats, so you pick whatever is easiest for your circumstances. Thank you!



Please sign up to Twitter and follow us, as lots of communication is available.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, guard me through this day in all I do and all I say. We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here. We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

Amen

CHALLENGE 3 - Year 6 pupils



What is your favourite Subject at School?
Can you write/draw/present why you love this subject so much?

Really show off to your new teachers and tell why this is your favourite subject.

Email your work to enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk.
We can't wait to read them and see what your favourite is!

PARENT INFORMATION

Please keep an eye out for emails and post regarding key information that we need returning to school ASAP.

You can send it back in the post, or complete the online forms that will be emailed out. You will receive these this week. Thanks in advance for their prompt return

MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH (Head of Year 7)

Hi Year 6! This week I have spoken to lots of your teachers. They have all said how amazing you are! I am really excited for the new school year.

The challenge this week is...

What word has 3 double letters in a row in it?

Let us know!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Any change in life can be really difficult. Changes provoke all sorts of different emotions; excitement, fear, sadness, anxiety, joy... Moving from primary to secondary school is one of those big, scary, wonderful moments in life. It is a 'rite of passage', a sign of growing up, as well as being both the end of an era and the beginning of an era. It is one of those moments in life when the God of fresh starts can have a huge impact on somebody's life.

It is important for all of us to take some time out to reflect, to pray and to retrace our journey to see how far we have come, and how far we still have to go... At this pivotal moment in the lives of these young people, it will give them a chance to acknowledge their emotions, to explore their thoughts and feelings and to place it all before our awesome God of fresh starts.

Look out for emails on..
Ilsley's Virtual Tour - Episode 3

