

# ABI UPDATE

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## JESUIT VIRTUE

Jesuit Virtues for January : Eloquent & Truthful.

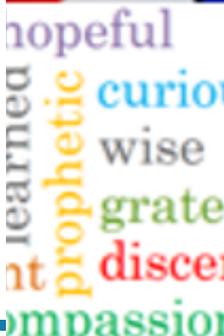
"Eloquence is a painting of the thoughts."

Blaise Pascal (1623-62)

French mathematician, physicist and philosopher



Our **Word of the Week** this week is **Contrast**. How are you using the word of the week? Well done to BRI6 who are this week's Language for Learning Champions!



## CATHOLIC LIFE

Voluntary Mass - Friday lunchtimes - School Chapel  
Ash Wednesday 26th February. Services in school

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: A YEAR OF THE WORD

Each week students read Sunday's Gospel reading and reflect on its meaning and relevance in their everyday lives. Please try and discuss with you child what they have heard and thought about and what it means to you in your life.



Gospel Reading of Luke 2: 22-40  
Feast of the Holy Family Joy in the temple

What does this mean for us?

We all belong to the family of God and because of this we are all brothers and sisters. We also belong to the Christian family which we joined when we were baptised. A Christian chooses to follow Jesus by living as he taught us and by loving God and our neighbours with all our heart.

## MESSAGE FROM MISS BURROWS

It doesn't seem that long since we were welcoming the students back from their Christmas holiday and now we are starting to think about the forthcoming half-term break. I am delighted to inform you that work to repair our swimming pool will start during the half-term break. It has been a long and time consuming process to arrange and fund the repairs, but we were determined to save our swimming pool, which is a wonderful resource for us and the local community. We are hoping that the pool will be operational again around Easter time and I will update you as the works progress. As always, thank you for your ongoing support for our lovely school.  
God Bless

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- February 12th Year 7 Maths Teams competing in Maths Challenge
- February 12th Performance of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Big Brum Theatre Company for Year 11 students
- February 13th Year 12 & 13 students exchange visit to Arizona
- February 26th Ash Wednesday
- School closes for Half Term at 3.10 on Friday 14th February and reopens on Monday 24th February.
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

**YEAR 7 FOCUS - CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR 7 STUDENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED LEARNERS AND EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE:**

Wilfred A (CAS1) Kayla B (JOS5) Finley C (AUG4)  
Paul L (FRX6) David M (MON4) Noah B (AUG2)

Eloquent & Truthful: Tyler M (FRX4) Keira T (MON5)  
Logan H (CAS5)



## HEALTH AND WELLBEING: MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

**Exam Stress:** Working towards exams can create feelings of worry and being under pressure. We think especially about our Year 11 and 13 students at this time of year as the exam period draws ever closer. There are a range of things that students can do to help deal with the stress that they might be feeling: keep everything in perspective; get organised; get into good habits; seek support from family and friends.

Check out this website out for guidance and tips. <https://www.studentminds.org.uk/examstress.html>

# VENUE HIRE

- Astro Pitch Hire from £40 per hour
- MUGA Pitch from £35 per hour
- Sports Hall from £35 per hour
- School Gymnasium from £25 per hour
- School Hall from £25 per hour

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# ENRICHMENT NEWS

## Year 10 Raising Aspirations at Newman College University

On Friday 31st January, 30 Year 10 students attended a day at Newman University working with their English, Maths and PE trainee teachers, whilst also gaining an insight into university life. All students were a credit to the school - well done!

## Year 10 Arts Ambassadors at the Birmingham Hippodrome

On Tuesday 4th February, 6 Year 10 students took part in a day's workshop learning about confidence and thinking about how to be more confident. Students also had a tour of the Hippodrome itself and even sat in the Royal Box!



## YEAR 7 INFORMATION

**Make note of the date! Thursday 5th March is World Book Day.** Year 7 students are invited to get involved! Students can either wear an accessory e.g. a hat, scarf, glasses or bring a prop that relates to a book or a book character. Please encourage you child to have a think over half term about a book character that they know of and could find a prop or accessory for. On the day, there will be lots of fun activities for students to take part in including competitions, door 'dressing,' quizzes and the giving out of book tokens.

## YEAR 8 INFORMATION

Many thanks for your attendance at Parents Evening. We always relish the opportunity to be able to have meaningful conversations about our students' progress. Please take the time to look at your child's report and talk about their progress so far; discuss their effort and behaviour grades. What little changes might they be able to make to improve even further?

## YEAR 9 INFORMATION

It's great to see so many of our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students elect to complete their volunteering skill at Archbishop Ilsley by helping others. Whether it's helping out at maths club, reading to others or providing weekly mentoring sessions (and that's to name a few!) they are a credit to the school! Well done! In sporting news, the U14 girl's football team compete against Ark Kings Academy on Monday 24th Feb in the quarter finals of the County Cup! Well done for reaching this stage and keep training hard. Finally, 15 girls from Years 10 and 12 will be attending a Wesleyan Investments Workshop on Monday 10th. A great opportunity for females interested in the industry of investments. The world is your oyster!

## YEAR 10 INFORMATION

Last week our Year 10 students took part in a Speakers For School Campaign, a National Debating Competition where students had to present a two minute talk on a topic that they were passionate about. This is a nerve-racking experience, however, they all bravely stood up and delivered a series of superb talks. Well done to everyone involved! Year 10 students also had the chance to listen to an entrepreneur this week; learning about how he got to where he is today. Paul Jundi, made his business in cardboard. Now, he is a very successful businessman supplying Amazon all of their boxes for delivery. **Creativity is the key - how can we make our children more creative and able to think of innovative ideas just like Paul did?**

## YEAR 11 INFORMATION

It continues to be a busy time for our Year 11 students, as they begin to conclude their programmes of study and move over to exam preparation. It's great to see so many attending intervention after school and continuing to do even more revision at home using their revision planners. Keep up the momentum! Don't forget, there is further guidance and top tips about how you can support your child in each subject during this busy time. Many thanks for your continued support.

## YEAR 12 and 13 INFORMATION

Good luck to all of our Year 12 students who go out on Work Experience on Monday 10th February. They have all worked incredibly hard to find placements - probably our best selection ever - with the long distance award going to the student travelling to Swansea. Make us proud, all of you! Year 13 students not intending to go to university but who are attracted to working and studying in London may be interested in a new apprenticeship scheme announced this week by the Intelligence Service - MI5 and MI6. They are recruiting cyber apprentices. Follow this link for more details and to apply:

<https://recruitmentservices.applicationtrack.com/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-5/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/4/opp/2026-Cyber-Apprenticeship-Ref-2026/en-GB>