

ABI UPDATE



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JESUIT VIRTUE

Jesuit Virtues for January : Eloquent & Truthful.

"Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity."

William Clement Stone (1902-2002) American businessman and philanthropist



Our **Word of the Week** this week is **Ambivalent**. How are you using the word of the week?

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: Matthew 5:38-48: "Love your enemies"



What does this mean for us?

All over the world many different nations are enemies and their people are at war. Many people are trying hard to bring peace to these places, just as Jesus wanted. In our own small way, we too can be peacemakers like them; by offering our friendship to everyone we meet; by trying to end a quarrels and by learning to say sorry and to forgive others who have hurt us.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

- Year 7: ADAM K (CAS6) & CATALINA M (CAS2) 
- Year 8: TIA M (CAS2) & DESTINY O (JOS6)
- Year 9: SAPHIRE S (AUG4) & AIDEN B (BRI6)
- Year 10: GURPREET K (MON3) & TISHAUN CHAKKI (JOS1)
- Year 11: LORENA M (EMC) & MARCIN S (KJ)
- Year 12: GIANMARCO I (MC) & NATALIA C (RL)
- Year 13: MIKEY M (RL)

MESSAGE FROM MISS BURROWS

It's been a pleasure to welcome our students back into school following the half-term break. I was privileged to spend my half-term with 10 sixth form students in Arizona, where they participated in our exchange program with Sahuarita High School. It was a wonderful experience and the students were a real credit to our school. We are now into final preparations for the forthcoming public examination season. If you are a parent or carer of a Y11 or Y13 student you will know what a stressful time this can be! Please be assured that we are working hard to ensure that the students are ready and have every chance of being successful. Parents often ask what they can do to help support their child with revision; the answer is simple: early nights, a healthy diet and limited mobile phone time! We are now approaching the season of Lent and we will be doing lots of fund raising to support local, national and international charities. May I thank everyone in advance for their support.

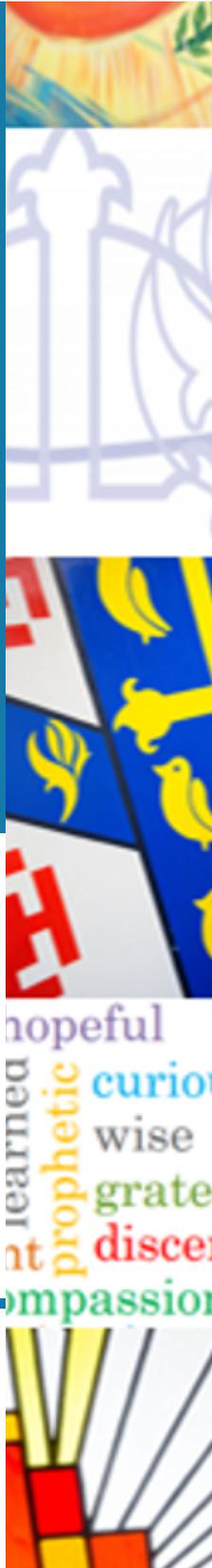
God Bless

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 9 NFER Assessments in English, Maths and Science take place on 3rd,4th and 6th March in school hall
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 6th March - Year 9 Subject Evening
- Monday 9th March - Year 8 Parish Mass at 9.00 a.m in Holy Souls Church

HEALTH AND WELLBEING: MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the World Health Organisation website and through your national and local public health authority. COVID-19 is still affecting mostly people in China with some outbreaks in other countries. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. For more information and updates use the following link to the WHO website: <https://www.who.int/>



SCHOOL LENTEN CHARITITES

this year as a school, we will be supporting the worthy work of three charities, local, national and international:

Local Charity: Acocks Green Foodbank



National Charity SSAFA: the Armed Forces charity provides lifelong support to serving men and women and veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families or dependents. This is a worthy charity and particularly poignant, as we will soon be celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day.



International Charity: HCPT Easter Pilgrimage. Every Easter over 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a week in Lourdes, France, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. Five Year 12 students from school are volunteering to support a holiday pilgrimage in their Easter break. Our students need our support to pay £470.00 each to go.



ENRICHMENT NEWS

Year 10 students meet with RFU representatives and top solicitors

This week, 12 Year 10 students had the opportunity to meet with the Rugby Union Governing Body and Irwin Mitchell Solicitors to talk all things Rugby. The students were all tremendous role models and articulated themselves and their ideas superbly. They all love rugby but accessibility to clubs, times of training and getting there in the winter, were all things that they discussed. The RFU will be taking all of this information back to Twickenham to see how they can get more students into rugby!



YEAR 7 INFORMATION

Year 7 students are invited to get involved in **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. Year 7 students can dress up as a book character or can wear their uniform with an accessory e.g. a hat, scarf, glasses or bring a prop that relates to a book or a book character. Students are also invited to bring in any pre-loved books that they might like to exchange for another book in our pop up book shop. There will be other fun activities for students to take part in including competitions, door 'dressing,' quizzes and the giving out of book tokens. **#lovereadings #getinvolved**

YEAR 8 INFORMATION

Well done Year 8! We couldn't send them out on work experience, so instead we arranged for 20 local employers from lots of different employment sectors to come in and meet them. The students took part in an activity which required them to interview our guests with a view to finding out their job. Our students were absolutely fabulous - our guests loved them and they loved our school too. A massive thank you to the staff who supported this activity and to Mrs Rathbone and the catering team who rewarded our guests with the best school dinner you could possibly have.

YEAR 9 INFORMATION

This is a busy half-term for Year 9 students as they finalise their option choices and have the opportunity to discuss their progress and attainment with their teachers at the subject consultation evening next Thursday. Next week they will complete NFER assessments in English, Maths and Science. These tests take place over 3 days in the school hall. The NFER tests are paper-based tests that schools use as part of their assessment. They are externally marked and support school in monitoring attainment and progress.

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 was 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 has been amazing to see our Year 11 students return from half-term firmly in revision mode as the countdown to the summer exams commences. Please support your child in directing them to attend intervention sessions and expect them to complete at least 2 hours of revision outside of school. So far, 30 students have enrolled on the National Citizen Service. There is still time to apply for this fantastic opportunity. Further information can be found at <https://wearencs.com/> The date of the Prom is confirmed as Thursday 2nd July. This is a brilliant opportunity to celebrate five years of education at Ilsley! A Prom Committee will be formed to support Mr Bruton in planning this; expect further information in the coming weeks. Thanks for your continued support.

YEAR 12 and 13 INFORMATION

"Professional...asking lots of questions...great team player...lots of initiative...best work experience student we've ever had!" Just some of the feedback we received about our Year 12 students who went out on work experience just before half-term. The whole week was a massive success and the students were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Without a doubt, their experience will stand them in good stead when it comes to making decisions about their futures and when applying for university places and employment. A massive shout-out also to their tutors; had it not been for them, it could not possibly have been the success that it was. Well done all!

