



## John Paul II Multi-Academy

Bishop Walsh Catholic School  
Holy Cross Primary School  
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# Bishop Walsh

## Catholic School Newsletter

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Learning to care



### 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

#### RE: End of Term Arrangements

I send this note to let you know the end of term arrangements for pupils at Bishop Walsh. On the last day of term, **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, we will finish at our **usual school time of 3.20pm**.

#### Examinations

Pupils in Years 10 (R.E.), 11, 12 and 13 should be working hard revising for their public examinations at GCSE/A Level while our Year 9 pupils have internal examinations starting w.b. 19<sup>th</sup> March. Yrs. 7 (w.b. 7<sup>th</sup> May) and 10 (w.b. 25<sup>th</sup> June) have their internal examinations soon and details will be sent to parents in good time.

#### Jake Ashen – yr. 9. British Schools Judo Champion

A huge well done to Jake in year 9 who has become the British Champion in the under 55kg category. Please his certificate below.



#### Holy Week

This week is Holy Week and during this week pupils will worship in a liturgy reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and ultimate sacrifice. This year we are lucky that our pupils have been involved in participating in '**Born For This**'. This is a dramatic and musical presentation of the passion of Jesus Christ and was performed at St. Nicholas Catholic Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This was produced by Jo Boyce who leads on music in the Archdiocese of Birmingham with CJM and worked with staff and pupils including some from St. Nicholas Catholic School in Boldmere. Before the end of term we will make it the heart of our Holy Week liturgy.

#### Lenten Almsgiving

You can be so proud that your children have got themselves involved in so many Lenten almsgiving activities. Our non-uniform day on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** has raised **£1000** for the local '**KIDS**' charity and was done in conjunction with all the other Sutton Coldfield secondary schools.

### **Year 12 vs Staff Lenten Football Match – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

Last week Mrs Killworth's House Group, 12 Benedict, organised a football game at lunchtime between year 12 students and staff (who were helped by Aidan Boyce in Year 13 – thank God!). Please see picture below of relieved teachers who only got beaten 1-0! Over £200 was raised in one lunchtime for our Lenten charities. Thanks to all who were involved.



### **Easter Holiday Revision Sessions**

I am very grateful to all the staff who are giving pupils the opportunity to revise for their GCSE in sessions organised throughout the whole Easter Holidays. I am grateful to Mr. Koryl for organising this and details are included in this newsletter.

### **BWA (Parents' Association).**

If you can come along and join the BWA you will be very welcome. Their next meeting is on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at 7.30pm in the Cardinal Newman Building. Please park in the playground.

### **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE. MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018.**

The deadline for Year 10 work experience placement details to be returned to school has now passed. We are grateful to the large number of students who have met this deadline. The process of health and safety checking every placement by external agency, Mainframe, has now begun. We have a list however of around 20 students who have still not returned any details to school. Students and parents in this situation have been informed and must be aware that this means school cannot now guarantee that these students will be allowed out on work experience as we may be unable to suitably health and safety check placements in time. **If your child falls into this category** please return your work experience details form to school **as soon as possible** and we will do what we can to try and ensure placements are still health and safety checked to allow work experience placements to go ahead.

### **Year 10 Envision Project**

A group of 13 year 10 pupils have presented to the rest of the school through assemblies as part of their involvement in a project run by the charity Envision.

Envision have chosen Bishop Walsh as one of only a few schools in the West Midlands involved in a four month employability competition supported by the government's Dept. for Education for year 10 students. This is a great privilege and honour to be involved and our pupils have been given a real partner business to work with. The programme started with a one day off-site event at the beginning of January.

On this day pupils heard from a range of local charities and choose one to support. They choose 'Midlands Freewheelers' who pay for couriers, motorbikes and the equipment needed to transport much needed blood, breast milk and pathology tests between the hospitals of the West Midlands. They are now working

with their partner business to develop their project that will help them to raise money and give them experience of the work place.

After Easter our year 10 team will go against other schools in the competition and explain how they have organised their charity project, evaluating success. The whole competition is designed to improve pupils', self-confidence, team-working and perseverance. Good luck to the following pupils who are named below.

Beth Campbell  
Isabel Clarke  
Luke Fallon  
Liam Corbett  
Aoife Davoren  
Harry Graves  
Kayleigh Hill  
Ella Kerins  
Malise Maher  
Kyle Morley  
Connor O'Grady

#### **Staff Leaving**

We say goodbye to **Mr. Roxburgh (Music)** who is leaving Bishop Walsh this week. We wish him well and thank him for his nearly four years of service at Bishop Walsh. I wish him well as he moves to become Head of Music at St. Thomas More Catholic School in Nuneaton.

#### **Congratulations!**

Over the Easter holidays our Office Manager at Bishop Walsh, **Mrs Turner** is getting married. We wish her and her future husband all the best for the day and married life! When she returns after Easter she will be known as **Mrs Whitehouse**.

#### **Examinations**

Pupils in Years 10 (R.E.), 11, 12 and 13 should be working hard revising for their public examinations at GCSE and A Level while our Year 7 pupils have internal examinations starting w.b. 8<sup>th</sup> May. Year 10 have internal examinations towards the end of June and details will be sent to parents in the Summer Term.

#### **Conclusion**

I hope you find time to go to the services in your local church on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and for the **greatest Christian festival of all, Easter Sunday – the resurrection of Jesus**. (Times of services in local church printed later in this letter)

**All pupils** are expected **back in school** on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, at 8.50am**. I have appreciated all the support that the school has received from parents this term and I hope that you have a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

J.B. Farrell.  
Principal.

**Mass times**

**Erdington Abbey- Parish of SS Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury, Sutton Road, Erdington. (Rector and Parish Priest; Very Rev.Father Gabriel Maguire C.Ss.R)**

**Vigil Mass: 6.00pm. (Saturday)**

**Sunday: 8.00am, 9.15am, (Children's Mass) 10.30am, (Sung) 12.00 Noon, 6.00pm.**

**Holy Cross and St. Francis, Signal Hayes Road, Walmley (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Neil Bayliss)**

**Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am**

**Holy Trinity, Lichfield Rd, Sutton Coldfield Centre (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Michael Ho-Huu-Nghia.)**

**Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Sunday: 9.30am, 11.00am and 7pm.**

**Sacred Heart, Lichfield Rd, Four Oaks, (Served by Holy Trinity)**

**Saturday: 5.00pm at Fotherley Hall. Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am**

**St. Nicholas, Boldmere. (Parish Priest; Rev. Fr. Allen Morris)**

**Saturday: 6pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Sunday: 9am and 11am**

**SS. Peter and Paul. Kingsbury Rd. Erdington. (Parish Priest; Rev. Father Joseph McLoughlin)**

**Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

**Sunday: 9.00am and 10.30am**

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### **GCSE EASTER REVISION SESSIONS**

Please note that a number of departments will be running revision / coursework catch up sessions during the Easter holiday. They are as follows;

- **Dance**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am till 2.00pm in the Dance Studio and the Hall with Miss Wakeley.
- **Drama**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00pm in the drama studio with Mrs Jones. ***THIS IS FOR MRS JONES'S CLASS ONLY.***
- **Music Technology**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am till 2.00pm
- **Spanish** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am till 1.30pm in room 14 with Mr Early.
- **Child Development**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30 till 3.00 in the LRC with Mrs Nash.
- **Computer Science**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30 till 1.00pm in room 29 with Mr Lewis
- **English**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am till 3.00pm in room 25 with Mrs Chilwan.
- **Music**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am till 3.30pm in room 31 with Mr Roxburgh.
- **ICT**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. 9.30am till 3.00pm in room 30 with Mrs Clancy.
- **Spanish**- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. 9.30am till 1.30pm in room 14 with Mr Early.
- **Spanish**- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April. 9.30am till 1.30pm in room 14 with Mr Early.
- **Art**- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. 10.00 till 2.00pm in Art rooms 1 and 2 with Mr Taylor and Mrs Tack.
- **Art**- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. 10.00 till 2.00pm in Art rooms 1 and 2 with Mr Taylor and Mrs Tack.
- **Child Development**- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30 till 3.00 in the LRC with Mrs Nash.
- **Fashion**- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am till 2.30pm in textiles 1 with Mrs Hornby-Walsh.
- **French**- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am till 3.00pm in room 13 with Mrs Bowker.
- **GCSE PE**- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00 in room 29 with Mr Butler.
- **Business**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00pm in Business 1 with Mr O'Rourke.
- **Dance**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00pm in the Dance Studio and the Hall with Miss Darby.
- **Drama**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00pm in the drama studio with Mrs Priestnall. ***THIS IS FOR MRS PRIESTNALL'S CLASS ONLY.***
- **Fashion**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am till 2.30pm in textiles 1 with Mrs Hornby-Walsh.
- **French**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am till 3.00pm in room 13 with Mrs Bowker.
- **GCSE PE**- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: 10.00am till 2.00 in room 29 with Mr Butler.
- **Fashion**- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. 9.30am till 2.30pm with Mrs Hornby-Walsh.
- **French**- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am till 3.00pm in room 13 with Mrs Bowker.
- In addition to the revision sessions listed above Mr Koryl will be running GCSE History revision sessions on the following days to which all GCSE historians are invited. The venue for these sessions will be CN3.
- **GCSE History**- Medicine through Time- 9.00am till 2.00pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- **GCSE History**- Weimar and Nazi Germany- 9.00am till 2.00pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.
- **GCSE History**- Henry VIII- 9.00am till 1.00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.



If your child intends to attend one of these sessions please remind them that they must sign in and out of school at reception. Your child must make their way directly to the venue. The playground and all classrooms other than the classroom in which the revision session is taking place are out of bounds.