

THE ABI UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents, carers, pupils and friends of Archbishop Ilsley,

If I could give you a snapshot of what life is like at Archbishop Ilsley, it would have been yesterday: as well as a variety of engaging and challenging lessons, we also had a visit from a company called 'Elevate'; their purpose was to coach our Year 11 and 13 students about time management. We were also honoured to welcome Andy Street, Mayor for the West Midlands, who was kind enough to give our new Sixth Form Centre its grand opening. Mr Street enjoyed meeting our Sixth Formers and answering their questions. Our dedicated Food Technology pupils served afternoon tea to our new staff and admin team, under the watchful eyes of Ms Sewell and Mrs Zannar. This was followed by the Sixth Formers staying late for a social event and watching a Halloween horror! This is not to mention the 70 Year 9s who are having the experience of a lifetime in Belgium with the History Department. I would like to publicly thank the committed staff at Archbishop Ilsley, who consistently go the extra mile for our pupils.

You will be aware that we will be seeking to improve pupils' punctuality and are launching a drive on this next half term. Whereas OFSTED were very impressed with many aspects of our school, they did comment that too many pupils are late for lessons. As a result, unless pupils have a valid reason for being late, pupils will be issued same day detentions for poor punctuality. If they are late once, it will be for 10 minutes, if it's twice, it will be for 20 minutes and so on. I would ask for your support on this initiative as it is for everyone's benefit. I will write to you again on the first Monday back to give you further details along with an updated policy.

I hope you have a brilliant half term and we are looking forward to welcoming back your child(ren) on 6th November. The gates at the Holy Souls entrance will be open from 8am. In the interests of safety, may I request that parents do not drive up this drive way towards the car park and instead drop/collect their children from Warwick Road.

Mr Clinton

KEY DATES

- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - HALF TERM School closed for staff, pupils and students
- Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th November - Yr 8 pupils at Alton Castle
- Wednesday 6th - Friday 10th November - A' Level Geography Fieldwork trip Yr 12/13
- Wednesday 15th November - Bletchley Park KS4/KS5 pupils
- Thursday 16th November - Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair 5pm-7pm
- Friday 17th November - Yr 7-11 Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 22nd November - Yr 7 Theatre Trip, REP, 'Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'
- Thursday 23rd November - Yr 13- Silverstone Museum
- Friday 24th November - Yr 12 & 13 to BT Work Read



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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING AND CAREERS FAIR



THURS 16TH NOV 2023
5PM - 7PM
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM
TALKS AT 5PM AND 6PM

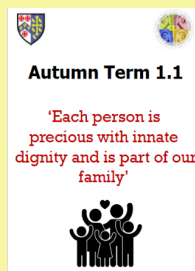


CATHOLIC LIFE: GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

What does this mean for us?

Taxes are a way for everyone to contribute to things we all need in society - hospitals, police, schools, clean streets, defence against those who seek to harm us. Taxes can be a way of achieving the common good. We don't pay tax in school, but we do all need to contribute to the common good. What could you do today to help the common good?



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING THIS HALF TERM

This half term the pupils and staff have been living out our Catholic Social Teaching for this half term: 'Each person is precious, with innate dignity and is part of our family.'

We focused on dignity by raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support and for CAFOD's Brighten Up Campaign. Assemblies, form time, lessons all had the thread of dignity running through.

On Wednesday this week, pupils got ready for the focus for next half term: 'We all have rights and responsibilities.' This was tied in with our drive to improve punctuality - each pupil has a right to a full lesson undisturbed and a responsibility to be on time. Next half term there will be a whole host of ways pupils can act out our collective responsibility to help those in need, particularly during winter and advent.

Some key things to keep in mind:

- Samaritans Shoebox appeal - please send in any items that can be used as gifts for children in war-torn areas. The collection window is 13th-20th September
- Charity Race Night - 30th November 6pm Holy Souls to raise money for the St Vincent De Paul Society and Fr Hudsons.
- Christmas Card Competition - send in nativity card designs to your art teacher by Friday 10th November. Winners will be printed professionally and sold in the parish.
- Sixth Form Blood Donation - we encourage students over 17 to register as a blood donor at www.blood.co.uk. We will arrange a group donation trip to Birmingham New Street in the last week before Christmas.
- Our wonderful traditional Christmas hamper appeal for the St Vincent De Paul society during Advent. More details to follow next half term

ENRICHMENT NEWS

CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP MATHS CHALLENGE

10 Year 7s took part in the Catholic Partnership Maths Challenge at St Edmund Campion School on Thursday 26th October. Pupils competed in tasks that tested their critical thinking, mathematical reasoning and team working skills. The pupils were extremely enthusiastic and both teams won an individual task. They showed off their Ilsley SPIRIT with pride and one of our teams placed 3rd out of 14. The following pupils have all done exceptionally well; we are very proud of you all!

Nathan L; Ali M; Liliana W; Safiyah R; Ume-Habeebah I; Olimpia O; Aleeza R; Ellie G; Ghazi S; Saron M.

Thank you to Mr Ekins for arranging the trip and to Miss McGurran for assisting.



EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT

On Monday 23rd October, our Year 9 Girls' Netball Team took part in a Netball Tournament here at Archbishop Ilsley. We are very pleased to announce that our girls came first! This is a huge achievement for the girls; they have been working very hard on their game play and technique and it is clearly really starting to pay off!

Their first game in particular was a very close game, but their character really got them through; the girls persevered and showed great resilience and teamwork! Thank you also to Miss Lawton and Mrs Burnham who have been working hard coaching the team; they were just as excited by the win as the girls themselves!

Well done to the team below:

Lena S; Lena W; Tia D; Tula Mae H; Hermela E; Casey N; Anna V; Evie O; Maisie L



NETBALL CLUB
MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS
3.15PM UNTIL 4:15PM
OPEN TO GIRLS AND BOYS
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATE

YEAR 7 - MS DOHERTY

We've made it! After a very long and impressive first half term it is time to take a break. Year 7 deserves it and I have encouraged them to spend time relaxing and talking to their families. We have finished this half term with a celebration assembly. We were celebrating the football team, netball teams and athletics teams' successes this half term. We also celebrated the individuals below. Keep up the good work Year 7; you are the best year and I am proud of you! Top ten house point achievers:

Harry T; Syeda A; Nataniel M; Olimpia O; Connor E; Essie- Mae W; Umar M; Harvey S; Olivia C; Sami A

Top Spirit Ticket Achievers:

Charles S; Kyra A; Nathan L; George S

	Self regulation 1	Self regulation 2	Tutee of the term	Outstanding Achievement / contribution
7BS	Ellie G	Ibrahim H	Ethan O	Nathan M
7DL	Esmé B	Mohammed F	Charles S	Ethan R
7GJ	Gabriela C	Chaysen L	Bianca M	Sam O
7JK	Connor E	Anzila S	Nataniel M	Sami A
7LS	Samir M	Isa A	Nathan L	Oscar R
7MR	Elah T	Julia S	Shayan H	Riley M
7NZ	Jayden M	Amelia P	Pheobe M	Lilka W
7SM	Harry T	Ghaiyan M	Olimpia O	Shrithi K

YEAR 8 - MR BRUTON

Well done to the following who received a reward on Monday's Achievement Assembly:

8AP Humz K; Hephzi O; Jacob M; Maddie S
8CE Luke R; Marcus R; Kian M; Avani S
8EM Sanaa B; Maryum Z; Elenor C; Morgan D
8JR Yasmine B; Alby W; Hamda S; Kai R
8LB Ismael B; Olivia B; Daniel A; Riona C
8MJ Corey S; Esther O; Sarah B; Julia G
8MMc Majka S; Zidane K; Damla K; Charlie W
8SS Oliver E; Phoebe O; James K; Olivia M

YEAR 9 - MR NEWMAN

As I write this 70 Year 9s are enjoying themselves on the Belgium trip. Having spoken to Mr Jones today I can confirm that the students have been an absolute credit to the school and are learning so much about the history of the area. This is a fantastic opportunity for these students and will support their learning in history as well as provide them with an understanding of one of the major conflicts of the 20th Century. We look forward to seeing the pictures when they return.

As so many students are away we have postponed our celebration assembly until the first week back after half term. I look forward to celebrating their success when we return. However I would like to set out the top achievers this half term:

Arman K 9JB - 296; Kian W 9JB - 289; Freya M 9JB - 280; Tomi B 9JB - 273; Elise M 9JB - 269;
Jackie C 9NV - 264; Cristina-Maria S 9MB - 262; Yahya R 9RG - 254; Maisie M 9JB - 249
Jasmine C 9JB - 244

The above names are of pupils with the highest number of house points this half term. Well done to all of these and everyone in Year 9. It has been a long but productive term. We look forward to next term when we will begin to consider option choices, continue to focus our attention on homework and maintain the standards that we have set this term.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATE

YEAR 10 - MISS BRADY

Year 10 have had a fantastic half term. On Tuesday, we had a wonderful rewards assembly with the following all receiving awards;

- E. Mullen, L. Proden, L. Copage, A. Winstanely, J. Konopinska, R. Zia, H. Eskins - for Industriousness
- A. Syed, L. Griffiths, D. Cullen, N. Matusik, H. Carrs, A. Mills - for Perseverance
- F. Carleton, M. Alonso, L. Hynds, R. Zhou, A. Petla - for Resilience
- Tutee of the term- E. Franklin
- Top Spirit Award - N. O'Brien Humphries
- Top House Point Award- J. Billington
- Displaying Ilsey Spirit - T. Montales
- House Point Achiever Award - C. Cartagena
- Tutor Group for the term goes to 10SW

Well done to all!

Today, pupils have received a letter for an exciting trip we have planned for the whole year group to Challenge Academy in the new year. We hope all of Year 10 will attend.

Year 10 will have now noticed a step up in the content of work in lessons and the increase in homework/independent study that is required of them at home. Please keep having conversations with them and monitor the amount of work they are completing at home.

I hope you all have a restful, safe half term.

YEAR 11 - MRS BURNHAM

The first half term of Year 11 has flown by, blink and it will be Christmas! With this in mind, it is important that your child is up to date with all homework and any coursework deadlines set by their teachers. Homework is an essential part of Year 11; it consolidates their learning from lessons and prepares them for lessons to come.

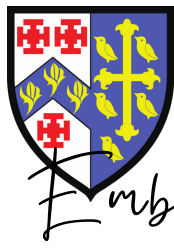
How can you support your child with their homework?

- You can ask to check over their work; become actively involved in their learning
- Ask them to explain it to you, this acts as a revision tool at the same time
- Encourage time away from mobile devices so they can focus on the task and create quality work

This week we have had Elevate presenting revision skills ready for the upcoming mock examinations after half term. These have been workshops of small groups lead by graduate students who have just recently been through examinations and so are well versed in revision techniques.

All pupils have been given their personal examination timetable for the Mock Examinations from their tutor. Please go through this with your child so they can prepare their revision and equipment ready for their return to school.

The Year 11 Parent Information Evening was a tremendous success, we were so pleased to see so many of you at school. It was a pleasure to actively engage with so many parents at our subject specific workshops.



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The Year 13 Senior Student Leaders took part in their Retreat in Walsingham earlier this week. Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the Middle Ages.

Every year, thousands of visitors visit to Walsingham. Walsingham is unique as a place of pilgrimage in that it has both a Catholic and Anglican shrine. It is important for Christian pilgrims because it is believed to be the site of an important vision of the Virgin Mary. In 1061, a Saxon noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, is said to have had a vision of Mary. Richeldis was then asked in this vision by Mary to build an exact copy of Mary's house in Nazareth, in Walsingham. This is why Walsingham is often called the Nazareth of England.

Students visited the beautiful Holkham Bay and stayed in Elmham House. They walked the Pilgrim's Mile and visited the Slipper Chapel for private prayer and reflection.

All students really enjoyed the experience and it was an excellent opportunity for them to reflect on their own faith journey.



Year 13 Senior Student Leaders organised and led a Halloween Movie Night on Thursday 26th October for Year 12 and 13 students. It was a lovely evening with soft drinks, popcorn and a not forgetting the scary movie!

The evening raised a total of £100 towards Sixth Form.

Well done to all involved and thank you to all of our fantastic Sixth Form students who came along to support! Thank you also to Mr Corrigan, Mr McDonald, Mrs McMahan, Mr Royston and Mrs Jones for helping on the evening.

The Sixth Form Calendar - Key Dates

- Thursday 16th November 2023 - Sixth Form Open Evening & Careers Convention
- Monday 18th December 2023 - Awards/Celebration Evening
- Wednesday 6th - Friday 10th November - A' Level Geography Fieldwork trip Yr 12/13
- Wednesday 15th November - Bletchley Park KS4/KS5 pupils
- Thursday 23rd November - Yr 13- Silverstone Museum
- Friday 24th November - Yr 12 & 13 to BT Work Read
- Tuesday 28th November - Yr 13 Aston Uni - Careers Lounge
- Thursday 30th November - Yr 13 to Coventry University
- Wednesday 13th December - Friday 15th December - Soli House Yr 12/Yr 13