

THE ABI UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER - MR CLINTON

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

Two impressive events have taken place at ABI – one very exciting and one poignant.

Last night, was our Sixth Form Opening Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 11s visit us, as well as an array of pupils from local schools. The hall was a hive of activity with each department having their own informative stall, the sports hall housed our careers fair with lots of opportunities post sixteen and Mrs Grant delivered an inspiring speech in the refurbished common room. It is an exciting time to study at Archbishop Ilsley. Please contact us for a prospectus to find out more.

Last Friday, we had our Remembrance Service. Over one thousand pupils filled the Humanities playground along with over one hundred staff and you could have heard a pin drop. Pupils and students were reverent and showed impeccable respect throughout. It was a day we remember all the people who have lost their lives in war. As a Catholic School, our ethos is built around the teaching of Jesus Christ and Jesus was the biggest advocate for bringing peace and salvation to our world. He wanted us all to 'love another as I have loved you'. Deacon Martin opened the service, prayers were said by our Catholic Life reps and Head Boy and Head Girl, and our CEO/CSEL, Professor Ryan, delivered the beautiful handmade wreath. Thank you to our site team, IT, our brilliant Art department and Mr Foley for organising. Thank you too, pupils, for your maturity, respect and participation. November is the month in the Catholic liturgical calendar, where we remember all those who are no longer with us, including family members. May they rest in peace.

KEY DATES

- **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**
- **Thursday 30th November - Year 12/13 trip to Coventry University**
- **Friday 1st December - INSET Day. School is closed to pupils and students**

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CATHOLIC LIFE: GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.

But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out."

But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.

The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

This passage focuses on being prepared and planning ahead. It also mentions sleep which is really important, especially for our pupils and students.

What does this mean for us?

- We all have a right to a good night's sleep.
- We all have a responsibility to ourselves to ensure that we get the rest that we need.
- We all need to be responsible for ensuring our minds and bodies are prepared for the challenges that we face tomorrow, by resting today.



Autumn Term 1.2

'We all have rights and responsibilities'



Discuss with your child or children: How much sleep do they get? What challenges are there to a good night's sleep?

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Last Friday was an incredibly poignant day at Ilsley, as the whole school, over 1,300 people, gathered together on our playground for our Remembrance Service. Our wreath, created by our talented Art Department, was laid by Professor Ryan.

As a Catholic School, our ethos is built around the teaching of Jesus Christ and Jesus was the biggest advocate for bringing peace and salvation to our world. He wanted us all to, 'love another as I have loved you'.

Thank you to all our fantastic pupils and students for their reverence and impeccable respect. Thank you also to Deacon Martin, Mr Foley, our Catholic Life Reps, our Head Boy and Head Girl and our Art, IT and Site teams for organising this important event.



HEAD OF YEAR UPDATE

YEAR 7 - MS DOHERTY

Year 7 have returned from their half term holidays refreshed and ready to concentrate. Pupils have continued to impress, amuse and intrigue me and other members of staff. The Enquire and Create rotation takes place on Monday as pupils move to new teachers in these subjects. We held our talent show auditions earlier this week for the end of term talent show; it was fantastic to see so much confidence and talent in the year group. Next Thursday afternoon, we are really excited to be going out to the theatre to see *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *The Wardrobe*. Thanks so much to all parents/carers who have sent those forms back so quickly and paid online. I am really proud of Year 7, keep up the great work.

This week's Stars of the Week are:

Form Group		
7JK	Emelin P	Sami A
7BSH	Elina M	Georgia H
7GJ	Liam W	Veronica J
7LS	Naomi M	Alexander D
7NZ	Dona	Nafisa
7DL	Ellie Y	Mohammed F
7MR	Julia S	Sophia Y

YEAR 8 - MR BRUTON

Year 8 have had a fantastic start to the new term with 47 of us visiting Alton Castle. All pupils behaved in an exemplary manner on the retreat and I am very proud to be their head of year. We took part in many activities including biking, trekking and survival skills. It was very humbling to see our pupils serving each other at breakfast and dinner so parents, make sure you get them to do it for you at home! I believe the rest of the year have had an excellent start to the new term too. Like I did at the end of last term, I am looking forward to giving out more awards to the best of our year group. Currently, the top achieving pupils for house points this year are:

Derrick D 8SS 520; Philippa W 8LB 436; Sean C 8LB 434; Daniel A 8LB 398; Humza K 8AP 396; Owen M 8AP 396; Riona C 8LB 391; Shamal A 8LB 38; Julia N 8LB 379; Oliver E 8SS 367; Hephzi O 8AP 367; Khadijah A 8LB 363; Zuzanna K 8LB 360; Ayema H 8LB 358; Alfie P 8LB 357; Saoirse B 8SS 356; Eleanor C 8EM 355; Lena W 8SS 352; Phoebe O' 8SS 350; Damla K 8MM 348
Ruo Xi Z 8AP 348

YEAR 10 - MISS BRADY

Year 10 have had their photos this week. If you would like to purchase your child's photograph please use the Proof card they were given and scan the QR code.

We had a lovely Remembrance Service last Friday and I was so proud that so many Year 10 pupils represented our school. Our Catholic Life representatives read bidding prayers and a massive well done to Malachi R and Stewart B for their service as cadets.

A reminder that pupils have the opportunity to go to Soli House in the new year. They need to speak to Mr Anthony if they are interested. Also, Dr.Regan is still accepting applicants for Silver DofE; pupils do not necessarily need to have completed Bronze, it can be done alongside.

Have a restful and safe weekend.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATE

YEAR 9 - MR NEWMAN

It was great to hear that so many of our Year 9s had as such a fantastic time visiting Belgium. It was brilliant to speak to both staff and pupils who had gained so much from the experience.

In Year 9, we launch the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Doctor Regan now has over 50 pupils signed up. These extra-curricular opportunities are what makes our school so special, if any pupil has not signed up yet – there might still be time – pupils that are still interested, should speak to Doctor Regan as soon as possible. The Duke of Edinburgh Award provides pupils with such valuable skills of team work, independence and resilience.

As there were so many pupils out in Belgium before half term, we saved our celebration assembly for this week. Congratulations to all those winners that have displayed the Ilsley 'Spirit'. The following all won awards – well done to them all! Keep working hard, making progress and picking up those house points! A particular mention for Kanisha S (9KH - highest spirit tickets), Kian W (9JB – highest number of house points) and Ethan B (9KH - Head of Year 'Ilsley Spirit' Award).

9JB	Arman K	Kian W	Elise M	Elise M
9JP	Klea I	Madison K	Mikyle M	Jago P
9KH	Adonin S	Eesa A	Kanisha S	Sana N
9MB	Maisey B	Thomas B	Omoruyi B	Cristina-Maria S
9NV	Safa A	Annabell M	Humayl N	Jackie C
9RG	Keon M	Abu-Bakr H	Zainab A	Yahya R
9TG	Freya L	Sophie M	Catalin Z	Hamza S
9VY	Wojciech P	Kim T	Maxwell B	Ananya S

YEAR 11 - MRS BURNHAM

What a start to the half term! The Year 11 pupils have been a credit to the school in their behaviour and attendance to their mock examinations. The invigilators have told me that our current Year 11s have been one of the best cohorts they have had the pleasure of working with. Their entrance into the exams and behaviour during these two weeks has been nothing but exemplary.

We have nearly finished our mock exams with the final week being the practical subjects that have their coursework catch up days and our language speaking exams. So far, the reports are, that all pupils have been working hard on improving their grades and finishing off current coursework. After the mock exams is the Year 11 Parents' Evening on 7th December; keep an eye on your emails to receive the link to make appointments with your child's teachers.

Our Student Leaders are working with Years 7, 8 and 9. The response from the younger years is very positive and they have responded well to the additions to their forms. The Student Leaders will be attending the Challenge Academy on 6th December to improve their confidence, leadership skills and communication skills. All permission slips must be with me by 29th November.

I can announce that the Year 11 Prom has been booked! The event will be held at Hogarths Hotel on 1st July 2024. As previously mentioned, more information regarding the criteria for invitation will be announced before Christmas.

Lots more Sixth Form news to share! Firstly, just before we broke up for half term on Thursday 26th October, we had a very special visitor to our Common Room. Mr Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands opened our new look Common Room and Study Room. Mr Street met our Senior Student Leaders, talked to our Year 12 students and answered their questions and shared with us all his inspirational journey into politics. It was a fantastic afternoon which culminated in a ribbon cutting and the unveiling of a fabulous plaque to mark the occasion. Thank you to all involved!

Last week, Year 12 and 13 students had their Celebration Assemblies to reward them for all that they did well last half term. We had two exciting 100% attendance draws with students winning £10 Love to Shop vouchers, twelve students winning 'Vision' Awards and being presented with Vision badges for their lanyards and six 'Tutee Heroes' winning boxes of Heroes chocolates.

The winners were as follows:

Autumn Term 1 Rewards		
Vision Award - a student with a clear goal; showing high levels of commitment and perseverance		
Tutor Group	Name	Name
12TC	Liam N	Jessica W
12WT	Khalid I	Ellie B
12BR	Isaac R	Grace C
12BO	Millie F	Nunes M
Tutor Group	Name	
12TC	Ibrahim A - attitude	
12WT	Helena M- attitude, enthusiasm	
12BR	Joan O - fantastic support of all whole school events	
12BO	Kenzie T - attitude to Sixth Form. Superb Attendance and punctuality	

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Tutor Group	Name	Name
13NR	Ellie N	Bernice A
13KJ	Niamh K	Dyuthi D
Tutor Group	Name	
13NR	Megan H - personable, friendly, helpful, organised	
13KJ	Kathleen K - positivity!!	

**Our 100% Attendance winners were:
Holly M 13KJ and Adam J 12BO
Well done everyone!**



On Thursday evening we held our Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair. Attendance was fantastic! Thank you to all of our pupils, parents and carers for attending and thank you to all of our Sixth Form students for supporting on the evening and volunteering their time to talk to pupils and parents. It was brilliant to see our subject experts sharing their expertise with parents, carers and our prospective Year 12 students!

Sixth Form applications are open now via our school website using the following link: <https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/applynow>



The Sixth Form Calendar - Key Dates

- Thursday 23rd November - Yr 13- Silverstone Museum trip
- Friday 24th November - Yr 12 & 13 BT trip
- 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