

ST REGIS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

24th Nov 2023



YEAR 7 – ELENA

YEAR 8 – AMANDA

YEAR 9 – GURSHAN

YEAR 10 – JAIMEE

YEAR 11 – MICHAEL

YEAR 12 – ELLIE

YEAR 13 – SANDY

CHESTER – JAIMEE

LICHFIELD – TIMOTHY

WORCESTER –

WAQAS

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK
IS LICHFIELD!**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 14th Dec - Christmas
Celebrations**

**Friday 22nd Dec - INSET Day (closed to
students)**

MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

This week we celebrated Christ The King Day at St Regis. There were some great activities put on for all of our students and were shaped around a series of Big Questions.

The coming weeks before Christmas holidays will be a very exciting time for staff and pupils. On 30th November, we will be hosting a Senior Citizens Dinner for residents at local care homes. On 14th December there will be a Christmas Roller Disco available to students who have received a 96% Attendance & Behaviour Ratio!

As part of our commitment to supporting wellbeing of all at St Regis we would like to invite parents and carers to complete a short mental health and wellbeing survey. We are hoping that parents and carers can be involved in sharing their views on the wellbeing of their children in and out of school and support us as we further develop our wellbeing support for all stakeholders in school. The survey is being conducted by an external agency and feedback is anonymised. As a school we will receive a report with an overview of responses from pupils, parents and staff and suggestions for next steps for us in developing our provisions and support we offer.

Survey

Mr E Parry
Principal



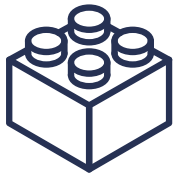
CHRIST THE KING DAY AT ST REGIS

As a whole school, we paused to celebrate Christ the King Day on Tuesday 21st November. The annual off-timetable day is a special occasion in which the school stops to take time to reflect and celebrate its foundation and distinctiveness as a Church of England Voluntary Aided School. Each year group explored a different Big Question for the day!

Year 7 went to All Nations Church in the city centre. Volunteers led interactive sessions for the students around the theme 'journey in faith' and 'Who am I?'. We are very grateful to the Church for hosting Year 7s and providing a memorable day. We know the students loved the lego church!



Year 8 students spent the day looking at ways to tackle social injustice. They had a virtual lesson from Christian Aid and visitors from the Fair Trade Partnership. Look out for news about how they will be raising funds for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal in the coming week! They also took part in their annual Eucharist service led by Revd Phil Wootton from Christ Church, Tettenhall Wood.



Year 9 took part in an Enterprise Day and learned important skills of team work, collaboration and leadership. Their focus was on, 'What is my role to play and how can I serve the community?'

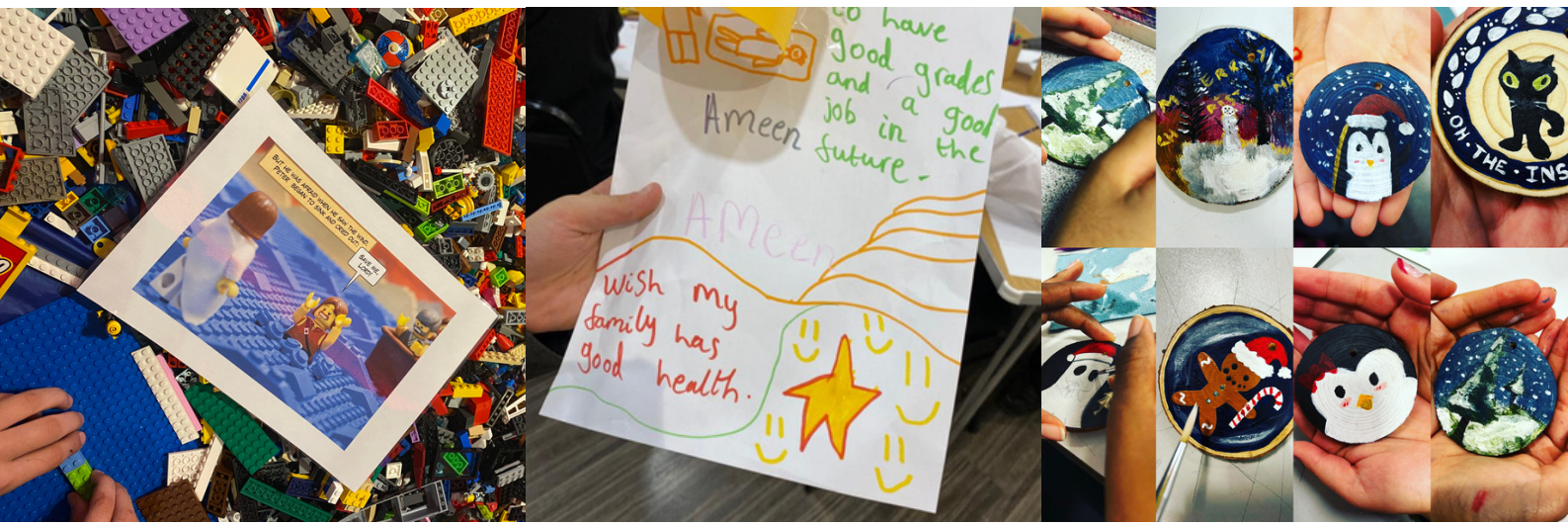


Year 10 explored the question, 'What is truth?' with visitors from 'God and The Big Bang.' They led interactive workshops which challenged students to ask Big Questions and reflect on their own beliefs.



Year 11s had the opportunity to reflect on recent PPEs and think about next steps. Their day was around the question 'What are my goals?' During their art well-being session, they painted decorations in preparation for our school Christmas tree. There were some fabulous and unique designs.

Year 12 students had an aspirational visit to Worcester University and Year 13s spent time on their UCAS applications - following the theme of 'We encourage all to fulfil their God-given potential.'



Well done to the Year 11 Basketballers who stepped into the sports hall for their first fixture towards the Black Country Youth Games qualifiers!

It was an energetic game with Heathpark coming out on top overall (16-42). They were a well drilled, tough opposition who had strength and height on their side.

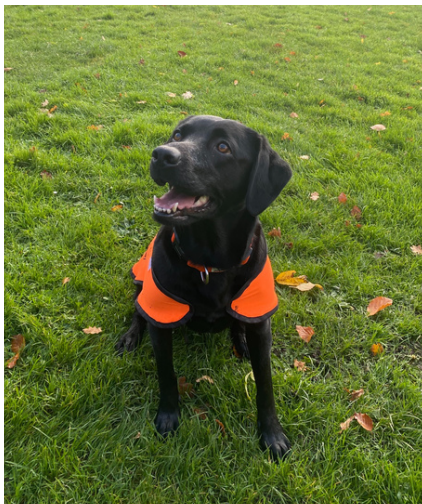
Player of the game for St Regis was Jermaine who achieved the majority of our points and a special mention to Cameron who helped organise the players for the fixture!



The Work Experience Online Information Evening for parents and students will take place on 29th November from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. During this meeting you will find out about work experience for year 10 and year 12 students, the benefits of work experience and the process is here at St Regis.



It will give you an opportunity to ask questions about work experience. This will be a Teams online meeting that you can join using either of the links below. I hope to see you there if you are a student or parent of Year 10 and 12.



Meet Orla, one of our St Regis Dog Mentors!



It's our time to shine



Forced into marriage young, Morsheda Khatun now runs an online clothing business from home and has resumed her education.

In Kurigram, Bangladesh, women and girls are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis. They face threats to their livelihoods, pressure to marry young, and few chances for study or work.

Our church's Christmas gift could help more women like Morsheda Khatun to light up their communities and open up a world of choices.

With your support, we can provide training, equipment and funds, so more women can thrive.

Visit caid.org.uk/advent

Email hello@christian-aid.org

Our Advent Appeal this year is the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. We are raising money to support young women in the world's poorest communities, enabling them to study and to use their skills in business in a way that will transform the lives of their own families and communities.

Our Year 8 charity ambassadors are planning a Christmas sale on 14th December: an opportunity for us to buy hand-crafted cards and presents. If you can contribute quality second hand toys, please bring them in. They will be sold in aid of a great cause and really make a difference.



From the Chaplain...

'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this week at school, we hear again the words of the famous parable Jesus tells about the Son of Man coming in glory to bring justice and judgement. An uncomfortable parable which seems to focus not on whether we believe but whether we have put our faith into action, living out his command to 'love God and love one another'. A couple of things strike me about the story.

Firstly, that all people recognise the King at this time and call him 'Lord'. Whatever our relationship with God during our lives, it seems that on that day there will be no doubt about his power and authority. On the surface, this is a story about separation; but at its basis is a great unifying event in which 'all nations' will be gathered together to experience a revealing of a deeper truth.

Secondly, all people, wherever they stand, are equally confused by Christ's judgement, asking 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison?' It is clear that none of them have recognised Christ in those they have chosen to help or ignore. Whether they have shown compassion or not, they did not see Christ as the recipient.

Thirdly, that Christ, the one who comes in Kingly splendour in the parable, the almighty one, Christ identifies with the most vulnerable, most ignored, most despised, most oppressed members of our society. Which other leaders do we know of who choose to give up all their power and privilege and to take on the role of the humblest ones in society? Which other rulers do we know of who favour those who are least respected and least powerful?

In a week when we are asking the question, 'What kind of justice do we long for?' and answering 'an end to racism, an end to hatred, an end to poverty and hunger, all people being treated with dignity,' we begin to focus our thoughts on what we can do, in our own small ways, to bring about some of these changes.

As we launch our Advent Appeal, our Year 8 students and charity ambassadors are leading the way in putting their faith into action as they plan a Christmas markets stall and charity football match in aid of the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal (see poster). We may not be able to change the world on our own, in fact we may feel totally helpless in the face of the great injustices we see, but by working together we can certainly make a difference – one life at a time.

God, you sent your Son, the Light of the world, to shine through darkness.

You call each one of us to shine brightly, filled with the flame of your love.

As we travel through advent, may the spark of your Spirit ignite in us energy and passion to serve you and build your just kingdom on earth. Amen

Prayer adapted from the Christian Aid website.

St Regis Vacancies

