

ST REGIS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

It was great to have a professional photographer on site this week capturing some fantastic images of the wonderful things that take place day-to-day throughout St Regis Academy – stay tuned for some of these images starting to make appearances on our social media feeds shortly. We are also very excited to announce that our new St Regis website will be live after half term – launch date to be announced soon.

Even though this half term is only 5 weeks long, we have crammed so many amazing opportunities for our students into this half term. This week Year 8 have participated in some Virtual Reality workshops delivered by our local police team; our PE department have hosted some Year 4 students from our local primary school Christ Church; and today our Year 11 Geography students head to Birmingham for a field study.

Next week we have another careers focus week, with Year 10 students having Apprenticeship workshops in school delivered by an external provider; Year 7 students have a visit to an orchestra in Birmingham; Year 10 Art and Photography students visit Wolverhampton Art Gallery; Year 9 have Parents Evening; Year 13 History and Geography students visit RAF Cosford; Year 9 have an RE conference in school; and Year 11 History students visit Shrewsbury prison!

We end the half term with an exciting visit from Andrew Warren, the West Midlands Regional Director for the Department of Education. We look forward to hosting him and having the opportunity to showcase all of the amazing work that takes place here at St Regis.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr E Parry
Principal



ST REGIS STARS OF THE WEEK!



YEAR 7 – SUMMER
YEAR 8 – AMANDA
YEAR 9 – SHRIYA
YEAR 10 – JAIMEE
YEAR 11 – NOAH
YEAR 12 – PRABALJIT
YEAR 13 – HANIYA

CHESTER – AMANDA
LICHFIELD – ELIJAH
WORCESTER – NOAH
HOUSE OF THE WEEK
IS LICHFIELD!



UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Feb - Year 7 Orchestra Trip

7th Feb - Art & Photography Trip and Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm

8th Feb - History & Geography Trip to RAF Cosford and RE Conference in school

9th Feb - Year 11 History Trip to Shrewsbury Prison

12th - 16th Feb - Half Term

29th Feb - Sixth Form Open Evening at St Regis, 5pm - 6.30pm



PHOTOSHOOT SNEAK PEEK





Year 8 this week have taken part in the West Midlands Police Virtual Reduction Prevention workshop using Virtual Reality to understand how friendship groups can influence decisions and consequences. Our Year 8 cohort were really excited and were made to think deeply how they can make choices to show responsibility and respect to others. Well done Year 8!

A huge thank you to Christ Church Primary for bringing their Year 4 pupils to St Regis for a PE session on Thursday morning. Our year 10 leaders delivered a session with a range of activities linking to Basketball and Dodgeball! It was a fantastic morning where our leaders really excelled in their roles by demonstrating great confidence and enthusiasm. Year 4 were having fun and learning some brilliant new skills! Well done to all the leaders and thank you to Christ Church for bringing Year 4!



PARENT GOVERNOR

St Regis is looking for a Parent Governor to join its Governing Body!

**GOVERNANCE
AT ST REGIS**

Please download the application form from our website.



From the Chaplain...

“Who are you responsible for and to?” I asked my students.

“For our younger siblings,” they replied, and some added “For looking after our friends, and helping our families.”

“Does that include pets?”

“Yes, definitely!”

“What about your environment? Are you responsible for keeping your room tidy? And what about your classroom?”

This question got a mixed response, but on the whole there was a recognition that we are responsible, albeit collectively, for the state in which we leave a room for the next class.

“So are you responsible for people you have never met, who live the other side of the globe?” I asked next. Some hesitated, but the general consensus was that we couldn't be held responsible for people we were never likely to have contact with.

“Are you responsible for the decisions you make then?” I asked.

“Yes, we are responsible for the decisions we make.”

“So if you decide to get a lift somewhere that you could have walked, or if you decide to buy and throw away a lot of single-use plastic or products that are manufactured in sweat shops...? Because the decisions we make on a daily basis have an impact on people across the world that we will never meet, don't they?”

If we think about it, we can easily come to the conclusion that actually we are responsible, collectively, to every living organism on earth: both now and in the years to come. If we thought about it like that, the responsibility could be overwhelming. But if that causes us to avoid thinking about it, if we refuse to take that responsibility seriously, the problems of injustice and the climate crisis continue. So where is the good news here?

The first bit of good news is that we are not alone. We have a God who is capable of the seemingly impossible and who longs to bless us in ways we cannot even imagine. The earth He has created and the people who inhabit it are beautiful and fragile, yes, but also incredibly resilient. And throughout the history of humankind, again and again, God has revealed His desire and ability to take even the most hopeless of situations and to bring good out of it; reconciliation, healing and renewal. Indeed, there is nothing in all the earth which will ever stop Him loving, restoring and pouring out His grace upon us.

So let us think and take seriously our responsibilities. Let us not look the other way or shift the blame but reflect carefully on the part we play, the decisions we make and their impact. Then let us turn to our gracious and all powerful Creator and ask Him for His help in seeing and making the changes in our lives which will bring hope and healing to those we love, those we live and work alongside and those we do not even know.

Amen

