



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, welcome to our new monthly newsletter which provides updates about the wonderful activities taking place at our school. Don't forget you can follow our Facebook page as well by scanning the QR code here.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

Shine table!

Every Friday break time, we open the Shine table for our students to bring along their best piece of work from the week, in exchange for a small prize. We have been very impressed with the work which has been shown so far and look forward to seeing more during next term!



Inter - house Table Tennis competition :

Students represented their Houses in the inter - house table tennis competition during this half term. After a week of gruelling matches, Goretti were crowned the table tennis champions. Next half term, we will see inter - house netball.



No more Knives Tour:

Students were treated to a performance from the No More Knives tour.

Students watched music performances, video content and listened to personal stories on knife crime that presented the reality of knife crime and empowered students to make positive choices.



WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As 2025 is a Jubilee Year, as directed by Pope Francis. In school, we have celebrated with a Celebration of Word on Friday 24th January to launch this special year and there will be other events throughout the year. We are looking at ways we can be Pilgrims of Hope and strengthen our faith.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Parents' Evening:

Join us on Thursday 27th February from 4 to 7pm for Year 9 Parents' Evening. Students will also be choosing their GCSE option choices.

Early finish for students:

Students will finish school at 1.20pm on Monday 3rd March due to staff training. School buses will run at this earlier time and 'grab bags' are available to order for lunch.

Enrichment Day: Thursday 6th March 2025

Fit Friday: Friday 21st March 2025

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Attendance to school is so important. Statistics show that poor attendance directly impacts GCSE success rates and parents are subjected to being fined for taking term time holidays and persistent absences.

If your child is absent from school, you must provide medical reasons or it will be classified as an unauthorised absence. For further information, please contact Mrs Angus at the school office.



Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!

BE READY TO LEARN!

In lessons, we want to maximise student learning time and sometimes learning time is lost due to lack of equipment. Students should have the following items with them everyday, carried around in a bag which is big enough to hold an A4 folder;

- At least two black pens
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A red pen to self assess work with
- A planner
- Their school timetable

Thank you for your support with this!



A MESSAGE FROM MR. CORLESS

It is hard to believe that the first half term of 2025 is coming to a close. It has been such a busy time in school but it is important to take a moment and reflect upon all the wonderful activities and achievements our students have accomplished. It is heart warming to see their enthusiasm and want to achieve so much more; they have a lot to be proud of.

I hope you all have a restful break and I look forward to seeing the students bright and early on Monday 24th February, in their full school uniform and correct equipment for the day.

God Bless,
Mr. Corless

