



# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 2



## External Examinations

The summer external timetable for examinations can be found here:

### Timetable

As we enter the final weeks with our Year 11 and 13 pupils before their exams begin, we wish them all luck.

Miss Tennet will share further information about revision and end of year celebrations next week.

## Key Dates

- **KS3 assessments will begin in the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> of May and will continue into the week commencing the 1st of June-** pupils will complete their assessments in classrooms and the dates for these assessments will be communicated with them by their teachers
- **Year 12 Parent Information Evening-** 7<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm
- **INSET Day** [school closed to all pupils] 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## Year 12 Parent Information Evening


On **Thursday evening, 5-6pm**, we are delighted to welcome Y12 pupils and their families into school to learn more about the UCAS application process and next steps in Year 13.


The event will be taking place in Nichol's Hall.

## Year 6 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 6th May  
5-6pm



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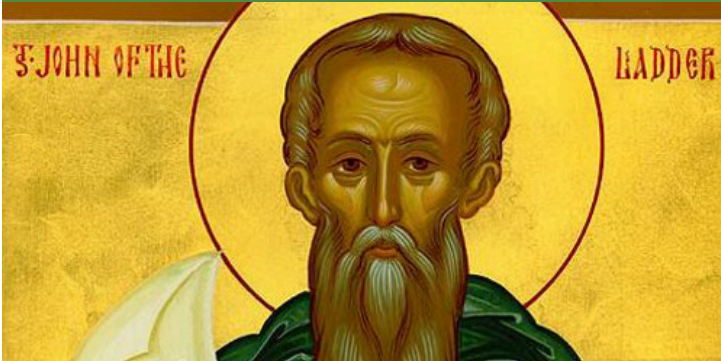
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## FAITH FOCUS



"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."  
- John 14:6

In these words, Jesus reminds us that faith is not just something we believe, but a way we are invited to live. He calls us to walk with integrity, to seek truth, and to choose a life rooted in love. As a school community, we seek to follow this example together, guiding our young people with care, honesty, and compassion, keeping Christ at the heart of all we do.

## Free Tuition

We have been contacted by AS Tuition with an opportunity for pupils in Years 9 and 10 to receive free maths and English tuition. The sessions will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June at the Ocean Road Community Centre. Sessions will take place at the following times:  
Maths 5.30  
English 6.30  
If you would like further information, please contact: srey86@gmail.com

## Meet the Teacher

Name: Mrs Collings-Backhouse

What subject do you teach?  
English and Film Studies

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I've always loved school. My favourite time of year is September when you start getting organised and sorting all your new stationery for returning to school so naturally I just never left! I really enjoy how varied my job can be and how interesting and entertaining the pupils are; no two days are ever the same.

I always loved reading and enjoyed English lessons at school so I wanted to share that with other people and hopefully inspire other people to enjoy English lessons. Essentially I love talking about books and love the freedom that you get with English- everyone can do well in this subject as long as they give it a go.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

I spend a lot of time reading- I read all sorts of different genres. I also love playing squash and swimming in the sea (as long as there's a fancy sauna involved afterwards).

Favorite books/movies?

I love a book by Dodie Smith called I Capture the Castle and I will also re-read favourites over and over like Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier. I usually enjoy reading books that are part of big series so recently I read all of LJ Ross' books and I am currently working my way through JD Robb's Dallas series (both crime authors).

As a film teacher, I love talking about films and probably should have a more artistic choice as my favourite film of all time but I'll have to go with Grease. I could re-watch this film over and over and could probably recite it word for word.



It has been wonderful to see our Year 10 pupils preparing so positively for their upcoming mock examinations. Many teachers have commented on the focus and maturity pupils are demonstrating in lessons. These assessments are an important milestone in building confidence, effective revision habits and resilience as they look ahead to Year 11. With the continued support of our dedicated staff and your encouragement at home, I am confident pupils will approach this period with determination and pride.

You will also note that KS3 assessments will be taking place shortly. These assessments are an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate the hard work and knowledge they have developed throughout the academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support.

C Lennox Headteacher 01/05/26

