

# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 4



## MEET THE TEACHER

**Name:** Miss Batey

**What subject do you teach?** Design Technology and Engineering

**What inspired you to become a teacher?**

I liked school and seeing what creative things I could do so I thought I might like helping other people do the same.

**What's a fun fact about you that students might not know?**

I know how to make tiny top hats and I have a tapas party once a year in my garden.

**What do you like to do when you're not teaching?** I like to cook and read and make book nooks.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Reading, cooking, crochet, art

**Favourite books/movies?**

Impossible to choose, it depends on my mood! There are films I know all the words to though (most of Mel Brooks and Monty Pythons)

I tend to like books that are part of a series and I go back to them again and again. Terry Pratchett's Discworld, Jim Butcher's Dresden Files, Ben Aaronovitch's Rivers of London and Derek Landy's Skulduggery Pleasant are some of my favourites.

**What's your favourite way to spend a weekend?**

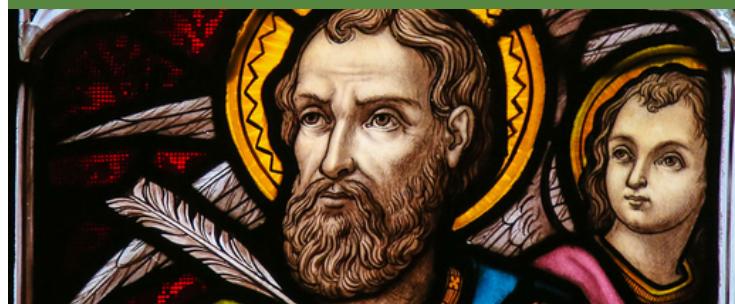
Doing any of the things listed and on a Sunday going to my 92 year-old Grandad's house with all my aunties and uncles and cousins (and their kids and some dogs too). We do this most Sundays.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

All pupils are welcome to join our Homework Club which runs in our library on the following nights after school. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 4:30 Friday- 4:00

Our library is open each morning 8:15-8:40, at break and lunchtimes.

## FAITH FOCUS



"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."  
- Matthew 5:8

In this Beatitude Jesus teaches that a pure heart chooses sincerity, kindness, and honesty. When our young people practise these qualities, they begin to recognise the good in themselves and in others. As a school community, we aim to nurture this openness of heart, one that strengthens trust and helps create a caring environment for all.



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## SCHOOL PLANNERS

All pupils are required to carry their planners at all times and use them to record homework and other key information.

Using your child's planner is the most efficient way of contacting staff in school.



Using your child's planner as the primary form of communication between home and school means that your queries will be addressed promptly.

Planners are checked regularly by form tutors which means your messages will be picked up by your child's tutor and be passed on to the most appropriate member of staff.



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This week, I have greatly enjoyed visiting lessons across the school and seeing our young people working with focus and determination as they prepare for their prelim examinations. Alongside this, we have had a renewed focus on lining up promptly and wearing our uniform with pride.

The calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school has been a real credit to both our pupils and staff, and I am confident that this continued commitment will support everyone in achieving their best in the weeks ahead.

As we look ahead to February and the approach of spring, I am confident that the positive momentum across the school will continue, and I thank our families and pupils for their ongoing support.

C Lennox Headteacher 30/01/26

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

Preliminary Examinations for pupils in Years 11 and 13 will begin on Monday 9 February.

The timetable for this set of prelims is available on our school website, alongside ongoing information about revision sessions which are open to all pupils.

### Prelim Timetable

These assessments are designed to reflect external examination conditions as closely as possible and provide pupils with a valuable final opportunity to practise the exam experience ahead of their summer examinations.

To ensure pupils are able to perform at their best, we remind all learners of the importance of attending school on time, arriving well prepared with the correct equipment, and following examination regulations carefully.

We are grateful to families for their continued support at home, particularly in helping pupils establish positive revision routines and ensuring they are well-rested during this busy period.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to support our pupils in achieving their very best.



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