



Parent and Carer Bulletin

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Dear Parent and Carers

This week has been a special week for me as we come to the later stages of my first half term as Head of School. During the week we managed to find images of the 'Millenium Cross' that stood for years in the old school building at the end of the St Anne's Corridor. The cross was made up of photographs of all students, teachers and support staff who attended the school between the years 1999 and 2000. I managed to find my own photograph amongst the hundreds of images. Seeing those faces from a snapshot in time took me all the way back to when I attended the school. It was a wonderful feeling and a full circle moment which reminded me what this school stands for. The community spirit, high expectations and togetherness of English Martyrs School is something that has never left me or the many ex-students in which I speak with. It is important to remember who we once were as a school, to bring back those special characteristics and blend it with our vision and ambitions for the future.

I have taken time to reflect on the incredible improvements that we have made as school community over the last 7 weeks. The school has come a long way in that time, establishing our culture, which I believe all our students have benefitted from. Visitors continue to comment on the calm corridors and purposeful learning environment inside of our classrooms. From the achievements that we have made so far, I am excited about what we can achieve over the coming years for our students and our catholic community.

The leadership team have continued with a robust quality assurance programme this week. Mr Corcoran (Deputy Headteacher), Ms Savage (Assistant Headteacher) and Mr Doyle (Assistant Headteacher) have led a series of lesson observations of our staff and these observations, along with student voice, provide us with a picture around the quality of teaching and learning within our school. It allows us, as leaders, to identify areas of strength and areas to improve, either through bespoke or whole staff development.

This continuous cycle of quality assurance throughout the year will ensure that our staff are at the forefront of exceptional teaching and learning, and our students receive the best possible offering available.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Glenn Thompson
Head of School





RE DEPT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



DESIGN A CARD - SAVE A HEART

 CALLING ALL CREATIVE STUDENTS! WE'RE INVITING YOU TO DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE RED SKY FOUNDATION, A CHARITY THAT HELPS SAVE LIVES BY SUPPORTING HEART PATIENTS AND HOSPITALS ACROSS THE UK.

 YOUR DESIGN COULD MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE! WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PRINTED AND SOLD IN SCHOOL, WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE RED SKY FOUNDATION.

THEME: CHRISTMAS WITH HEART

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

OPEN TO: ALL YEAR GROUPS

SUBMIT TO: MRS FAIRCLOUGH OR MR CASEY IN THE RE DEPARTMENT.

 **PRIZES FOR THE BEST DESIGNS!** 

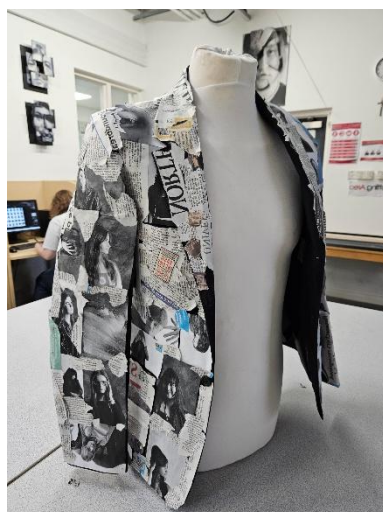
ARTWORK WILL BE JUDGED ON CREATIVITY, THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, AND FESTIVE SPIRIT.



Year 13 Art

Year 13 A level artists are making significant progress in their personal studies. Students are working studiously in various media deepening knowledge, skills and understanding with one eye on their post 18 destinations. Keep up the great work year 13.

Mr Meynell



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Careers

Year 12 students have been informed about a number of university schemes. If they qualify and participate in a number of activities across the year, they could be eligible for reduced offers from a range of universities. Next Step York , Aim for Oxford , Pathways to Bath and Realising Opportunities - details have been shared with students on the Careers Teams. All universities have similar schemes - please encourage your son/daughter to research their choices.

[The Sutton Trust](#) run a series of programmes that are completely free to attend. From work experience to employability skill sessions to ongoing university and apprenticeship application support. Subjects include banking and finance, engineering, law, medicine, veterinary medicine.

Year 13 students are in the process of considering their next steps. Many are applying to university; some forms have been sent to UCAS and students have received offers. The final deadline for forms to be submitted is 14th January, however our internal deadline - Monday 3rd November. UCAS provides a wealth of information for parents and carers. For those considering the apprenticeship route Amazing Apprenticeships published the October 2025 edition of the higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies.

If you have any questions please contact Bev Scaife - bscaife@ems.bhcet.org.uk .

Mrs Scaife

Key Stage 4 - Georgetown University

On Tuesday a group of students from EMS and St Michael's had the privilege of attending a presentation in St Annes from Georgetown University. Students were given information about how Georgetown University has become one of the most prestigious universities in the United States and what you need to do to apply as an international student. At EMS we are dedicated to ensuring that our students are empowered to apply for the best universities in the world.

Mr Doyle



Living Our Mission: Christ Has No Body Now on Earth but Yours

At the heart of our school community is a mission that inspires and challenges us daily: "*Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*" This powerful statement is not just a motto, it is a call to action, a reminder that each member of our school family is invited to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world.

This term, our Catholic Life and Mission continues to flourish. From Celebration of the word to Holy Mass, we are witnessing a deepening of faith and a growing commitment to living out Gospel values. Staff and students alike are embracing opportunities to lead with compassion, integrity, and hope making our school a place where Christ's presence is felt in every corridor, classroom, and conversation.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our third-year group Mass of the year, with our Year 10 students. The theme of the Mass was gratitude, a virtue that lies at the core of Christian living. Together, we reflected on the importance of being thankful: for the gift of life, for the opportunities we are given, and for the people who walk alongside us. Our Year 10 students led us in prayer and our Liturgy group in song, and our homily given by Canon Paul challenged us to recognise the blessings in our lives and respond with generosity and joy.

Moments like these remind us that our mission is alive and active. Whether through Celebration of the word, charitable outreach, or daily interactions, we are striving to be a community that reflects Christ's love.

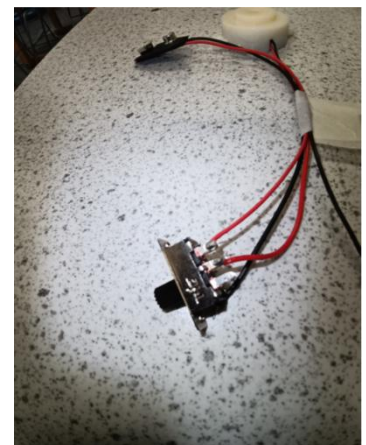
Together, we are the body of Christ, called to serve, to lead, and to shine His light in the world.

Mr McCartie

Key Stage 3 - Resistant Materials

In Resistant Materials Technology this week KS3 have been busy learning new techniques and how to use tools and machines safely. Year 7 are using coping saws and files to cut shapes out of plywood for their coat hooks. Year 8 are using soldering irons to join components for their Steady Hand Game. Year 9 are using tenon saws to make comb joints for the top of their bird feeder.

Ms Carter



Musical Theatre

Students of all year groups are encouraged to join our Musical Theatre club starting on Wednesday the 5th of November. The club will start at 2:45pm and finish at 3:45pm in the studio (sixth form building)

Ms Stirk



Year 11 P6 Intervention Timetable

Y11 P6 Intervention 2:45pm- 3:45pm Half Term 1		
Monday	Science	History
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Maths Business Studies	Art Photography
Thursday	English Child Development Hospitality and Catering Health and Social Care	Geography Product Design Textiles
Friday	RE Imedia Performing Arts PE	French Spanish Computer Science Sports Studies

Earn While You Learn – Year 12 Students

Year 12 students have been given the opportunity to apply to be a catering assistant, manning the tills in the main school dining hall over break and/or lunchtimes.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to earn money which fits around their studies and gain leadership and teamworking skills. Further details of the role and application forms have been shared with students via the Careers Team. The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 20th October.

Ms Scaife

6th Form Common Room - Upgrades

Our Sixth Form students were delighted to discover the latest upgrades to their Common Room - a brand-new **pool table** and **foosball table**, creating an even more welcoming and vibrant social space to relax and unwind.

We're proud to offer a Sixth Form environment that balances academic focus with opportunities for connection and wellbeing.

🌟 Year 11 students - applications to join our Sixth Form are open now and can be completed online <https://ems6.bhcet.org.uk/>

📅 Join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 4th December to explore our new facilities, meet our staff and students, and discover what makes our Sixth Form community so special.

#EM6 #OpenEvening #StudentLife #FutureReady

Ms Jackson



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Below is the half-term revision plan that the math's department have prepared for our Year 11 students. Each topic includes a link to a revision video, a set of exam questions and model solutions to support their independent study. Students can find this on MS Teams, teachers will also be showing the students how to access the resources.

Mr Murray

Foundation									
	25/10/2025	26/10/2025	27/10/2025	28/10/2025	29/10/2025	30/10/2025	31/10/2025	01/11/2025	02/11/2025
Session 1	Enlargements	Solving Equations (Unknowns both sides)	Compound Interest	Estimating	Forming Equations	Quadratic Graphs	Rearranging Formula	Surface Area	Reverse Percentage
	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video
	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions
	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers
Session 2	Standard Form	Probability Trees	HCF and LCM	Index Laws	Averages from Tables	Probability and Relative Frequency	Angles in Polygons	Ratio	Angles in parallel lines
	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video	Video
	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions
	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers

Higher									
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Session 1	Angles in parallel lines	Angles in Polygons	Box Plots	Estimating	Product Rule	Gradient	Bounds	Quadratic Sequences	Probability and Relative Frequency
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	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions	Exam questions
	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers
Session 2	Sine Rule	Cosine Rule	Area of a Triangle	3D Trigonometry	Sectors	Circle Theorems	Simplifying Algebraic Fractions	Proportion	Function Notation
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	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers	Answers

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
21 st October	Year 7 Settling in Evening with tutors 3pm-6pm
23 rd October - 3 rd November	Half Term
10 th – 14 th November	Year 11 Prep Exams
28 th November	School Closed for Students
4 th December	Sixth Form Open Evening 3pm-6pm
9 th December	Year 9 Parents' Evening

