



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are all keeping well. Beginning week 4 of this half term, there continues to be great national apprehension over the news to follow regarding the national lockdown and future plans for a possible return to the three tier approach. We at school continue to do what we do best and provide the best and fullest education we can. I am extremely proud of the consistent high attendance we have and would like to thank you all for trusting our staff and sending your children to school. As with all schools around the country, we continue to experience positive cases (as reported in last week's letters) but we are confident in our processes in limiting the spread of the virus.

There are various updates and pieces of news to share, so please do read the following and share it with your child.

Year 11 Study Support after school

The Library will be open after school every day until 4.15pm for Year 11s to exclusively use for self-guided revision and silent working. Many Year 11s have started to use this time in the Library, especially in the lead up to mock exams, and all are welcome.

CAT4 tests

Year 7 students will be taking CAT4 tests this week; these will take place during lesson time and will be used to enable the school to provide students with target grades.

Year 7 Flu vaccinations

Nurses will be in the school this Friday 27th November for Year 7 Flu vaccinations. If your child has not had the Flu vaccine they will receive it on this day (unless you have answered NO on the form). If you have not yet completed the consent form, please ask your child to collect one from the school office and return the completed form as soon as possible.

Children in need

Thank you to all who paid one pound for non-uniform day on Friday 13th November. We raised a total of £755 for Children in Need.

November – Trainer day (Friday 27th November)

Your children may have mentioned that some male members of staff have been growing their moustache over the month of November. This is in aid of raising money for the Movember foundation, who raise awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer and testicular cancer. In order to raise more money, we are holding a trainer day this Friday for all staff and students where we will request a £1 donation in order to wear your trainers. Thank you all in advance and thank you to Mr Freeburn and Mr Lawrence for organising.

Year 10 Prefects

Almost a third of year 10 students completed applications to become Junior Prefects. Mr Golding has sieved through all of the applications and appointed 12 new Junior Prefects. This information was shared to Year 10 students last week and I would like to congratulate the following students:

Samuel Benson
Jamal Robleh
Damani Greaves
Murat Yesilgoz
Divine Akinlolu
Benjy Gyampoh
Edward Moore
River Joseph
Chanel Hilton-Kwebiha
Caitlynn Namugga
Amirat Sanusi
Keren Nanyonjo

BHM competitions

Students had an opportunity to research, dig deep and look closer into history through attending a number of Poetry Workshops. These amazing poems will be featured as part of our student library collection of poems where all members of the school community will have a chance to read them. Among many wonderful works from pupils, we are pleased to announce that the following poems;

1. But We Are Still Black By Pazel Akoto **7JAN**
2. I am the black child By Deborah Lawal **7JAN**
3. My Black is Beautiful By Jinelle Nyako **7ECO**

are outstanding and therefore were selected as the winners of the 2020 BHM competition. Well done to all involved.

Students were also invited to create a piece of work in any discipline that celebrates the life and work of a notable black individual past or present. Well done to those who took part!

The following are the winners:

Angel Adegbuyi- 10RGT
Gabriel Gani- 7JAN
Malaiyah Monlouis- 7JAN
Ela Ali-Mehmet-7SJS
Anu Solola- 9SCY

I hope the entire school community enjoy a great week ahead!

Sincerely

Mr R Hussain
Principal