



*Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus, truly presents in the
Holy Eucharist,
I place my trust in you.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Government's announcement about the phased reopening of schools, we are delighted to be able to welcome back some of our Year 10 students from Monday 22 June. Year 10 students have been selected by the Government as the year group to begin the phased reopening of secondary schools as they will be taking their formal examinations soon. The Government recently announced that all year groups should receive face-to-face support by the end of the school year. We will give you more information on this as soon as we have it. It is also pleasing to hear that the Government will continue to support families who are entitled to free school meals. Families will continue to receive Free School Meals Vouchers throughout the summer holidays.

We will still be open to students of essential worker families, who will continue their school learning as they have done for the past 12 weeks. This will be separate from what we offer Year 10 students.

We know that families are worried about this next stage. We have assessed how we can minimise risks to students and staff, and have restricted groups to no more than ten students at a time in a class. We have had a heightened programme of cleaning and safety protocols in place and maintained the highest standards. We will continue to remain vigilant as the wellbeing of everyone at St Catherine's is our key priority.

We are also aware that there have been some messages in the media stating that parents/carers who wish their children to return to school are risking the wellbeing of staff. Please do not feel you cannot send your child to school if you are concerned about what you have read. We understand that some families will take a personal decision not to send their child to school based on a range of different reasons –

underlying health conditions, for example, and as a school we understand that choice. Please note that you will not be penalised if your child does not attend school during this time.

We will continue to put work on SMHW for all students across all year groups.

As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus today and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 20) God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately, June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity.

Yours faithfully

**URSULA NORBERT INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL
NICK WATKISS INTERIM EXECUTIVE
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"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

(Matthew 10:32)

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2020

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



Reflection for Families

As an old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This is not only the message we need to convey to our children, but through our own actions; they will see that we believe this to be true. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand with our children when we know that they are being tempted by their peers and culture. You will find among parents of older children, that your children will one day express their gratitude for your courage.

Gospel Summary

There are people who do not yet know the Good News. Jesus assured his disciples and us that we will bring the light of the Kingdom into their darkness by sharing Jesus with them. Even if some people, even our families, ridicule us for our proclamation, God will care for us until the end.

A time for change

Change is in the air. We see it on the streets as people protest racial and social injustice. We see it in numerous debates about identity, inequality and representation. As the home to an impossible number of ideas, histories and stories, we see and hear the need for many voices, for diverse perspectives, for conversations pushed to the margins. Change begins with listening – to painful lessons from the past and to those imagining a different future.

Changes to Contact

Contact will now be focussed on parents and families and we have introduced a new "Weekly Brief" which goes to students on Monday mornings (on SMHW) with information aimed at them. We have made this change based on feedback from students and parents alike. We welcome any suggestions for either publication.

Windrush Day, 72 years on

On 22 June 1948 the Empire Windrush arrived in Essex, carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. However, this wasn't the start of Britain's relationship with the Caribbean; nor would it be the end. What was waiting for these passengers when they stepped off the ship? *Windrush stories* explores the legacy of colonialism and first-hand experience of the Windrush generation, alongside the works of writers including Andrea Levy, John Agard and Benjamin Zephaniah.





SUMMER REMOTE LEARNING CURRICULUM

We are entering our new phase of online provision called our Summer Remote Learning Curriculum. We have simplified the school online learning timetable in order to support your daughter in her organisation, engagement and completion of work.

Students are expected to take responsibility for submitting the learning identified by their subject teacher on time and completed to the best of their ability. Completion of work is a key focus as we move into this next phase of learning.

Short-term deadlines and a streamlined timetable will support you in ensuring that your daughter remains motivated and is able to manage her work confidently.

If there are any issues with the completion or access to work, we will support your daughter. We need you to contact your daughter's subject teacher or her Head of Year to initiate such support.

We are using the term ahead to increase the opportunities for your daughter to access more 'guided' teacher sessions, which will be in a recorded format.

We will also be introducing students to Microsoft Teams over the summer term. This will offer new ways for teachers to support students in teaching and learning with online learning.

The Pastoral team will continue to closely monitor and support.

YEAR 10 – SUMMER REMOTE LEARNING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| DAY | Pastoral Curriculum | Teacher led/ instructed lesson – not live but recorded. | Remote Learning Session | Remote Learning Session | Remote learning Session | Remote Learning Session | Revise, Improve and Prep time |
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| Monday | Reflection / Assembly | Maths <i>Geography</i> <i>History</i> | Maths | Geography | History | Careers Guidance & Preparation for the Future | Revise, Improve and Prep time |
| Tuesday | Prayer and Reflective Activity. | RE <i>Music</i> <i>Art & Design</i> <i>Textiles</i> | RE | Music | Art & Design | Textiles | Revise, Improve and Prep time |
| Wednesday | Mental Health activity | English Maths <i>Drama</i> | English | Maths | Drama | PSHE | Revise, Improve and Prep time |
| Thursday | Guided Meditation | SCIENCE <i>Media</i> <i>Business</i> <i>PE</i> | Science | Business | Media | PE | Revise, Improve and Prep time |
| Friday | Inspirational People | ENGLISH <i>French</i> <i>Spanish</i> | English | French | Spanish | | Revise, Improve and Prep time |

Message for Students

- On most days there will be a focus on two subjects as 'taught/teacher demonstration' lesson (which is not live currently) followed by a task / work to be completed and submitted.
- There is a spread of option subjects across the five days so for the majority of you it won't end up with too many subjects on one day. As a Year 10 students look ahead and manage that, prepare for days where your options will coincide with another option subject.
- Curriculum time for Online work is approx. 50 minutes as a guide. However, do not leave work incomplete, seek support from your teacher to ensure that it is completed with support.
- Your work must be submitted to the teacher. This final work of the summer curriculum is very important for your overall GCSE study - so give this your all.
- The 'Revise, Improve and Prep' time is for you to do things like MEMRISE vocab checks, revise for tests or review notes ahead of a task and, importantly, to take teacher feedback on previous work and make the improvements. Making revision cards and notes will really help your studies too. This work is important.



KEY STAGE 3 SUMMER REMOTE LEARNING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| Session | Pastoral Curriculum | Remote Learning Session | Remote Learning Session | Remote Learning Session | Revise, Improve and Prep time* | Myself, My future and My wellbeing |
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| Monday | Prayer and Form Time | English | Geography | Music | Revise, Improve and Prep time | PE |
| Tuesday | Assembly | Science | RE | Maths | Revise, Improve and Prep time | PSHE |
| Wednesday | Prayer and Form Time | English | History | DT | Revise, Improve and Prep time | Top tips for revising and learning for memory |
| Thursday | Reflection | Maths | RE | Computing | Revise, Improve and Prep time | Careers and my Future |
| Friday | Prayer and Form Time | Science | Art/Drama* <i>*Rotate fortnightly</i> | MFL | Revise, Improve and Prep time | |

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Message for students

- Online Learning sessions are **one hour**. These sessions for teaching and learning will always include a piece of work/task/test that you must complete and return to your teacher. The way in which your teachers will deliver these will include opportunities for more 'teacher's demonstration / explanation lessons (which are not delivered live) as we move into July.
- You are responsible for completing and submitting evidence of your learning and engagement according to the schedule.
- Each step you take here is important, each piece of work matters, your personal commitment in being diligent and determined *now* will ensure we are the best partners in learning for the bright future we want for you all.