



March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As the spring term draws to a close and with it the end of the Lenten Season, we have much to reflect upon in the development of our school.

Pupils and staff have been engaged in re-visiting the school's mission to ensure that it rightly reflects all that we as a school community aim to accomplish on a daily basis and throughout the year.

"In Faith We Grow" has become our featured phrase.

3 core values have emerged:

Aspiration

"For nothing will be impossible with God"

Luke 1:37

Belief

"I have come into the World as Light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness"

John 12:46

Compassion

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them"

Matthew 7:12

Pupils now carry an **ABC** card which can be signed by any adult in school when they witness pupils demonstrating these values in the classroom, around the building and within the wider community. Pupils with all the positive comments complete on their card can earn rewards from the Reward Shop.

There have been a number of successful events this term including a Year 8 visit to a Careers Fair and a Year 9 trip to 'Save the World' day at Carmel College. Fieldwork visits to Rivington and a science trip to Liverpool St John Moore's University have also taken place. Many can be seen on the Cultural Capital PowerPoints on the school website. Please encourage your child to complete their own individual Cultural Quest by engaging with extra-curricular activities.

Year 11 continue their final examination preparations with coaching sessions in school, the Easter revision programme and the opportunity for a revision focused, active residential on Anglesey this April.

Pupils in Year 9 are making their final GCSE option choices. The deadline is Friday 19th April 2024.





Once again Ms Quarless is taking a group of 80 pupils and 9 staff to Paris over the Easter break. We wish them all 'Bon Voyage'.

School will close at the normal time of 3:00pm on Thursday 28th March and re-open on Tuesday 16th April. Pupils should arrive at the normal time of 8:25am for a prompt 8:30am start. Please ensure that pupils arrive in school in full uniform, including appropriate footwear, and that they are properly equipped for learning.

Please note that in order to support pupils' health and wellbeing and to provide an opportunity for staff training from Monday 22nd April, and every Monday until the end of term, Y7 – Y10 pupils should arrive at school for 9:00am for line up. They will then proceed to Period 1. Year 11 should attend at the normal time of 8:25am for an 8:30am start, to allow for intervention and GCSE preparation.

For Year 11 formal, written GCSE exams begin on 7th May and continue until 19th June. Please do not book holidays or excursions during this time. External exams cannot be moved.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to Ms Quarless as Acting Headteacher and all of the staff in school for continuing the good work, striving to give our young people the best possible start in life in my absence. I and our school community are truly blessed.

As I close, I ask you to think of and pray for all those who are victims of conflict across the world at this time particularly those in the Holy Land.

May I wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Holy Week Liturgy

Link: <https://sicmat.co.uk/holy-week/> [available from 27th March 2024]

Yours sincerely

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Jesus said ... "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and all those who live and believe in me will never die." *John 11:25*

