

# ST REGIS ACADEMY



# NEWSLETTER

20th Oct 2023

ST REGIS  
STARS OF  
THE WEEK!

YEAR 7 –  
ANASTASIA  
YEAR 8 – MORTEZA  
YEAR 9 – FATIHA

YEAR 10 – AMERIS  
YEAR 11 – MICHAEL  
YEAR 12 – ELLIE  
YEAR 13 – DEANNE  
CHESTER – FATIHA  
LICHFIELD – AMERIS  
WORCESTER – EMMA  
HOUSE OF THE WEEK IS  
CHESTER!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24th October Open Morning - 10am - 12pm  
Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening Wednesday 25th  
October 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
INSET Day Friday 27th October  
October Half Term Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov

## MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

As we enter the final week of half term I want to thank all students and staff for their hard work and efforts. I think everyone will be ready for a much needed and well deserved rest by this time next week! A reminder that our next INSET day is Friday 27th October, so no students are in school on that day. School will finish at normal time on Thursday 26th October. This is an important training day for staff as we move our internal information system from SIMs to Arbor. You will hear more about Arbor in the coming weeks and the benefits it can have for you as parents & carers!

This half term, we have had big push on uniform standards in school and the impact has been felt, with students looking very smart. This has included the wearing of shoes and not trainers, the removal of black jumpers from the uniform policy and re-enforcement of no mobile phone use within school. We will continue to be strict on this after half term, as well as taking steps to ensure all students are remaining in their lessons for the duration of their lesson.

Mr E Parry  
Principal



Mental Health  
Support Team

## CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

Thursday 2nd November 2023

Drop in any time between 10:30am and 14:30pm

### Location:

Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street,  
Wolverhampton, WV1 1DU

### Parking Information:

-Although there is no direct parking on location, pay and display are available in and around Wolverhampton. Active travel is encouraged and if you show a bus or train ticket you will receive a discount in the Art Gallery's café!





**St Regis**  
Church of England Academy



**The Royal Wolverhampton**  
NHS Trust



# Meet Your School Nursing Team

Visit our School Nurse drop-ins during the autumn holiday.  
If you're 11 – 19 years old, we're here for you if you have any worries  
about your general health, wellbeing and sexual health, need some  
advice or just want to chat.



**Mander Centre, Health Hub**



**Wednesday 1 November**



**1.30 - 3.30 pm**

**You can also contact us through our ChatHealth text messaging service:**



More information, including T&Cs and privacy, at:  
[www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/chathealth](http://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/chathealth)

Text a school nurse on  
**07507 332 631**  
for confidential help and advice.

## From the Chaplain...

'Be the change you wish to see in the world,' said Mahatma Gandhi; a phrase that has been coming back to me this week as we have been reflecting on the part of our school vision in which we are encouraged 'to transform our lives and the lives of others'.

The story of Zaccheus is a story of healing and transformation, but one with a very unlikely hero. Zaccheus was hated by his community, seen as no better than a traitor and a thief. Because he collected taxes for the Roman authorities (the occupying forces and the enemy of the Jewish people). Because he charged people extra in order to line his own pockets. It is likely that Zaccheus' existence was a lonely one and perhaps his only consolation was the lifestyle and luxuries he could afford as a result of his work.

It is sad to reflect that life in the Middle East is so often still overshadowed by territorial disputes, competing authorities and occupying forces demanding compliance with strict military regimes. Many of the feelings of resentment from Zaccheus' day are still experienced today.

Shunned by polite society, never invited to weddings or parties, Zaccheus' actions set him aside as selfish and disloyal. I can picture the street falling quiet whenever Zaccheus walked by, with murmurs of discontent and offensive comments perhaps being muttered under the breath of the braver members of society; perhaps even some spitting in his direction. People's anger at Zaccheus was for good reason: businesses might have folded and families gone hungry as a result of his greed. It is a surprise that Zaccheus ventured out into the crowd the day that Jesus was passing through town and no surprise at all that he chose to hide himself away from sight in a tree. But when Jesus marched straight up to that tree and called Zaccheus down to eat with him, I can almost see the looks of disbelief and indignation on the faces of the respectable members of society who had been competing to host this honourable guest themselves.

Jesus didn't judge Zaccheus on his past actions or his reputation but saw the person Zaccheus could be and treated him with dignity and kindness. And the effect was transformational. Not just on Zaccheus himself but on the whole community, as a rift was healed, hurt was acknowledged and wrongs were put right with compassion and generosity.

'I just want people to know that I have changed and to give me a chance to show that; to give me a fresh start,' said a Year 8 boy to me recently. We can all identify with that sentiment: every single one of us has made mistakes and acted in ways we are not proud of at some stage in the past. What an amazing gift then, to hear that through Jesus, God will wipe away all that is past and look at us with dignity and love; seeing not the person we have been but only the person we can be. We might not be able to bring peace to the Middle East, though we can pray for it. But perhaps we can do one small thing and give one person we know a fresh start?

O God of all  
Of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:  
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.  
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.  
Comfort those who grieve,  
Console and heal the injured,  
Be close to those in fear,  
Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do,  
That our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all.  
Amen.

Revd Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Have a  
nice  
weekend!

