

ST REGIS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

12th Oct 2023

ST REGIS
STARS OF
THE WEEK!

YEAR 7 –
RAIHANULLAH
YEAR 8 – KADY
YEAR 9 – ESTHER

YEAR 10 – LAVINIA
YEAR 11 – REBECA
YEAR 12 – ELKAN
YEAR 13 – HASHIM
CHESTER – AMANDA
LICHFIELD – FINLEY
WORCESTER – SHAKO

HOUSE OF THE WEEK IS
CHESTER!

Year 9 Football



We took the year 9 football team away to Moreton for their first fixture of the year. The team demonstrated a lot of attributes to admire in terms of effort and responsibility. Tobi captained the team superbly, and there were a number of really good performances including Shahan, Ricardo and Hesham. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way but we move on to the next fixture vs Colton Hills (25th Oct).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 14th October Open Morning 9.30am - 12pm, Principal's talk at 10am
Tuesday 24th October Open Morning - 10am - 12pm

MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

This week I had a very successful meeting to review the multi-million-pound roof repairs project we have on-going in school at the moment. It was a very productive meeting, and the project is progressing very well. We will have some progress photographs to share with you all shortly.

This week I also had the pleasure of hosting our first Local Governing Board meeting for St Regis Academy. We have a superb team of governors that are committed to moving the school forward on our journey of improvement. If you would like to be involved in this, we will shortly be advertising for a Parent Governor vacancy.

We have had a range of visitors in school recently to deliver a range of experiences to our students: Central Youth Theatre delivered a Macbeth workshop to Year 11; a County Line awareness workshop; the RAF delivering a careers workshop to Year 10; and a range of visitors came into school on Wednesday as part of our Year 10 citizenship/Work experience drop-down morning.

Mr E Parry
Principal



From the Chaplain...

In ancient times, the God of the Hebrew people was unique. Other peoples in the Middle East had multiple gods, who were quite local in their influence... being the gods of a particular family or community. These people would make statues bearing the image of their gods; the understanding being that to bear someone's image meant also bearing something of the 'essence' of that person or being. People saw themselves as the servants of their gods, making offerings to them to keep them happy that they might be blessed with good harvests, good health and large families in return.

The God of the Hebrews was very different. He was one God with universal (rather than local) authority and influence. He was not to be represented by statues or images, for He was the true and living God. Most uniquely, He created humankind in His own image, to bear something of His essence and authority. He did not create humankind to be His servants running around trying to please him: He didn't need or require anything from them other than their love and devotion. Instead, He created humankind to be in relationship with Him and to represent Him on the earth as stewards of His wider creation. In other words, He created them not as servants but as His own beloved children, sharing something of His 'divine DNA'.

I asked some students this week, 'What does God look like for you? What does Jesus look like?' All answers were of a male. Many, but not all, were of a white male. This is a trend reflected in much religious art, for historical and political reasons, but it is perhaps time that we questioned and reconsidered our pictures of God. With students this week we have looked at a range of images of Jesus, from different cultures and times and we have talked about how the physical, historical Jesus would have looked, as a Middle Eastern man of a particular historical time. We have also talked about the possibility of Jesus or God looking just like every one of us... a challenging thought for some!

At St Regis CE Academy, as our vision statement declares, we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. So what does this mean for how we see ourselves and for how we treat one another? I am reminded of Jesus telling the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25) and concluding 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'. As we continue to collect our harvest gifts and prepare to thank God with thankful hearts for his generosity to us, we think of those in our community who are hungry, thirsty or living without a permanent home... some of them members of our own school family. May God give us compassionate hearts and open minds as, day by day, we strive to live out our school vision and to see God in all those we meet, treating them with the dignity and care that this requires. Amen.



From 'The First Supper'
Susan Dorothea White,
1988

**OCTOBER IS
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