



# The Net

St. Gregory's Catholic High School

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Friday 18th October -**

Wear it Pink Day

**Friday 18th October -** New Parents Mass

**Friday 18th October -** End of Term

**Monday 28th October -** Start of Term

**Wednesday 6th November -** Remembrance Service

**Friday 8th November -** Inset Day

**Thursday 21st November -** Y11 Parent Engage Evening

## STAFFING

### Welcome to:

Mr Frame - DT Subject Lead

Mr Jones - RE Subject Teacher

Miss Hanrahan - RE Subject Teacher

### Farewell to:

Miss McDonald - Teaching Assistant

## THIS TERMS NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It has been a wonderful start to this new academic year, beginning with the positive success of our 2024 Y11 class and their phenomenal exam results. This cohort appear to have surpassed the achievements of our school's results so far, a product of the team work between parents, staff and the pupils. The Y11 class of 2024 will soon join us for their certificate evening, when we can celebrate this success and share news about their life after St. Gregory's.

At the start of September, we welcomed our new Y7s. It is clear how well they have been prepared for life at high school through their enthusiasm & readiness to learn, but best of all, their kind personalities. I have been humbled by their generosity and kindness, they never hesitate to ask staff "how is your day?". I look forward to seeing their positive journey ahead.

We have also celebrated their transition to high school at the

new families mass at the end of the half term.

St. Gregory's also received its Ofsted report which is a glowing account of our community. One of my favourite lines from the Ofsted report is;

*"Pupils are proud to attend this school. They value the strong relationships that they have with their teachers."*

The main focus of our term and year is the revisiting of our vision and mission, and that allows me to end my section by saying that every success and celebration that this school is able to enjoy is completely down to the hard working staff in our school community. Each and every member of our team epitomises our vision statement of *"one family inspired to learn"*.



**Mr McGlinchey**  
**Headteacher**



## OPEN EVENING

These absolute superstars spoke from the heart to parents and children at our Open Evening in September and supported our Headteacher during the presentations.

Thank you Jenith, Aneetta, Lydia and Dominic.

## LITERACY NEWS

### Word of the Week

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Resilient  | Corroborate  |
| Circulate  | Dignity      |
| Solidarity | Subsidiarity |
| Emancipate |              |

### Lexia PowerUp Sessions

Well done to the pupils in Years 7 and 8 who were invited to Lexia PowerUp literacy intervention sessions - what a fantastic start you have all made! It has been a real joy handing out certificates and so many achievement points at this early stage.

Remember that Lexia is available to intervention pupils at home! Log in to RMuNify and use the 'PowerUp' tile to access the platform. The more you use it at home, the more achievement points you will get!

### eLibrary Update

Over 150 eBooks have been borrowed from our eLibrary platform so far this year - what a brilliant start to a year full of exciting books and reading experiences!

All pupils can access the eLibrary via RMuNify, using

their school email and the password 'password'. Top tip: when reading a borrowed book, click on the speaker icon and turn your eBook into an audiobook!

Miss Mannion

## FICTION ADDICTION

### 'Redwall'



This is a book about an order of mice that are in an abbey and are vowed to help all that require help.

However when a group of bandits and ferrets attack they have to defend themselves, and Young Mathias just might have an idea to save Redwall abbey! I think this is a great book for those that love action, alternative genres and animals!

Written by a Y8 pupil.



### '10 Things' Poem

#### 10 Things found in a 'A Haunted House' by Teegen in Y7

- A clump of spider webs.
- A dusty old table.
- A torn chair.
- A group of unsettling portraits.
- A dark, creaky wooden floor.
- A bunch of large rats, scurrying across the floor.
- A pile of ancient books.
- A rusted chandelier.
- A heap of rotten bones.
- A shattered mirror.

## LRC NEWS



We have really enjoyed welcoming our new Y7s to the school and they have embraced the opportunities the LRC offers them – loaning books, using our mindfulness activities / games and engaging in our competitions and activities.

### Roald Dahl

At the start of September we celebrated Roald Dahl's Birthday with a quiz, which lots of children took part in. Well done to Macy and Keanne in Y8 and Emmanuel in Y11 who won prizes.

### National Poetry Day

We have also celebrated National Poetry Day this half term, which had the theme of number,



with poetry activities in the LRC and a competition based on the poem '10



Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket' by Ian McMillan. Well

done to Thomas Y7, Teegan Y7 and Emily Y8, who won the competition and the poems have been published in the LRC for everyone to read.

### Book Club

We also had a great turn out at our first book club meetings. It was lovely to see lots of new members and we look forward to getting involved with Cheshire Book Awards and lots of different book activities. Our meetings are on a Thursday after school, with years 7&8 on A week and Years 9,10,11 on B week.

Mrs Andrews

## DRAMA

**ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

FROM THE NOVEL BY JOHN BUCHAN AND FROM THE FILM BY ALFRED HITCHCOCK

**An hilarious adaptation by  
PATRICK BARLOW**

# 'THE 39 STEPS'



**Tuesday 26th November 7pm  
Wednesday 27th November 7pm  
Thursday 28th November 7pm**

**TICKETS  
£5**

**Interval  
Refreshments  
(cash only)  
All proceeds  
to support our  
Lourdes Youth  
Pilgrimage**



By arrangement with Fiery Angel Limited  
Licensed by ITV Global Entertainment Limited and an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon  
This amateur production of 'The 39 Steps' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. On behalf of Samuel French Ltd.  
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

**Our version of 'The 39 Steps' is adapted by Patrick Barlow, based on the novel by John Buchan and inspired by the movie of Alfred Hitchcock.**

It is a fast paced, physical comedy that has numerous characters to tell a story of good versus evil, as we watch Richard Hannay's (played by Jacob from Y9) hilarious race against time to stop an evil spy from taking information out of the country.

There are melodramatic sequences of a murder,

chases, daredevil stunts – and a love story as well!

We have performers, stage hands, lighting and sound technicians and co-directors amongst the team who are very excited to showcase their talents next month!



## THE DIGITAL THEATRE PLUS

We now have a subscription with Digital Theatre Plus (DT+) and pupils can log in via the link below or via the DT+ tile on RUnify.

<https://auth.digitaltheatreplus.com/>  
**Username:** student@stgregoryshigh.com

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USERNAME IS IDENTICAL FOR EVERYONE!**

**Password:** lovedrama2024

This site boasts a magnificent collection of live performances of a wide range of plays; acting tutorials; theatrical terms and techniques; poetry and support material and performances of set-texts on our English curriculum. It also spotlights different roles within the world of theatre in an accessible and engaging style. This resource has great potential to inform and inspire our pupils, and families are also very welcome to explore its wealth of content.



### Key Dates:

**Rehearsals:** Mondays and Wednesdays

### **Weekend Rehearsals:**

Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th November

### **Performance to feeder primary schools:**

Monday 25th November

### **Performance Dates:**

Tuesday 26th November - Thursday 28th November 7pm. 53 drama superstars from Y8-11 involved.

**Tickets £5 and on sale soon!**  
Ms Chappel

## WAR HORSE

Pupils in Y8 enjoyed a visit to The Lowry earlier in the term to watch the powerfully moving production of 'War horse'.

The English department.



## WORD SEARCH

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## GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Our Y11 geographers have visited Liverpool this term as they study environmental quality.

Mr Bacon



**SKELETON  
HORROR  
SCARY  
GHOST  
PUMPKINS**

**BOO  
MURDER  
MYSTERIES  
KILLER  
CREEPY**

**THRILLER  
GLOOMY  
HARROWING  
VILLIAN  
FORBIDDING**

## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to one of our Y8 pupils, who has been awarded a Blue Peter Book Badge. The badge was designed by Sir Quentin Blake to celebrate those that who have shared their joy in reading.



Supported by Penketh Methodist Church

### Autumn Fundraiser

Knitted Gifts

2nd Hand Books

Crafted Gifts

Tombola

Refreshments Available

1030 – 1200  
Saturday 19 October 2024  
at Penketh Methodist Church,  
Chapel Road,  
Penketh, WA5 2NB

find us on:  
@marysmeals

This event raises funds for Mary's Meals, which sets up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education.

www.marysmeals.org.uk

## FP & N

Well done to all of our FP&N students this term. Here are just a few of their fantastic bakes.

### Y9 Oat Cookies



### Y10 Chopping Skills



Mrs Cross

## E-BOOK PLATFORM

**Would you like your child to have access to books 24/7?**

Try our e-platform! How do I access it?

Log in to RM Unify and click on the eplatform tile from the launch pad.

How do I read them?

On a computer, laptop, or through the free App for tablets or smartphones.

To download the App Search "eplatform" in the App store and download.

Search for St. Gregory's Catholic High School library.

Click the 3 little lines in the top left corner and select sign in. Enter the username and password - username: Student email Password: password

Once downloaded the book can be read on all devices without the need for internet connection.

Any problems?

Please contact the

LRC Manager  
Mrs Andrews



## CHAPLAINCY



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our chaplaincy team managed to raise £278.45 at the Macmillan coffee morning this term. Thank you to all those that donated cakes or purchased one. All the money raised goes to helping those who are living with cancer.

### Celebration of the Word



St. Gregory's SVP team have been leading some of the Celebration of the Word

assemblies, talking to each year group about how they help in school, and in the local community. If any pupils are interested in joining the SVP team, please speak to Mrs Roberts.

### Wear it Pink



Pupils can wear something pink along with their usual uniform on Friday 18th October as St. Gregory's raises money to help make life-saving breast cancer research and life-changing support happen. Celebrations will include a breaktime bake sale and a raffle to win a sweet treat hamper!

### Christmas Preparations

Our Chaplaincy and SVP team are busy making plans and preparing for lots of exciting community events on the approach to Christmas!  
Mrs Whitlow

## MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS



We would like to introduce the new members of the Mental Health Ambassador team in school.

### EVENTS

The Mental Health Ambassadors are running a weekly wellbeing drop-in session every Wednesday. This is a safe space where pupils can talk to an Ambassador, play some games, learn



some mindfulness techniques and discuss different topics

linked to mental health and wellbeing. You can find us, alongside Mrs O'Kane, in the Chapel at 12.30pm and 1.30pm every Wednesday. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. The Mental Health Ambassadors visited form classes sharing the purpose of the day and



importance of us all standing together to show pupils that they are not alone with their mental health. We handed out a yellow smiley face sticker for EVERYONE in school to wear, to demonstrate that we can all do our bit to help reduce the stigma around mental health.

Mental Health quote chosen by our Y7 MHA Lottie:

*"Be the reason someone smiles today!"*

If you are worried about something or you don't feel right, but you're not sure why, speak to a MHA. We are here for you!

Mrs OKane

## CAREERS



Thank you to EVERFI Teachers UK who visited St. Gregory's this term to deliver STEM workshops to our pupils.

Mr Poland



## CRONTON COLLEGE

Thank you to our visitors from Cronton College who came to talk to our Y11 pupils about the college application process, subject options and the ways they could find out more about the college.

Mrs Roberts



# AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



1st Place



2nd Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



3rd Place

Well done to all those that entered and congratulations to our winners!

Mrs Hennessey

## BACK OF THE NET

### Y7 Rugby



Excellent start by our new Y7 Rugby League team. Making an unbeaten start to their high school Rugby League careers!

### Y9 Boys Football

An excellent win for our Y9 boys football team, who won in their first-round English Schools National Cup fixture 5-1, well done team!



### Y10 Girls Football

Our Y10 girls football team achieved second place in their recent tournament against Great Sankey, Padgate and Culcheth. Well done to all of the team!



Mr Dean

## PUPIL LEADERSHIP

This half term, our newly recruited Y10 Young Leaders have joined the Y11 Young Leaders in supporting various departments and initiatives around school. From organising set and props for the forthcoming school production, to supporting younger pupils in their forms, our school is buzzing with our fantastic volunteers. We thank them for their service and generosity.



Breakfast with the Headteacher has resumed and is oversubscribed already with pupils wanting to fast track their ideas to the man in charge!

Details of what is discussed in our meetings will be shared in due course through the Form Time Programme and Celebration of the Word.



All Y7, 8 and 9 pupils have had the opportunity to apply for the role of Student Advocate and those elected by their forms will attend biweekly Pupil Leadership meetings next half term. We thank Form Tutors for supporting these democratic elections.



If pupils would like to get involved with any of our Pupil Leadership activities at St. Gregory's please speak to any of the Head Pupil Team or Pupil Leadership Co-Ordinator,

Miss O'Connor.



**Contact Details**— Please ensure that we have the correct contact details for you. You can update your contact details in the SIMS parent app. If you do not have the SIMS parent app please contact school enquiry for further information [schoolenquiry@stgregoryshigh.com](mailto:schoolenquiry@stgregoryshigh.com)



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