DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th October
Staff Training Day
School Closed

Tuesday 30th October
Start of Term

Friday 2nd November
PFA Fireworks Display 6.15 p.m.

Thursday 8th November
Y11 Intervention Evening
Maths Y10 Most Able Trip

Friday 9th November
Remembrance Parade

Thursday 22nd November
Y10 Engage Evening

Thursday 29th November
Y11 Presentation Mass (Leavers of 2018)

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th December
Y11 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 18th December
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Celebration 7 p.m.

Thursday 20th December
Christmas Rewards All Years
Y11 v Staff Netball 3-4 p.m.

Friday 21st December
End of Term

Friday 4th January
Staff Training

Monday 7th January
Start of Term

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Congratulations to our wonderful Y11’s of 2017-18 on their GCSE examination performance. We are delighted to have attained over 300 of the new top grades of 7 to 9 with over 70 grade 9’s being achieved. Chemistry and English in particular achieved a significant number of the highest grade 9’s.

All of the Sciences, Modern Languages and Performing Arts have once again performed very well to continue their trend of leading the way nationally.

Congratulations to Jacob Burke and Dinaa Josh who achieved nine grade 9’s, and Charlotte Watson who achieved eight grade 9’s easily putting them amongst the highest performing students in the whole country.

A very exciting time for all of us at St Gregory’s has been the move into our ‘new build’ - well worth the wait and it has certainly enhanced our learning provision and the facilities have been well received by both staff and pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Y7 pupils who have settled in superbly and fully embraced the culture and ethos of St. Gregory’s, which was highlighted in their Animate Retreat Days. We are delighted with the flying start they have made.

Thank you to all our parents who attended our Open Evening on the 13th September. We have received a huge amount of positive feedback from the evening and we look forward to welcoming you all to our St Gregory’s community.

Mr Harrison, our Chair of Governors and myself were at the school production last week: Little Shop of Horrors which showcased everything that is special about St Gregory’s: (more details p2).

‘An immensely challenging project brilliantly executed. Governors are only too aware of the hard work, energy and selfless contributions that go into such an undertaking and the vast array of individuals involved. Well done!’ Roger Harrison

Mr McGlinchey

ME TO WE - MY VISIT TO INDIA

In August, I began a 17 day trip to Rajasthan, Udaipur, in India with the WE Charity. I was one of the lucky ones accepted having applied, along with thousands of others, to go to India and help a community in need.

I was nervous at first but we were kept busy. Every day we went to a building site to either help build walls of a school, or break down big rocks and level the ground. It was not all work, there was time for sightseeing such as The Market, Udaipur Palace, Kumbhalgarh Fort, the second longest wall in the world, and many religious temples. There was lots of fun activities, such as tie-dying cloths from natural dyes, Bollywood dancing, Hindi language and cooking lesson making samosas, henna tattoos and block printing.

It was a privilege to help all of the children and build a new school for them. It was so strange to see how happy they were with how little they had compared to us. Even though they had so little, they made the most of what they had. All of the children were inspiring and I was happy to have helped others. I would like to continue to help the charity, so our charity collection on the first week back after half term will be for the WE charity.

Nate O'Connor 9Plessington

Remember
Service of Word and Communion takes place every Friday throughout the term at 8.15 a.m. Mass is every second Friday of the month. All welcome.

GCSE RESULTS DAY
2018

OCTOBER 2018
‘ONE FAMILY... INSPIRED TO LEARN.’

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ST. GREGORY’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

THE NET

SEAL it with
RESPECT!
GCSE Pod has been a huge success since it was launched to the pupils in Year 11, 10 and 9. GCSE Pod is an award-winning service giving your child access to thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them throughout the coming year. It has over 5,000 teacher-written, audio-visual pods which have been produced specifically for learning, homework and revision. The Pods contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. GCSEPod can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the Pods can be downloaded for offline viewing. The Pods are mapped to the curriculum and pupils can access pre-set exam playlists which collate all the Pods relevant to a specific examination into a neatly organised list.

It has helped the pupils with revision as it breaks down information into bite-size chunks which the pupils are able to access wherever they are through their internet enabled device.

Since St. Gregory's has been using GCSE Pod, over 7,000 pods have been watched and this number is rising every day. The top users in each year are: Y11 Natalie Otto, Y10 Elaine Loi and Y9 Aimee Jones. Mr Jones

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

‘Little Shop of Horrors’ put simply, was amazing. Great individual and ensemble performances, fantastic technical work and stage crew, all were the basis of a tremendous show. Such talent was received with acclaim from the audience with a standing ovation every night!

It will be remembered as a great highlight in the St Gregory's school calendar for many years.

‘Memories have been made which will last a lifetime.’
Mr MacKenzie

MUSIC CONCERT

On Friday September 29th, Music teachers from 'Anthem Tuition' put on music concerts for Y7 and Y8 pupils to display their Instrumental and Vocal talents. The concerts were fun and full of audience participation, which encouraged pupils to consider taking up learning a musical instrument or having voice sessions.

If any pupils were inspired to take up lessons please contact Mr MacKenzie.

National Poetry Day

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Pupils also wrote one line each to create a unique poem demonstrating change of author with each line!

Thank you to everyone who took part.
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LRC NEWS

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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 553 Y7-11 pupils who have achieved 100% attendance in this first term. Fantastic! Very well done!
Mrs Barker Attendance Officer
On October 10th, the Mental Health Ambassadors arranged various activities throughout the day to ensure the whole school had Mental Health Awareness at the forefront of their day.

The breaktime cake sale raised over £150 which will be split between The Anna Freud Organisation and the WE Charity.

Pupils had starter activities for each lesson which were all based around looking after their own mental health and their friends.

'I now know that people might look fine on the outside but not be ok on the inside,' wrote Danielle Jones 8W

'I have received some wonderful feedback and comments from pupils about the day’s events and look forward to making our next even better'. Mrs McSorley Emotional Health and Wellbeing Officer

This half term our chaplaincy teams in Y8, Y10 and Y11 began their ‘Faith in Action’ Bronze awards. Over the next school year, the teams will aid the Chaplain in several aspects of Catholic Life at St Gregory’s and receive their national award from the Archbishop of Liverpool in May next year.

We are also lucky enough to be getting a new Chapel space as we complete the last stages of our new build. The Chaplaincy teams have been coming up with many ideas of how they would like our new Chapel to look, and they will be working hard in the run up to the completion of the Chapel towards the end of this calendar year.

On Friday October 5th, school organised a cake sale at the request of Olivia Pennington (Y9) to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care. We raised £200.

Dr Alice Williamson, a former pupil of St Gregory’s, is a lecturer in Chemical Education and Outreach at the University of Sydney. Her team from the University are finalists in this year’s Google Impact Challenge - ‘Breaking Good’ which is a citizen science project that aims to empower high-school and undergraduate students to be active researchers in projects that will improve human health. If chosen as one of four overall winners, the team will receive a total $1 million to roll out its outreach programme to public schools across Australia. The voting ends on October 30th, 2018. Good luck to Alice and her team!

This half term our Year 7 pupils visited Liverpool Archdiocese Youth Service ‘Animate’, for Form Day Retreats. These retreats were fun, activity filled days that encouraged teamwork, co-operation, and fully encompassed everything it means to be a member of the St Gregory’s community. Nathan Whitlow

The PFA are always looking to welcome new volunteers. All monies raised go to support initiatives in the school which will benefit your son or daughter. Our next meeting will be on: Tuesday November 1st, in school at 7 p.m.

Come along to the Firework Display on Friday November 2nd, 2018. Tickets £5 each available via Gateway App or from school.

Help raise funds for the school by registering with Easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) Full details are on the school website - an excellent way to support whilst doing your Christmas Shopping!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SCHOOL HEALTH DROP IN SERVICE

Our school nurse Margaret Jaber, hosts a health drop-in service every Tuesday lunchtime (12.25 p.m. – 2 p.m.) based in the Pupil Support Room.

Pupils can attend the drop-in to discuss a variety of health related issues such as personal health, weight management, smoking, alcohol and emotional well-being (e.g. anxiety, bereavement, relationship etc)

Pupils can self refer or be referred by school staff or parents if they wish.

Margaret can be contacted on 01925 867927
Email: alwch.0to19chnhs.net
For further information visit:

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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Boston Marathon

Hannah Wilcock, Mrs Mason’s daughter, who came into school to volunteer as a mentor and was inspired to apply to become a teacher because of her working at St Gregory’s, raised £336 to buy books for the LRC. Here are a selection of the new books. The pupils were excited to see them arrive and sent their thanks to Hannah!

Thank you

Fundraising Events

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

 animate youth.org

School Health Drop In Service

World Mental Health Awareness Day 2019

School Health Drop In Service

Parents and Friends Association

MacMillan Cake Sale

Boston Marathon

Fundraising Events

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Once again, this year, we hosted our annual Open Evening, on Thursday September 13th, displaying our facilities to prospective pupils and parents. Coupled enthusiastic support of pupils and teachers both within departments and throughout the school; it was a great night!

Isabella Kressel (11 Campion)

It is important for us, in an increasingly competitive environment, to show prospective parents what our core values are as a Catholic school. We welcome local families of whatever faith or none, as long as they are willing to support our key values of respect for all through a living demonstration of Gospel values and a willingness to work hard to fulfil the potential we all have to be successful. This year’s event was all the more busy as a result of our expanded Year 5 Discovery Days in June when we welcomed the children from 12 of our local primary schools, all of whom were eager to show their parents what they loved about our school at the Open Evening.

St. Gregory’s was a hive of activity on the night with all departments showing the very best they have to offer. However, it was, as always, the pupils who volunteer to help with the smooth running of the evening that made the greatest impression. Of course, the credit goes to all the families of those children who volunteered! You as parents should be very proud of how they are growing up into young adults, with a developing confidence and sense of community service. As long as we continue to attract young people of such calibre to St. Gregory’s then we know we will have a bright future ahead.

Mr. McLeod

Rugby

Our strong Y7 rugby team were successful in qualifying for the English Schools' Cup. They are looking forward to games either side of half term to see if they can progress to the national knock out section. I would like to thank Mr Ridpath for his support in organising the team.

The Y7 team, also playing in the Warrington Schools Rugby tournament, have qualified for the 'Legends '13 aside final after winning their group without conceding a try. They then beat Penketh in a golden score game. It was an exciting finish to four very good performances.

The final will be played at the ASICS Stadium, Victoria Park on Thursday November 15th at 7.50 p.m. Results will be in the next edition of 'The Net'. We have high hopes for them. Good Luck!

The Y9 rugby team played well in a tournament at Victoria Park and, although they were beaten by a strong Boteler side, they recovered to successfully beat Penketh.

Football

The Football teams have been busy already this season. Y7 have won all their games as we go to print. The Y8 team have just started to gel as they move from 9 a side to 11 a side games. The Y9 team continue to be a success and like the Y7’s have won every game so far. I would like to thank Mr Egan and trainee teachers Mr Barnes and Mr Jones, for their support in helping to run teams this year.

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Netball Match

Staff vs Pupils

We have had a fantastic time watching the staff v pupils charity netball match which took place earlier this term. Well done to the staff team who won 13-1. Thank you to all who played and supported; a wonderful event arranged by the Sports Council.