

NEWSLETTER

4th February 2019 – 8th February 2019

ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance from 21st January – 25th January was 93.0%.

NEW SCHOOL DAY

A change to the school day will come into effect from Monday 28th January 2019

Morning registration will now be 20 minutes in total.

Afternoon registration will no longer take place, PM registration marks will be taken from period

5 registers.

The amended day will therefore be:

8.25am – Warning bell to move to Registration

8:30am – Registration/Assembly

8:50am – Period 1

9:50 am Lesson Changeover (5 Minutes)

9:55am – Period 2

10:55am – Break

11:10am – Period 3

12:10pm Lesson Changeover (5 Minutes)

12.15 pm – Period 4

1:15pm – 1.55pm Lunch (40 minutes)

1:55pm – Warning bell to move to Period 5

2:00pm – Period 5

3:00pm – End of the school day (year 7-10) /revision sessions Year 11

DINNER MONEY

If any pupils put money on the machines in the main school for lunches and it does not register correctly, please inform pupils to go to the staff in the canteen to report it & collect any monies to put back on.

MATHS INFORMATION

MATHS ONLINE HOMEWORK /REVISION SESSIONS

Every Thursday for KS4 from 3-4 pm and on Fridays 3- 3.45 pm for KS3 both in Room 50.

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

Maths club runs every Wednesday first half of lunch in room 35. Mrs Melia

UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

This is on 14th of February in school. Students have been selected based on their performance. If anyone from Year 9 to Year 11 wish to take part but were not selected, please let Mrs Melia know asap as we might have some places available. Mrs Melia, Room 35



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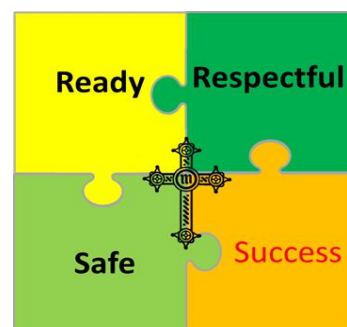
SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern for the safety of a child at the school you can contact Mrs. Walker, the designated Child Protection Officer on 0161 773 6436 or g.walker@stmonicas.co.uk You can also contact Bury Social Services directly on 0161 253 5678.

UNIFORM

All uniform should be of the highest standard and in line with school policy. The uniform guidelines are on the school website. Please note with the cold weather drawing in a reminder for pupils:

- Coats should be Dark Blue/Black/Dark Green
- No coats are to be worn in the building.
- No hoodies.



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E SAFETY WEEK

Next week is e-safety week, pupils in form time will complete activities around Cyber bullying and social media how to block people on social media and how to report incidents. It will also cover the support available for anyone should they need it. If any parents need assistance or information, please use the school website for resources.

CURRENT YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT TRIP NEW YORK 2020 INTEREST

The letter of interest for the Geography New York Trip has been sent out this week to current Year 10 Geography students, the trip will take place during February half term 2020. If you are interested in the trip please pay the £100 deposit on parent pay by Thursday, the 7th of February. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Mrs Watson. A copy of the letter is attached. Thank you, Mr Day

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club every Tuesday lunch in room 33. All welcome. Mr Rodger

HOLY CROSS ASD EVENT

Holy Cross are holding their Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) transition evening on Wednesday 27th February 2019 from 5pm to 7pm at Holy Cross, Opportunity to look around the college in a quieter environment.

CREATIVE FUTURES, A FREE EVENT AT MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART ON THU, 7 FEB AT 17:45

Creativity is fast becoming one of the most sought-after qualities for prospective employers, and art-based subjects are now more important than ever for young people's education. However, the practice of creativity in schools is under threat like never before, questioning the worth of encouraging art in education.

CREATIVE FUTURES, a FREE event at Manchester School of Art on THU, 7 FEB AT 17:45 (as part of our Creative Futures campaign for young people and parents/carers) will help you to find out more about the Creative Careers sector and how studying creative subjects can give you the edge in a broad range of exciting career opportunities. We'll give you the facts and figures about the strength of the Creative Industries so you and your child can feel confident that a creative subject choice at GCSE and beyond is a valid and valuable option which could future-proof your child's career path.

Where:

The event will take place in Manchester School of Art's central hub, Benzie Building, Manchester, M15 6BR

Booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-futures-event-2019-tickets-52904193868>

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The school car park is for staff & pre-arranged visitors only. There are limited spaces available and with the introduction of the security gate the turning circle is not available to members of the public. Therefore, unnecessary vehicles on the car park can cause a Health & Safety issue.

We have a security staff member on the gates who will question your reason for requiring access to the car park. There are plenty of parking facilities near school on Bury Old Road (just past the Ostrich pub) or on Scholes Lane. We have limited disabled parking spaces and these should only be used should you have a valid disabled badge.

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FINANCE

DINNER MONEY YEAR 11 PARENT PAY

Please be aware school will not accept cash from the 29.10.18, all YEAR 11 pupils must use parent pay. Pupils who receive free school meals (fsm) can top up their account via parent pay for break purchases otherwise the fsm has to be used at lunch time. Please make sure your account is up to date. Thank you Mrs Cannon

PARENT PAY – General

Please remember to log onto your account regularly to check you are up to date with any payments for trips and revision guides. If a refund has been actioned via Parent Pay from school you should receive a notification on your Parent Pay account and be able to withdraw the money to your bank by clicking on your parent account, statement, withdrawal.

CHANGE AT SCHOOL

Please can you make sure pupils have the correct notes/ change to top up their dinner money account via the machines if they are year 7- 10. With the introduction of Parent Pay at school the finance office has limited funds so does not always have change.

TRAVEL SAFE

Travelling on public transport is safe, however the police offer this advice to avoid putting yourself at risk from crime:

- Use timetables to plan your journey in advance to minimise the time you spend waiting at bus stops and stations, especially at night.
- Avoid poorly lit areas such as footpaths, subways and alleyways.
- Try to appear confident that you know your surroundings at all times.
- If you are travelling alone let someone know how and where you are travelling and contact them to let them know you have arrived safely.
- Choose a seat in busy areas of the train, tram or bus, if there are not many passengers sit close to the driver or train guard. Don't be too proud to change seats if you feel uncomfortable.
- Keep your valuables out of sight, especially jewellery. Keep your belongings close at hand.
- Be aware of the people around you, where they are sitting and standing and what they are doing.
- In the unlikely event that you are threatened or attacked, don't fight back. Make as much noise as possible and run away, your possessions can be replaced, your health and well-being is much more important. Report the attack to the police as quickly as possible.
- If you are threatened on a bus, tell the driver. On trains tell the guide or use the emergency handle. On Metrolink trams use the emergency intercom.
- If you use taxis, only use reputable companies. Before getting in the taxi ask the driver to tell you the name of the company and check the licence plate on the vehicle. Always sit in the back seat. If you have any doubt don't get in.

Mrs Walker

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Could we remind all parents who drop off/ collect children in the school day not to park in the school entrance or in the bus stops, please do not park on the opposite side of the road this compromises the Health and Safety of our pupils and carries a fine. Security at school will pass on vehicle registrations to the police who park in these areas. If you are collecting pupils by car, please arrange to collect pupils at a location a little further away from the school or after 3.10pm when most pupils have left. Thank You. Mrs Cannon

LITURGICAL NEWSLETTER

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THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

God's love is without limits.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that God's chosen people were not chosen just to enjoy God's love for themselves. They were called to be the starting point from which God's love would spread to all people. But when Jesus told people about God's love, He did not always receive a warm welcome.

God loves each one of us equally and unconditionally. His love for us is unlimited and God is forever searching out people to whom He can show His love.

If we are willing to turn to God, to accept and experience His love, the happier we become.

Luke 4:21-30

' God's love is free. God asks for nothing in return: all God wants is for us to accept His love.' Pope Francis

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your love and to share your love with others through the way we live our lives.

Amen

Did you know ?

This Saturday, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord which is also traditionally known as 'Candlemas'. Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth. So each year, we celebrate this feast on 2nd February, forty days after Christmas Day. During Saturdays Mass, Church candles may be blessed by the priest. Then we light these candles whenever we celebrate Mass to remind us of the light and love that Jesus brings to our world.

PARISH ASSEMBLIES

It has been a tradition at St Monica's to welcome parish priests to come and speak to pupils from their parish. It is an opportunity for the pupils to be reminded that their parish is always open to them and an opportunity for the priest to advertise Lenten activities in their parish.

Assemblies are 8.30am-8.45am in the main school hall for all pupils.

W/C 4th March 2019

Monday – Our Lady of Dolours

Tuesday – St Bernadette & St Michael

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

Thursday – Our Lady of Grace

MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Please find attached information about a mass for young people to be held at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale. The mass will be in Tuesday 26th Feb at 7.00pm. Please see attached poster for more information, the invitation is also open for all pupils to attend. Pupil chaplains and Caritas Ambassadors have been invited to the mass.

Mass For Our Young People

“Be Who God Created You To Be”

**Tuesday 26th February, 2019, 7.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church,
Rochdale**

We are writing to invite you to an event which follows recent “Deanery Vocations Masses.” We have arranged to celebrate a special Mass for the young people in our deanery’s schools and parishes. This will be on **Tuesday 26th February, 7.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Kingsway, Rochdale, OL16 5BX.** This mass is to help the young seek and celebrate the “Hope in the Future” that they will carry through their faith in Jesus Christ.

We intend to involve the young in music, serving, reading, penitential rite, bidding prayers and offertory procession (including the bringing up of symbolic objects). The Mass will not be overly long and afterwards, there will be refreshments and stalls in the parish centre. At a similar Mass in Blackburn two years ago, the church was full of our young people and was a great inspiration and outpouring of grace for them on their journey of faith.

This is what we are asking you do to:

- Plan to bring a group of children from the school/parish. It is open to all but you might consider in particular Altar Servers, Choir, Pupil Chaplains, Caritas Ambassadors and Bible Buddies.
- You will need to arrange staffing and transport: there are good parking facilities in our large car park and also across the road at the retail park.
- We are asking each school or group to bring one small object which represents your idea for a way in which the young carry the hope of Jesus Christ in the future.
- We are also asking that you arrange a very small stall (one table) on which, after the Mass, you can give out small gifts such as prayer cards, bits of Holy Scripture, icons, rosaries, symbols etc. We suggest that you provide about 150 and whatever you come up with should be simple and inexpensive. The young people will then be able to visit the stalls and collect these little gifts which will hopefully be prized by them and help them in their growing faith.

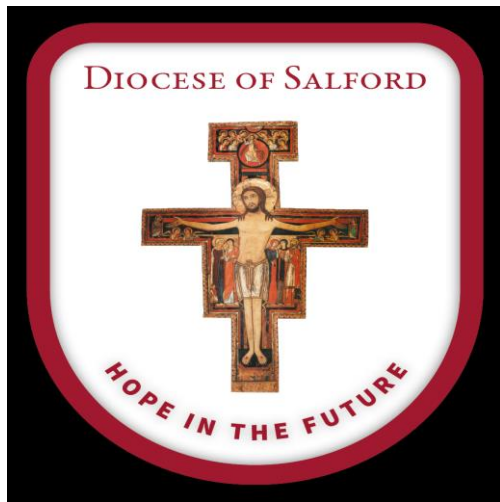
If you have any queries about the event, or if you would like to make offers or suggestions of particular ways in which your young people could be involved, please contact Fr Kevin Murphy:

kevin.murphy@dicoeseofsalford.org.uk

We are really counting on your help and support to make this Mass for our young people a memorable and joyful occasion of grace.

With thanks

Fr Kevin Murphy and Fr Michael Deas



Mass for young people

Tuesday 26th February 2019

7pm

Sacred Heart church, Kingsway,
Rochdale

To the parent/ guardian

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Allmand

Name and form of pupil: _____

I do/ don't give my permission for my son/ daughter to attend the 'Mass for young people on Tuesday 26th February 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale.

Signed.....

Contact number:

Date.....

NB/ Please note any medical concerns

