

## STUDENT BRIEFING

Week commencing 3 February 2020

### WITNESS

*“What you don’t see with your eyes, don’t witness with your mouth.” (Jewish Proverb)*

#### Important Dates

- 4 February 2020** - Year 11 Group Photograph
- 4 February 2020** - Year 9 Mass
- 7 February 2020** - Non-School Uniform Day
- 7 February 2020** - Mock Exam certificate collection

#### Forward Notice

- 14 February 2020** - Last day of term
- 24 February 2020** - Term 4 begins
- 27 February 2020** - Activity Day

### Year 9 Mass Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February

Year 9 students will celebrate mass together on Tuesday 4 February at 2.00 p.m. Students should go to lessons at 2.00 p.m. and register with your teacher, leave bags in classroom and then as a group line up outside the hall.

It is important that if students have not made their Holy Communion, they must never receive Holy Communion but should receive a blessing.

Other key Chaplaincy events for your diary are:

- 26 February 2020 – Ash Wednesday Services
- 13 March 2020 – Lent Reconciliation
- 19 March 2020 – Year 10 Kintbury Residential
- 24 March 2020 – Youth Cafod Volunteers day – Guest speaker from Pax Christi
- 26 March 2020 – Year of Communion – Swindon youth chaplaincy day at St. Mary’s
- 1 April 2020 – Easter Services
- 3 April 2020 – ‘Born for this’ production at Holy Rood

### **Mock Examination Results**

The Year 11 Mock Examination Results will be available for collection during assembly on Friday 7 February 2020.

### **Non-School Uniform Day**

Non-school uniform day is on Friday 7 February and students can participate for a donation. All proceeds will go towards our charities, Duke of Edinburgh and St Joseph’s activity days.

### **Swindon College Apprenticeship Evening**

Swindon College will be hosting an apprenticeship evening to support National Apprenticeship Week 2020 on Thursday 6 February 2020 from 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to find out about the Apprenticeship programmes on offer and speak to employers.

### **Cashloader machine**

When using the cashloader to top up your lunchcard, please make sure that your name appears on the screen before you insert your money. We've had some cases recently where the money has gone onto another student's card. Don't forget you can always ask your Parents/Carers to use Parentpay to top up cards.

### **Day trip to France**

The deadline for payment for the Year 7 trip to France is Friday 31 January 2020. It will be assumed that if payment has not been made by that date that you no longer wish to attend. The trip will be removed from Parentpay on Monday and places will be offered to students on the waiting list.

### **Year 10 Kintbury Residential**

Year 10 students are invited to take part in the Kintbury residential trip on **19 March until 22 March** (Thursday-Sunday). St. Joseph's has been associated with the St. Cassian's centre for many years and hundreds of students have attended their residential. The trip has limited spaces and so a deposit via ParentPay will be needed to secure a space. Please ask your Tutor to show the PowerPoint which gives brief details of what is included and see Mr Matyla for further details.

### **Imperial College London: Year 11 Medical Summer School**

We have just received details of a summer school that runs between 25 and 28 August 2020 and will run at the College's South Kensington campus in London. The aim is for Year 11 students to gain experience of what it is like to study at medical school, wider aspects of healthcare, and university life in general. There are strict eligibility criteria. You can find out more information at <https://tinyurl.com/Y11medical> . If you wish to go further with an application, see Mrs Sanders who will discuss eligibility with you. Good luck!

### **Year 11 photograph**

All students should be aware that they must go directly to the street with their tutor group after morning registration. Students should organise themselves into a year group queue starting with the tallest at the front and working back to the shortest. Look your best, as this photograph will last forever.

### **Homework club**

From next week, homework club will run in the Library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. It will no longer take place in Curriculum Support.

### **Student bags – break time**

From Monday, to help all students, students are not to place their bags by the wall when going to the canteen. You will either put your bags on the table / stool where you are going to sit, or keep them with you as you queue for food. This is to make sure that you can take more care of your belongings and be safe. We look forward to your co-operation with this.



### **27 February 2020 Activity Day**

This is going to be an exciting day for all year groups in St. Joseph's. You will have all seen the programme of events that has been sent out to all families and you can see a digital copy on the College's website to remind yourselves of what you will be doing. There are a whole range of specially designed trips and experiences, for which parental permission is required. It is essential that all permissions are received very soon, so that your place is secured on any trip that is taking place for you. If you are not sure about what you will be doing on Activity Day or have any questions, please talk to your tutors. This is going to be a great day – make sure you are part of it!

**The next briefing will be Friday 7 February 2020.**