

STUDENT BRIEFING

Week commencing 23 September 2019

CHAPLAINCY

*“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”
(Martin Luther King Jr.)*

Important Dates

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| Tuesday 24th September | - | Post 16 Evening for years 10 & 11 |
| Wednesday 25th September | - | Year 8 Mass |
| | - | Year 11 theatre trip to Blood Brothers |
| Thursday 26th September | - | The Great St Joseph's International Bake Off |
| | - | Year 10 Police Presentation |
| Friday 27th September | - | Staff Training Day 2 |
| | - | Year 11 visit to Woodcroft Christian Centre |

Forward Notice

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| Tuesday 1st October | - | Year 6 Open Evening |
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Post 16 Evening on 24 September 2019 from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. – A final reminder that this important event is taking place for Year 10 and 11 students, offering a brilliant opportunity for you and your parents to meet with representatives from colleges, universities, apprenticeships, other training programmes and employers, so that you can explore what is possible for you next year and into the future. Please take advantage of this two-hour window for you to find out in one go everything you will need to know to be successful next year. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thursday 26th September Police Presentation to Year 10:

All Year 10 students will attend a presentation from Swindon Police in the Main Hall at 11.00 am. Students should go to their normal Session 4 classroom after break time. Their class teacher will bring them to the hall for the presentation.

The Great St. Joseph's International Bake Off! - Thursday 26 September

Attention all students!

Have you got what it takes to be the St. Joseph's Day of Languages star baker? Can you be creative, imaginative and original?

To enter the Great St. Joseph's International Bake Off all you need to do is bake something and decorate it with an international theme – e.g. ANYTHING to do with ANY country, a flag or a language.

Students bring your entries to the Silver Family Area office before Registration on the morning of 26 September.

Entries will be judged by members of SLT and the winners announced during assemblies.

Cakes will then be sold at break and lunchtime to raise money for Macmillan. Any questions, please see Mrs Carbone in S12 or your languages teacher.

“Young Engineers Club (Mrs Berger) – Wednesdays 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. starting on 25 September. Various activities working with different materials, processes and techniques. Girls and boys in year 7 and 8 welcome, previously enrolled year 9 welcome to come back and demonstrate their leadership skills. Limited spaces! Activities will involve making key rings, various printing techniques, casting, blacksmithing, etc. Maximum 12 students [blacksmithing by invitation only and three students at time].

Please come and see Mrs Berger before or after school for a permission slip, first come – first served!”

Homework Club

Homework club is available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in Curriculum Support.

You will have access to IT and help to complete homework.

Swindon Youth Festival of Literature Competitions

As explained in lessons, all competitions are divided into two categories: Years 7 - 8 and Years 9 -11. Full-colour posters and leaflets for taking away are available in the Library.

There will be in-house prizes for the top three entries in each competition category at St Joseph’s, which will be vouchers. The top entries will then be entered into the inter-school competition, for which prizes are also awarded to first, second and third place.

All entries must be handed in to the Library with the entrant’s name, tutor group and category on or before Friday 11 October 2019.

Creative Writing

Write a short story to a maximum of 500 words based on the image on the poster (see attached). The 500 words does not include the title, your name and year group, which should be written at the top of your entry. All works entered for the competition must be original and not based on existing real or fictional characters.

In-house winner will be awarded the Writing Ambassador’s trophy.

Poetry

Write a poem based on this year’s National Poetry theme of truth. Entries can be any length or style but all works must be original. Entries which make it to the inter-school competition will be judged by the poet, Ash Dickinson.

Illustration

Illustrate the passage provided from the 2019 Carnegie Medal winner, a book called *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo. All works entered must be the original work of the person who has entered it. Entries can be any size.

Orchestra

Orchestra takes place on Tuesdays 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in S06 with Mrs Webb and Miss Henry. We play a variety of different tunes but nothing difficult. All years are welcome, so please bring your instrument and come along if you think this sounds like something you might be interested in. The more instruments we have, the better it sounds!

Attention Year 9 students!

As in previous years the school will host Dutch students over two days on the 9 and 10 of October. Can you please let your tutors know if you wish to be a buddy for the day; this will involve showing a student around the school, and they will come to your lessons with you. If you want to be involved, please speak to your tutor. - Thanks Madame Hayes.

Technical Theatre Enrichment – Years 9 & 10

Technical Theatre Enrichment will be starting up again on Thursday 3 October 2019. There are only **6 spaces available** for this enrichment group with 6 pupils continuing from last year. If you would like to be a part of this group, you should have emailed a few lines to Mr Halpin telling him why you want to be involved, no later than Friday 20 September. If you have not done this, please see Mr Halpin. The enrichment group will teach you how to operate the sound and lighting equipment in the school and also how to work as part of a team to run the college performances, concerts and productions.