

## STUDENT AND PARENT/CARER BRIEFING

Week commencing 29 March 2021

### HOLY WEEK

*'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life' John 3:16*

#### Important Dates

31 March 2021	-	Year 9 HPV Vaccination
1 April 2021	-	Celebration Assemblies via PowerPoint
2 – 16 April 2021	-	Easter holidays
24 – 25 April 2021	-	Year 10 - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – qualifying expedition
23 – 25 April 2021	-	Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh

#### Forward Notice

As we learn of further useful/important dates for you, we will put them here for you.

Sending Easter blessings and best wishes to you all! We hope all of our students and their families enjoy a restful, safe and joyful Easter holidays.

#### An Easter Blessing

Lord our God, we thank and praise you for the greatness of your love, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who was willing to die for us, to bring us into your family, and to bless us with the new life that lasts for ever, promised in the joy of the resurrection. We thank you for the new life we celebrate at Easter; help us to keep growing in the life that never comes to an end. We pray for all those linked to our community at Saint Joseph's: our students, families, staff and friends, and all those we care about; fill them with hope and happiness. We pray for people who are unhappy today: those who are ill, hungry, or homeless, those who fear violence or harm; may they find protection and peace. We pray for those who are ill, or facing difficulties: may they find hope in the cross of Christ, and be strengthened by the knowledge of your love.

Lord, accept our prayers, and be with us now and forever.

#### Notices for All Students

##### Year 9 - HPV vaccination reminder

Year 9 boys and girls HPV vaccination will be taking place in school **Wednesday, 31 March 2021**. Consent forms were sent out last year. Unfortunately, the clinic was unable to go ahead due to the pandemic, so it is being held on 31 March 2021. The Clinic is run by VirginCare any queries or information on whether you previously gave consent should be directed to them on 0300 247 0082. Please wear a T-shirt or vest top underneath your shirt and bring a water bottle with you. Thank you, Miss Mills Medical Officer.

##### Celebration Assemblies

We will be holding a celebration assembly in every classroom during the first lesson of **Thursday 1 April 2021**, to take the time to mark the achievements of our wonderful

students during what has been a very challenging term. We have been impressed by the resilience and hard work of our students, as they have managed remote learning. Subject teachers have nominated students for 'Leading Learner' certificates and these will be handed to the winners in the assembly by the class teacher.

### **Uniform**

The end of the Easter Holidays will mark the start of the Summer Term and we would like all students to be back in full uniform on the 19 April 2021. As the gradual lifting of Covid-19 restrictions continues, the shops will be opening again and we hope that it will be possible for everyone to replace missing or small items of uniform, so we can start the term dressed appropriately and meeting the expectations of the College uniform policy. All students should have the branded tie and blazer, to be worn with white shirt, black trousers (not skin tight for girls) and black, leather school shoes. Additional layers that have been permitted during the winter months will no longer be allowed. Coats should not be worn inside the school building. Blazers should be worn at all times, unless a teacher gives the student permission to take it off. Coats must be the regulation dark colour, without logos. White and silver 'puffa-jackets' are not permitted. Hoodies should not be worn on the College site.

We will have a uniform check day, on Tuesday 20 April 2021, to identify any issues with uniform. It would be brilliant if any missing items of uniform could be replaced before this date, so our students can finish the academic year looking smart and ready to learn.

If there are any issues with getting replacement uniform items can parents/carers please put a note in the planner explaining what the issue is and when this will be resolved. Sanctions will be imposed if a student is not in the correct uniform without a note.

### **Lunchtime**

With the improving weather, more students are eager to sit outside during their lunch break. We are delighted that students want to enjoy the fresh air, but ask you all to remember that food consumption is not permitted outdoors. All students should eat their lunch inside before going outdoors to enjoy the sunshine. Food and drink should be kept in bags. Bottles should not be held in hands outdoors.

### **Reminder about the queuing process at break and lunch times**

A reminder that you should be using the queuing system in the hall during break and lunch times. Please only go directly to the hand sanitiser station, when guided by a member of staff. It is also important to ensure that your lanyards are visible.

### **GCSE Pod and Support Sessions for Students**

Dreams to Reality - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bc1-QjhVG7c>

Goal Setting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdiGHjcs4tw>

Action over anxiety - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8r0CuAU\\_qY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8r0CuAU_qY)

They are also in the Engage section in GCSE Pod if students are unable to access YouTube:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/resources/Resources%20for%20GCSEPod%20-%20The%20Next%20Generation%20Website/02.%20Student%20Resources/02.%20Videos>

### ***Into the Woods* School Production**

It is with huge regret that we have had to take the decision to cancel *Into the Woods* this year. We will of course look to put this production on in the new academic year and more information about this will come in the future. I am extremely sorry to all of the cast that

were looking forward to the production and especially to those in year 11 who will not be able to be involved in the production next year. Could I please ask that if you have an *Into the Woods* script that you return these to Mr Halpin when possible. Year 11 students who were principal roles that have scripts, I would also like to speak to you are a possible role you could still play in the production. Mr Halpin

### **New Life Choir**

The New Life Choir is a 'part- time' choir. We gather a few times a year to support some of the Advent, Christmas, Lenten and Easter services, and the Confirmation Masses. We sing a variety of material including traditional hymns and modern worship songs. We have some regular core members but are always keen to welcome new members. Do come and give us a try – no audition needed, just enthusiasm for singing God's praises!

Please help us out with the music for the Easter Vigil 2021. Visit the New Life Choir page on the Holy Rood Church website to find out how you can help us to record some music for the Easter Vigil this year.

If you would like more information on how you can take part please leave your name and contact details with the parish office and one of us will get in touch.  
Marguerite, Deana and Ruth

### **Coollest Projects**

Get involved in STEM with the world's leading technology showcase for young people, Coollest Projects. The Coollest Projects, free online showcase brings together a worldwide community of young people who like creating things with technology. You can take part and showcase your projects for the world in the online gallery — and all from the comfort of your own homes. Taking part is free and easy: you have until May to create and **register a project**, whether it's a project coded in Scratch, a website, a game, an app, a robot, or anything else they've built with technology. It doesn't matter whether the project is a work-in-progress, a prototype, or a finished creation. All ideas, all experience levels, and all kinds of projects are encouraged and celebrated! Find out more and get started at **coolestprojects.org**.

### **Notices for All Parents**

#### **Year 9 - HPV vaccination reminder**

Please find information about the year 9 HPV vaccination in the student notice above.

#### **Uniform**

Please see the notice about school uniform in the student section above. It is important that any concerns with uniform are written in your child's planner and shown to their student manager or teacher. This is so we can understand what the issue is with uniform and work with you to resolve it.

### **Chaplaincy news**

#### **Easter**

Please read through the attached PowerPoint – created remotely by some members of the Student Chaplaincy Team. Thank you to those who contributed. Mrs Mobey.

### **Collective Worship**

#### **Clifton Schools and Colleges Prayer Link – w/c 29 March 2021**

This week, please could we join together in prayer for all the students, staff and families of:

- All schools in Clifton Diocese

### **The Prayer Box Project continues . . . .**

Please continue to drop prayers and special intentions anonymously in the prayer box.

The prayer box remains in the pastoral office, alternatively please send your intentions by email to [prayer@stjosephscollege.net](mailto:prayer@stjosephscollege.net), for us to discreetly send your requests to a member of Holy Rood prayer ministry team.

The prayer ministry team at Holy Rood meet to pray fortnightly for the students and staff at St. Joseph's and offer up all your prayers and intentions.

The Chaplaincy Team

### **Pastoral notices**

#### **Year 11 toilets**

We have had a number of complaints about the treatment of the toilets – toilets being locked with paper, food, plastic bottles and students kicking doors in and swinging from them. If students continue to misuse these facilities we will have to consider a 1 in 1 out system monitored by staff. Students being allowed out during lessons would have to be strictly monitored. If you see anyone misusing these facilities please inform a duty member of staff or your teacher or student manager.

### **Careers Notes**

#### **Speakers4School Virtual Work Experience**

Once again, there are some fantastic opportunities to get some insights into potential careers for students in years 10 and 11. Currently, these opportunities take place during the Easter holiday or at May half-term. Whilst people cannot go places or do many things due to lockdown restrictions, it would be a good idea to take advantage of these opportunities and build your CVs. Colleges and training providers will be most interested in how you have spent this time. I am highly impressed with the number of students who have applied already.

- [Eco Schools Action – Keep Britain Tidy](#)
- Dates: 1 – 2 June 2021 ( 9am – 12pm)
- Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in promoting eco-action in their school and local community
- Application Deadline: 30 April 2021
  
- [British Army Insight Session \(Female Students\)](#)
- Dates: 3 June 2021 (10am – 12pm)
- Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old female students interested in a career that makes a difference.
- Application Deadline: 3 May 2021

### **Springpod Virtual Work Experience**

Even more opportunities to find out about potential careers. A number of you have applied for these Springpod opportunities. Don't miss out on these exciting experiences. Click on the links to see if these are for you – and apply!

- a. **Marketing Virtual Work Experience** – 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- b. **Journalism Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. The Financial Times is a partner in this. Click [here](#) for more information.
- c. **Teaching Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- d. **Finance Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- e. **Engineering Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- f. **Business Management Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- g. **Broadcast and Media Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information. I would quite fancy this one myself.
- h. **TV and Film Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for this. I think this could be a really good one!
- i. **Hospitality Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- j. **Graphic Design Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information.
- k. **Veterinary Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information. Essential if you want to make the world a better place for cats – and other creatures, of course.
- l. **Politics Virtual Work Experience** - 6 April 2021 to 16 April 2021. Ten hours activity to fit around your other commitments in that week. Click [here](#) for more information. This is a fascinating choice. I've never seen anything like this before.

**Don't forget: let Mrs Sanders know if you apply for any of these. She will put them on your record, so the experience can be mentioned on your CVs.**

### **Army Foundation College, Harrogate**

A number of you have expressed an interest in joining the Army. There is a new page on their website that gives information about the Army Foundation College. You can click [here](#) to find out more about this. If you do decide to investigate, it is always worth including your parents on these discussions. If you want to pursue this further, let Mrs Sanders know and we will see what we can do to help.

**University of Plymouth – opportunity for year 11 students**

Whilst university is a couple of years away for you all, the University of Plymouth is running some awareness talks that will take place during April. This will be of interest to you and to your parents. Click [here](#) to find out about all the different online talks available that will tell you what is involved in going to university. You may not wish to go to Plymouth, but it is always worth taking advantage of opportunities to find out information.

**The next briefing will be Thursday, 1 April 2021**