

STUDENT AND PARENT/CARER BRIEFING

Week commencing 8 March 2021

REPENTANCE

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” (Matthew 4:17)

Important Dates

8 March 2021	-	Years 7 and 11 first day back to College
9 March 2021	-	Years 8 and 10 first day back to College
10 March 2021	-	Year 9 first day back to College

Forward Notice

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

Notices for All Students

Uniform Requirement

As full time College is recommencing on Monday, 8 March 2021, all students who are attending College should be in full uniform, including key worker students. Shirts, ties, blazers, correct trousers or skirts and leather school shoes will be expected to be worn by all students. Students must also wear their colour-coded lanyard, as this will assist us with keeping you safe during the year group bubble system. The requirement to wear uniform also extends to wearing your full PE kit, as you did before this lockdown, on the days when you are scheduled to have PE.

Students must also wear a facemask to help protect those around them. Only students who have a medical exemption are permitted to not wear face masks. Under new guidance from the government, facemasks should be worn when students are sitting in the classroom, in addition to when they are walking around the College. As it is still cold and the windows of classrooms will be open, appropriate additional layers can be worn; however, this does not replace the correct uniform. Hoods or hats should not be worn in classrooms.

Testing Days

When students come to College for their Covid19 tests, you should follow the advice you have been given about where you go to on arrival at school. It is advised that you bring a book to read in the queues to pass the time. During the test, you should remain where you are told to sit until you are given permission to leave.

Mobile Phones

As is usual, mobile phones will not be permitted to be used on the College site during the school day. These should be kept safely in bags or pockets, and should not be visible around the College.

Working from home during the staggered return

As we return to school during this next week, you will be working from home until your physical return. During this time, your teachers will not be sending you appointments for lessons, but will be setting work for you to complete remotely and alone.

Year 11 Intervention – briefing notice

The next cycle of intervention and support sessions will begin this week. All students involved will receive an email from the member of the Year11 Support Team who is delivering the session with the following details: day, time and room. Please make sure you make a note of this information in your planner.

We look forward to working with you and if you have any questions then please contact the member of staff delivering your session.

The Year 11 Support Team

Notices for All Parents

Please see the student notices above for expectations about uniform, testing and mobile phones next week. It is important that your children follow these rules, so that they have a good start back to attending school in person next week.

Chaplaincy news**Collective Worship****Clifton Schools and Colleges Prayer Link – w/c 8 March 2021**

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

- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham
- St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Yate
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Kingswood
- St Mary's Primary School, Chippenham

The Prayer Box Project continues

The prayer box project will continue throughout the year so we will include a message each week, with a reminder that you can continue to drop prayers and special intentions anonymously in the prayer box.

The prayer box remains in the pastoral office or you can still send your intentions by email to 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

Careers Notes

Apprenticeship Opportunities

1. BMW Toolmaker Technician Apprentice – Please see the attached flyer. This is a fantastic opportunity and is based in Swindon. Get applying now, as this vacancy will not last long.
2. **For years 7 – 11** - BMW have also just published a brochure for 2021. This is good for anyone to look at, as it shows all the opportunities that are available now and in the future. You can access this brochure at: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/47966/>. If you wish to apply for any apprenticeships, you can do so at: www.bmwgroup.jobs/uk. If you would like any support with an apprenticeship application, please send your request to: schoolengagementoxford@bmwgroup.com. Not all companies offer this level of help, so please take advantage of it.

Insight into University – for year 11 students

This is an online course that allows you to experience STEM studies at university and to explore the career opportunities that are available. This is open to students, irrespective of whether you wish to attend university or not. It is more about experiencing STEM subjects and careers. The course is available from 28 June 2021 to 20 August 2021. You will need to complete around 30 hours of study to finish the course and gain the Silver Industrial Cadets Award. This is a highly coveted award and will look superb on your CV. To find out more and to apply, click on [Insight for University](#). Let Mrs Sanders know if you are accepted.

Creative Futures – for years 9, 10 and 11

Creative Futures is a series of exciting free virtual workshops, which will give you a chance to explore the careers available within the creative industries. These sessions run once a week at 5.00 p.m. Because they are outside of school hours, this gives everyone a chance to attend. The workshops cover Film Studies, Media Makeup, Journalism, Graphic Design and Theatre Performance. Please see the attached flyer for more details. To apply, click on the [Creative Futures Online Application Form](#). The consent of your parents and carers will also be required; instructions about obtaining that will be given when you register. This is a genuinely exciting opportunity. Do yourselves a favour and take advantage of it. Let Mrs Sanders know if you are accepted.

Webinar for aspiring medics – for age 15+

This is a free webinar that will take place on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m. It will discuss what type of medical work experience you can get and that is best for any applications for medicine at university. If you aspire to study this subject, this webinar would be an excellent preparation. You can register for this webinar at: <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/what-medical-work-experience-is-the-best-for-my-application>

The next briefing will be Friday, 12 March 2021