

FRIDAY LETTER

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

As we come before you today, we ask for your wisdom and guidance. Help us to understand which commandment is the greatest of all, so that we may live our lives in accordance with your will.

May we always seek to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. May these commandments be the foundation of our lives, guiding us in all that we do. We thank you for your grace and mercy, and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we always seek to follow him and to live out his teachings in our daily lives.

Amen.

In Jesus' name we pray,



KEY DATES

11th November 11th November 20th November 27th November 29th November 5th December Start of Year. 11 Mocks
Remembrance day
Red Wednesday
Year 11 Photos
INSET day—school closed
GCSE Awards Evening

REMINDERS

Student Absences

Call school on 01229 814 560

Do not forget

Red Wednesday on 20th November—add something red to your school uniform in support

Remember

There is a staff INSET day on Fri 29th November, school will be closed

WORDS FROM ST BERNARD

"What we love we shall grow to resemble."



Congratulations this week to our fantastic students. We are so proud of you

COMMITTED LEARNERS

YR 11

Jay Steele, Charlie Cooper, Bobby Dale, Dylan Mulvey

YR 10

Hiba Ahmed, Daniel Balmer, Zac Blower, Lacey Grace Pearce

YR 9

Noah Hadwen, Layla Noblet, Lunna Calabon, Imogen Parkin

YR 8

Rhian Barrow, Jaiden Gosney, Keanna Gozun, Cody Grieve

YR 7

Joseph Adebanji, Emmanuel Adeosun, Mueez Chishti, Myla-Jae Davies

EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

YR 11

Lily Lashmar-Mackintosh

YR 10

Akhomiddin Saidov

YR 9

Isaac Quayle

YR 8

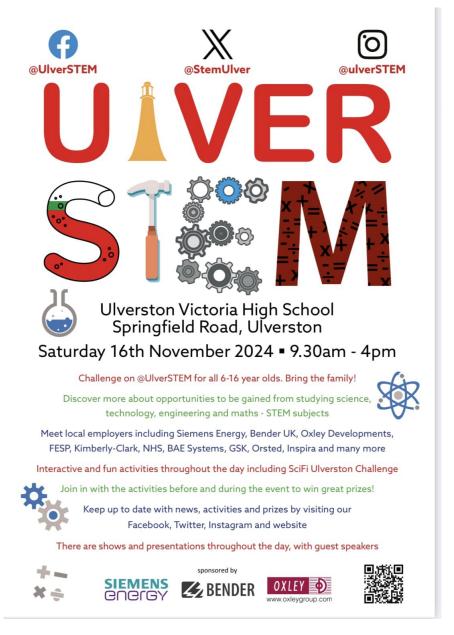
Talliah Brooks, Niamh Cunningham, Ed Cush, Alexander Houghton

YR 7

Eloise Mullen, Jack Schofield

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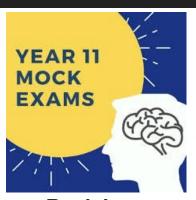
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We are very excited to be taking part in this event and it would be great if our community could come and support us. It's totally free and always a great day out exploring science and engineering. We will be based in the canteen so please come and say hi!

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Revision

Year 11 revision sessions have started after school this week, attendance has been fantastic. We know based on data from last year that pupils who regularly attend these sessions achieve a grade higher than those who didn't. Please continue to encourage your child to attend. Next week the sessions are as follows:

Monday—Science/Maths

Tuesday—English/RE

Wednesday—Science/English

Thursday—History/Geography/French

Mocks

The Year 11 mocks start on Monday 11th November. This can be a stressful time for students so please reach out if you are concerned about your child.

You can contact their Form Tutor in the first instance or use the email address contact@stbernardsschool.uk

There is a checklist on the next page to help you make sure your child is ready for the mocks.

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Mock Exam Checklist

- I have a copy of my exam timetable (these have been emailed to students, email Mrs Hamilton over the weekend if there are any issues with this)
- I have all the equipment I need including a black pen and scientific calculator, all in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag
- I have a water bottle with the label removed
- I have read the JCQ instructions for candidates (these have been emailed to students)
- I will get plenty of rest over the weekend and do something relaxing or fun
- I am attending after school revision sessions to help me prepare

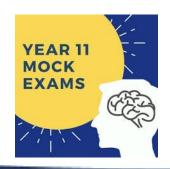
Parent's Evening

Booking instructions for Parent's Evening have been sent via email today. You can book appointments from Monday next week up until the day before Parent's Evening. Year 11 Parent's Evening is on Thursday 12th December with reports being sent out earlier that week.

College/Apprenticeship/Sixth form applications

BAE Apprenticeship applications opened on Monday this week.

Please see their website for further details.



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PE Department - Extra Curricular Practices: October Half Term - Christmas 2024

DAY	ACTIVITY AFTER SCHOOL 3.20 – 4.20pm
MONDAY	Fixtures
	Trampolining (all years)
TUESDAY	Netball Y10 & Y11
	Fixtures
WEDNESDAY	Netball Y8 & Y9
	Table tennis (all years)
	Fixtures
THURSDAY	Badminton (all years)
	Fixtures
FRIDAY	Netball Y7

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Red Wednesday: Wednesday 20th November

Red Wednesday is a day to acknowledge and pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their religious beliefs. We will be celebrating this day alongside Sacred Heart school to raise money for Aid to the Church in Need—the charity behind Red Wednesday.

We are asking our families for a £1 donation towards our efforts. Aid to the Church in Need will match fund every £1 we raise. If each of our students donates £1, then we would raise an amazing £1356!

Students can wear something red on the day. For example, red socks, a red t-shirt, a red ribbon/bobble in their hair, anything red! It is not a non-uniform day but as part of their normal school uniform.

We are also very lucky to be part of the live stream for the event. We will be filming this at Furness Abbey on Wednesday 13th November. We will share the link once it is available for everyone to see.

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Our pupils have been working hard making poppies this week and finding out about Remembrance Day.

We are holding a service on the morning of Monday 11th

November on the school playground.

We will be starting at 8:50am and ask for all students to arrive promptly that day so they can take part.

They are welcome to wear poppies on their uniforms as part of the service.

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This week, Year 10 have been on retreat at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick in the beautiful Lake District.

We have been on walks around stunning Derwent Water, to Keswick stone circle, Friars Cragg and Castlehead as well as spending some time sampling the delights Keswick has to offer.

We have reflected on who we are and spent time developing our relationships with God and one another. We have particularly enjoyed celebrating Mass in the beautiful chapel and the peace that space brought us.











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Castlerigg continued.







MESSAGES FROM MR VINCE

Welcome Back

Whilst a holiday with the family is always enjoyable and special, I also love coming back to school to gather once again as a family of St Bernard's. Students have made a fantastic start to the term as we continue to help our students become Committed Learners and Exceptional People.

#RedWednesday

I am very excited for the school to be part of Aid to Church in Need's RedWednesday Campaign. It is a great platform for our school to be part of and will be fantastic to see our students represent Barrow on the live stream event. Please keep your fingers crossed for a dry day on Wednesday when the filming at Furness Abbey takes place. Well done to all involved.

Learning Bell

Following the trial before half term, we have implemented our new routine for being prompt to lessons. The learning bell is now in operation and gives a clear signal when lessons have begun. The overwhelming majority of our students have been in lessons and learning before this has rung. We know every moment of learning counts so we are delighted students are making the choice to maximise their learning.

Year 11 Mocks

Good luck to all Year 11 students as they undertake their mock examinations. I know they are working really hard and this will certainly pay off. Please encourage your child to stay for any revision offered and to work hard at home. We are very proud of them all.

News Items and Celebration

Please continue to share your news with us by emailing us on **news@stbernardsschool.uk** with a short write up and photos and help us celebrate all we are! It is so good to see the newsletter so full each week, so please continue to share!

And finally

A lot can change very quickly!! Last time I wrote this bulletin Villa were top of the champions league table and a few points off the summit of the premier league - now we have not won a game in 6 matches and I go into the weekend with much trepidation at the thought of playing Liverpool away!! Let's hope Villa (and Barrow!?!) can rediscover their form!

God Bless,

Mr Vince

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