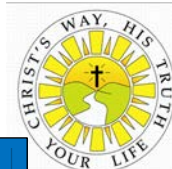




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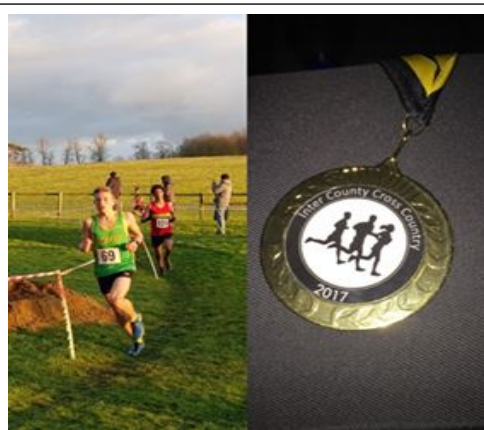
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**Lewis Nagington Y11** represented Staffordshire schools on Saturday at Inter Boys level at an inter counties race against West Midlands, Cheshire, Cumbria, Surrey, Warwickshire and Shropshire. He won 1st place.

### Praise Assemblies

The Y11 praise assembly will take place on Wednesday 6th December. We will come together to celebrate the successes of individuals and groups of learners. Learners will reflect on their achievements in the first half-term and look forward to making further progress in the term ahead.

We welcome any parents that wish to attend praise assemblies. We ask that you arrive at Reception at around 8:45am and you are welcome to remain for refreshments afterwards.

### School Fund

School Fund is a voluntary payment of £10 per year, which helps the school to support a range of activities including: Contribution towards supporting district and county sports representatives. Thank you for your support, we have received so far a **massive £1,430**. This is payable on Parent Pay. So please do your best to help to support the fund as ALL the children in the school benefit from it. *Please see the newsletter at the end of term to see what has been purchased from the School Fund for the pupils.*

### Sainsbury's

Following a meeting with the Headteacher and Bursar with Sainsbury's on Thursday last week, Ian Sutton, Store Manager has asked if when using their car park to either drop off or pick up children in the morning or afternoon, that you please drive carefully and not to speed on the car park. Please also do not use the Disabled Bays in front of the store. It is not an issue to use Sainsbury's but they do welcome safe drivers.

Please can you also mention to your children that if they purchase any goods from the store that they will need to keep their receipt. Sainsbury's staff will be asking to see a copy of a receipt and if the children do not have proof that the item has been paid for they may need to pay again. Thank you. Mrs Bowers, Bursar.

### Parent Pay - Refunds

Please bear in mind that if you ask for a Parent Pay refund for any reason, refunds will go back to the Parent Account rather than the parent's bank account.

You will need to log in to your Parent Pay account and if you wish to withdraw go to

*Parent Account > Withdraw and they can withdraw back to the payment card that was used.*

### Parent Pay School Break and Dinners

Please be aware that cashless payment for purchasing of school dinners and break is now in place. Please ensure that the relevant Parent Pay accounts are **topped up every week** and that students have either had their fingerprint data taken or have their PIN. **You must ensure that accounts are topped up before 11.30am on the day** any food is required as after this time the money does not get transferred to the kitchen until the next day.

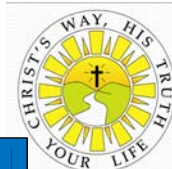
Without finger print scan or PIN students will not be able to access food from the canteen. Biometric Consent forms can be requested from the Finance Office.

You can set up a **Balance Alert** where once your balance drops below say £5.00 you can receive an email alert which will prompt you to top up their lunch account.



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With immediate effect learners will not be able to access the school site until 7.50 am. Gates will open at 7.50am with the library opening at 8.00am.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

### RE Stars of the week

Emily Marshall Y7 - excellent participation in lessons.

Lex Chidlow Y10 - excellent focus in lessons and positive attitude to work.

### Lost property

We have a lost property stall outside the main office every Wednesday lunchtime. If your child has lost anything, please encourage them to look. Any lost property from this term not claimed by the end of Friday 22nd December, will be disposed of.

### Friday 8th December School Disco for Y7 & Y8

In the school Hall. 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tickets £2.50 available from the Trinity 6th from during break times. Refreshments available on the night  
Fundraising for the Sanctus St Marks charity

### GCSE English Literature

Texts and Student Workbooks for GCSE English Literature are now available to buy on Parentpay. Students should check with teachers which texts they are studying for GCSE

Texts (variable prices) available are

*Romeo and Juliet*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Jekyll and Hyde* and *An Inspector Calls*.

Student Workbooks (at £2.75 each) are available for the AQA course for *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Jekyll and Hyde* and *An Inspector Calls* and *Conflict Poetry* (There is no *Much Ado About Nothing* Student Workbook)

### Join BBC Radio Stoke for its annual carol concert

Carols for Christmas will take place at King's Hall, Stoke-on-Trent with performances from North Staffs Symphony Orchestra, Ceramic City Choir and soprano, Denise Leigh along with readings from BBC Radio Stoke presenters. Two of our very own students are also performing here - Katharine Fairweather and Charlotte Oxberry who are both in Y12.

Sing along to some of your favourite Christmas carols.

The Christmas message will be delivered by Reverend Geoff Eze, All Saints Church, Hanley.

The event will be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio Stoke on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We believe these broadcasts to be at 3pm and 1pm respectively.

This event is supporting BBC Children in Need.

### Christmas short story / poem competition

Open to all year groups Y7 - Y11. Please hand in entries to the library by Friday 15th December. There will be a prize for the winner from each year group. See Mrs R Edwards or Mrs K Bailey in the library for more details.

Just a quick reminder that **Monday 4th December** will see the **3rd session** of our after-school "*Philosophy for children*" club, for pupils in Year 8.

Philosophy for Children, known as 'P4C', is a pedagogy which aims to improve children's thinking and reasoning skills and enhance their self-esteem. Through cooperative 'Communities of Enquiry', children are encouraged to think freely, debate, question, discuss and add depth to their thinking. Research has clearly established that taking part in P4C sessions improves behaviour, motivation, and learning, as well as achievement for pupils of all ages and abilities.

The students who attended session 1 this week, should arrive at the Dance studio in time for a 3.25pm start.

Refreshments will be provided and the session will end at 4pm.