

Friday 28 November

Year 7 and Post 16

Review Day

Parents and students sign in at the
Student Support Centre
School closed for Years 8 - 11



Friday 12 December



During the afternoon students will
host a Christmas party for Senior
Citizens. Gifts for raffle prizes
gratefully received. Please send to
Mrs O'Sullivan or Mrs Nagorska.

Year 11 Mocks

The Year 11 Mock Examinations Timetable is as follows:

Year 11 Mock Examinations - December 2008				
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4
Monday 8th December	Maths ALAN		Normal Timetable	
Tuesday 9th December	English ALAN (120)		Normal Timetable	
Wednesday 10th December	Normal Timetable for Year 11			
Thursday 11th December	GCSE Option (Various Times) + English			Study Leave
Friday 12th December	RE (All) (1hr 15mins)	MFL (100) (40mins Gym / 35mins MFL Dept)		Study Leave
Monday 15th December	Maths (All) (2x1hr Papers)		RE (All) (45mins)	Study Leave
GCSE Options: PE (1hr 55mins), Drama (2hrs), History, Spanish, Food, ICT, Music				
Registration: 8.55am - Form Rooms				

Parents Group

This week our School Parent Group has met to discuss the new style reports. They made valuable observations and comments about the new layout of reports.

Year 9 are the first year group to receive these reports. At first glance it looks as if parents are getting less information, but parents last night could see the succinct quality of the information on these reports was useful.

Have your say on these reports when your child's year group is due for reports and remember in the course of a school year parents and students receive termly reports of assessment and effort grades, a review day devoted to one year group and a parents evening for the year group. These three report exercises complement the school diary which potentially allows daily and weekly communication with home, if used properly.

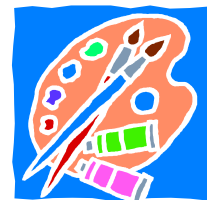


Young Voices Concert 2008

Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Sports College choir joined 6000 other students from around the country to sing in a Christmas concert at the NIA Birmingham. 21 students from Year 7, 8 and 9 sang brilliantly in numbers such as 'Oliver', 'Sussex Carol' and 'Living on a Prayer'.

Guest stars at the concert included Urban Strides, Keith Semple, Summer and new boy band The Kixx.

Creative Arts Week



Mrs Phillips and the Art Department are currently engaged in a creative arts experience for students from neighbouring primary schools. Those involved so far are St Stephens, St Anthony's, St Mary's, Whitgreave Junior and Bushbury Primary School.

Health and Safety

This matter is of course of prime importance to every institution and thank goodness I am pleased to say that two recent surveys of school have resulted in officers of the Local Authority who have toured the building during the day, saying that this was one of the best schools. Praise needs to go to the senior staff and site staff who have made sure school is judged in this way with regards to Health and Safety. Parents and students can help in two specific ways. Parents are welcome in school during term time to discuss attainment and learning. We apply a policy of not turning parents away even if sometimes we suggest a more suitable time to meet specific staff. No matter how brief the visit to school is parents **must** report to reception and sign in. It is a requirement of law that the Headteacher knows who is on school site at any particular time. Recently a parent turned up at a class teachers form room at the start of the day. Please do not do this, school has a purpose built parent reception and meeting room area for parents to meet staff. Tours of the school are always available to parents by appointment. Students, please do not phone 999 without reporting to one of the hundred staff who are here to secure your well being.



Well done to those Year 9 students who were so inspired by the assembly Mrs Bannister gave about Bullying and Racism that they asked the Art Department if they could use the facilities to design posters to spread the message further around school. I have been so impressed with their initiative that I intend to give the students involved a special reward. Well Done! It is heartening to witness the power of young people standing up for what is right and publicly supporting the Mission



Thursday 27 November 2008 – Year 9 Parents Evening

Friday 28 November 2008 – Year 7 & Sixth Form Review Day

Week commencing

8 December 2008 – Year 11 Mocks

Tuesday 16 December 2008 – Presentation Evening

Friday 19 December 2008 – END OF TERM – dismissal 12.30pm

Tuesday 6 January 2009 – NEW TERM STARTS

Tuesday 27 January 2009 – Parents Group 6.00pm

Thursday 5 February 2009 – Year 11 Parents' Evening – Reports will be published during the previous week

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 February 2009 – Teacher Training Days – no students in school

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2009 – HALF TERM

Friday 6 March 2009 – Year 9 Review Day – Post 16 lessons as normal – school closed for other students

Tuesday 10 March 2009 – Parents Group 6.00pm

Thursday 26 March 2009 – Year 10 Parents' Evening – Reports will be published during the previous week

Friday 3 April 2009 – END OF TERM – dismissal 12.30pm

Monday 20 April 2009 – START OF SUMMER TERM