Theme of the Week ahead - May the Month of Mary

Luke 1:26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.”

Our intention for Year 11 Students

Teachers will continue to upload resources for learning for students’ usual timetabled lessons until the end of this week Thursday 7th May. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in this learning. After this date, students will be able to continue using the timetabled lessons up until May half term for revision and preparation for their further studies.

Students are also being encouraged to join subject teams for the courses that they will be studying in the Sixth Form.

St Bernadette and our Lady of Lourdes - Who is St Bernadette?

Bernadette Soubirous (January 7th 1844 – 1879) was a young girl that had a religious visions at Lourdes, France. Lourdes emerged as a pilgrimage site for worshippers from around the world. During 1858 she said she saw virgin Mary 8 times. The roman catholic church later made her a saint, and Lourdes has become one of the most visited places for pilgrims. Bernadette herself moved away from Lourdes and joined a nunnery in Nevers, where she lived the rest of her life. She died in 1879 of tuberculosis and was canonized as a saint in 1933 by pope Pius XI.

What happened to her?
When Bernadette first claimed that she saw virgin Mary she claimed that she spoke to her and she said this: “Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for Sinners!”. Also, virgin Mary asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision, told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto, which Marie subsequently discovered by digging into the earth. On the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25th, the lady at last proclaimed her identity. Speaking to Bernadette in the local Lourdes patois, she said ‘I am the Immaculate Conception’. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception had been proclaimed only a few years ago.

How Lourdes is a place where pilgrims go today? Lourdes is considered a special place to visit because prayers and services are believed to bring real.

Glossary
Penance =punishment inflicted on oneself as an outward expression of repentance for wrongdoing.
Pilgrim(s) =a person(s) who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

Metropolitan Archbishops of England and Wales
A letter to all families and staff from Metropolitan Archbishops of England and Wales can be accessed here: Letter to Parents

This Thursday 7th May, Bishop Marcus will celebrate mass online at the cathedral at 7pm for all key workers who have carried out very important roles at this time in difficult circumstances – true servant ministry. The Mass is followed at 8pm by the clapping for key workers.

As we are celebrating the Year of the Word, Deacon Henry and Gregory are hoping to record lots of people reading short passages from St Matthew’s Gospel. If you are interested in contributing please email school email@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk

6th Form News

Apprenticeship Summer School
The Sutton Trust Charity have opened up applications for their summer school for Apprenticeship. Applications and further information can be found at the link below. The deadline for applications is 28th May. Previous applicants have enjoyed the programme and benefited from the on-going support the trust provides. Sutton-Trust-Apprenticeship-Summer-School

Year 13 students – Finance Deadline approaching
If you are intending to go to university, you need to be aware that you need to complete your finance application to Student Finance by the 25th May. Refer to the talks given in the assemblies and the open evenings if you need support with it. Our latest UCAS report for September, shows that a great deal of you have been accepting offers at university. There are a small number of students who have an offer but have not responded to it on UCAS.

If you need some support with this, please do get in touch.
Social Science News

The Social Science Department (Psychology and Sociology) have created two Teams groups for students who are interested in studying either Psychology or Sociology at A Level. In the folders on Teams you will find information, resources and websites that will give you more information about the topics that we cover in Sociology and Psychology.

Any Year 11 student who cannot see the Sociology or Psychology team folders who would like to join, should let either Mr Hemingway or Mr Lewis know via the email facility on Sharepoint.

Mathematics News

The Mathematics department have created a TEAMS group called ‘2020 11A’ for students who intend to study A’Level Maths or Further Maths. The aim of this group is to make the transition to A’Level as smooth and as possible while addressing many of the key topics that will help lead to success in the future. This will involve the use of Hegarty Live videos and MyMaths tasks.

Virtual Faraday Challenge

As some of you may be aware, last year St Wilfrid’s hosted the Faraday challenge for local schools, and a team from our school won the challenge day! Due to the current circumstances, the Faraday Challenge, developed in partnership with Airbus, has adapted to a Virtual Faraday Challenge so you can all take part at home!

The challenge is open for anyone between the ages of 7 to 15 years. There are separate categories for primary and secondary pupils and group or individual entries. They have added a family entry this year which means everyone can get involved!

The challenge brings together STEM subjects (science, design and technology, engineering and maths) to create and design of a product that could assist the work of Airbus in helping people around the world in times of need and crisis.

The challenge is free to enter and entries need to be submitted as a PowerPoint presentation. The entries will be judged weekly and the best entries will receive a prize and may even feature on their website!

All of the information about the challenge, including the challenge brief and details of how to submit your entry can be found here: Virtual-Faraday-Challenge

Careers News

Healthcare degree course resources

for any students considering studying healthcare related courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Speech & Language Therapy, Health and Human Sciences, Adult Nursing and Orthoptics.

The University of Sheffield have developed a series of resources related to these courses, please follow the link below to the website for the table of resource links. In the meantime if you have any questions about applying to University at any institution please feel free to email me: zo@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk (Higher Education Progression Officer)

Further information can be found in our Careers-Weekly-Newsletter

Safeguarding News

The online safety service Think U Know have new 15 min guides and activities for adults and young people to stay safe when on line. We find the Think U Know website user friendly and practical. You can find more details by clicking on the image

Your next #OnlineSafetyAtHome pack is now available for you to download, containing new activities for parents and carers to use at home! Access them using the following links: 4-5s  5-7s  8-10s  11-13s  14+

You can also access our new guidance for parents and carers designed to help them manage some of the key challenges they are telling us about in our survey.

The Wakefield 0-19 Service

The 0-19 Service are still very much here to support the health and wellbeing of everyone in your family.

Any child, young person, parent, or carer can call Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, on 01924 310130 for advice and support.

Further information can be found here: Wakefield 0-19

TikTok

TikTok has now been downloaded over 2 billion times on the Google Play Store and the App Store (source: techcrunch.com (03.05.20)) and we seem to be seeing lots more TikTok videos during lockdown from doctors and nurses to Dame Judi Dench! It can be a fun app to use but it is important that appropriate privacy settings are used and you are aware of what TikTok is. You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

For more information about TikTok, please access the Knowsley City Learning newsletter here: Using Tik Tok Safely

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has released a guide to help everyone to know how to stay safe online Covid19 staying safe online
Wakefield Parent Carer Forum

Since 2012, KIDS have been supporting parents’ voices to be heard in the Wakefield area. Last year a group of parents felt that it was important for parents to run their own group and started the process to become an independent forum supporting families with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. As of April 1st Wakefield Parent Carer Forum has been relaunched.

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum is led by a Steering Group of parents who are looking forward to listening to, and representing the views of parents, young people and children in the future. These parents all have a wide experience of what it is like to be a parent of a child with an additional need or disability in the Wakefield area.

We want to work together with you to make a positive difference and improve the quality of life for all children and families in Wakefield. We understand we are living in unprecedented times, if you need help or support please email us using the following: info@wakefieldparentcarers.co.uk we would love to hear from you.

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A quick start guide on how to use Microsoft Teams

Students are reminded to check Teams regularly throughout the day; to access their work from teachers from either the message feed (Post) or under the tab ‘Files’ and to upload their work if requested from a teacher.

Microsoft Teams Quick Start Guide

Sources for Support for Well Being

Please use the links below to access the letter from the Trust regarding support for Well Being and a link to the Well Being section on our website to find out where support for well being can be accessed.

Wellbeing Sources of Support to Parents and Carers

Cash Wise

Cash Wise has entered an exciting new partnership with Wakefield Council as part of the More Money in My Pocket initiative. Cash Wise can provide support for any Wakefield residents living in a WDH property, a privately rented property, other social housing properties, homeowners, lodgers and anyone homeless or living in temporary accommodation.

The team can help you to resolve a wide range of money related issues including: welfare benefit applications and appeals, support accessing grants, budgeting advice, support to set up priority payments, switching utility providers and reducing energy bills, support reducing debts and digital assistance.

Cash Wise are working with Wakefield Council to provide support for parents or families in the Wakefield District who are struggling to manage their finances. Cash Wise can help you to manage your household budget, apply for benefits and access grants to help you in the home. Please use this link to find out about the scheme that supports families: Getcashwise

St Wilfrid’s Say Thank You

Following the release of the video where our staff showed their appreciation to NHS workers within our school community, we would like to provide all our wonderful students with the same opportunity to show their own appreciation to all key workers during this difficult time. We would like to create a similar video that will be shared on our school’s social media platforms to coincide with the weekly clap for carers.

This is a completely voluntary initiative and to take part all that is required is an appropriate message to our key workers from your child with an optional photograph. Students are encouraged to be as creative as possible with how they would like to present their message (see examples opposite)

Should your child wish to take part and you give your consent, please could parents/carers send the message and or photograph from their email accounts to: Appreciation@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk stating your child’s name, year group and form. Please could you also include the following declaration:

“I give consent for my child (pupil name and form) to take part in the key worker appreciation video, (name of parent/carer)”

Keep Calm and stay in - VE Day 75th Anniversary – Friday 8 May 2020

This year’s VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations will now be different to what many of us had planned. Wakefield LA have created a party pack so that you can still mark the occasion, stay safe at home and follow the social distancing rules.

It’s got everything you need to celebrate safely, from decorations to recipes and even a playlist to enjoy! Let us know how you’re marking the anniversary of VE Day. Share your photos and videos with us @MyWakefield on Instagram and Twitter. The party pack includes: Decorations to make at home, Recipes from the 1940s, Spotify playlist to get your party started, A party planner with suggested games and activities. Download your pack here: Virtual VE Day

A local mural artist has gained worldwide fame after her cryptic paintings on walls across her hometown were mistaken for works by Banksy. Rachel List, 29, is a talented artist from Pontefract has painted this tribute to celebrate VE Day.

‘VE day in lockdown’ a celebration of wartime spirit and heroes, providing hope and drawing comparisons to modern day hardship. Rachel List

You can follow Rachel on the following social media platforms:

Instagram: RachelthePachel Facebook: RadGurlToTheRescue