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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am so very proud of St Michael's staff, students, parents and carers for the resilience and creativity they have demonstrated throughout the coronavirus lockdown. Thank you to everyone who made a positive difference. Welcoming Year 10s into school recently has been wonderful and I am, genuinely, excited at the prospect of seeing all of our students in school in September. There will be changes, as described in my end of term letter, and some of them may seem challenging. However, at St Michael's, we see challenge as an opportunity and we seize opportunities.

With prayers for your safety and good health and warmest wishes for a restful summer holiday.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Gray, Headteacher

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

What does the
Lord ask of you?

To act justly, to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your
God.

Micah 6vs.8

Upcoming News & Events: Autumn 2020

Fri 17 th July	Students break up for the Summer holiday
Mon 20 th July	Staff Training Day
Thurs 20 th August	GCSE Results: 10am – 2pm
Tues 1 st September	Staff Training Day
Wed 2 nd September	Year 7 (8.30am) and Year 11 (8.50am) students return to school
Thurs 3 rd September	Year 7 (8.30am), Year 10 (8.40am) and Year 11 (8.50am) students return to school
Fri 4 th September	Year 7 (8.30am), Year 8 (8.35am), Year 9 (8.50am), Year 10 (10.35am) and Year 11 (10.40am) students return to school
Thurs 22 nd October	Students break up for half-term
Fri 23 rd October	Staff Training Day
Mon 2 nd November	Students return to school



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UK MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGES

171 students from Years 9 and 10 entered the UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge on 6th February 2020. Taking part in the Mathematical Challenges is a stimulating and rewarding experience for all students and encourages their mathematical problem solving. To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the top-scoring 40% of participants are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement:

Year 9 Silver Awards (Top 20%)

- Lauren Hadley

Year 9 – Bronze Awards (Top 40%)

- Eliana Bankole
- Omar Khan
- Molly McGee
- Bartosz Mironiuk
- Katie Vercesi

Special mention Cristo Liby Abraham who was only 2 points off a bronze award

Year 10 – Silver Awards (Top 20%)

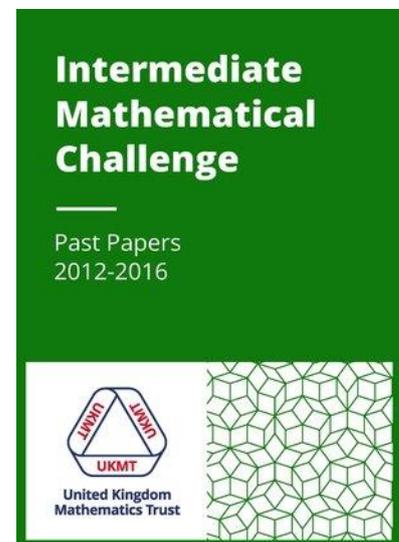
- Corey Davis
- Declan Nicholl

Year 10 – Bronze Awards (Top 40%)

- Cody Blanchard
- Julia Dziuba
- Chloe Gladwin
- Lewis Sibley

Special mention for Micah Blackwood and Rosie Smith who were only 1 point off a bronze award

In the four years we have taken part, this is our best set of results ever in the Intermediate Challenge; this is a credit to these Year 9 and Year 10 students, as some schools also enter Year 11 students.



PE NEWS

Football

Both the Year 9 and Year 11 boys' football teams did very well in the first half of the school year, reaching the quarter finals and semi-finals respectively of the West Midlands Schools' Football; they were looking forward to their next round games before the competitions were unfortunately cancelled due to the coronavirus. We look forward to being able to compete again in the new school year, when conditions allow.



STARTS WEEK BEGINNING 15TH JUNE 2020

3 CHALLENGES PER WEEK

Record your results via the Google form on the
Google Classroom

A leaderboard will be published each Monday and points will be
awarded to the top 50 students.



Virtual Sports Day

For the last four weeks, our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have been competing in a variety of physical challenges as part of the St Michael's Virtual Sports Day. The whole of the PE department has completed these challenges and engagement has been excellent. The top 50 pupils have received house points and we have had some brilliant achievements. Some of the records include: Lucas Martin achieving 385 kick-ups, Reece Rudge achieving 93 on the speed bounce and Kitty Hill achieving 2.3m on the standing long jump. Well done to all pupils who have taken part.



ST MICHAEL'S LOCKDOWN WEEKLY BAKE OFF

Many of you will be aware of the Lockdown Bake Off, which was introduced on every year-group's Google Classroom last month.



This optional challenge offered a weekly theme to inspire both students and staff to “get ready to get cooking”, using the suggested recipes or, if they preferred, an alternative favourite of their own. Participants were asked to submit photographs of their culinary creations, a selection of which were uploaded to the St Michael's Lockdown Cooking Gallery and, each week, a Lockdown Star Baker was nominated, receiving a coveted St Michael's 2020 Lockdown Star Baker Spoon!



THE 20:20 CHALLENGE



'WALK IN THEIR SHOES'



Birmingham
Children's Hospital
Charity

20:20 CHALLENGE

**20,000 STEPS
20 DAYS**

Did you know that on average nurses walk 20,000 steps per day whilst caring for patients?

This challenge will see us take on 20,000 steps per day for 20 days during the month of July 2020, to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital

To sponsor the team please log on to
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/team2020challenge



On average, nurses walk 20,000 steps per day whilst caring for patients – which gave Kerry Whitehouse, our School Engagement Development Manager, inspiration for the final challenge of the school year to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Kerry recruited a team of staff and students to take part in the challenge - to walk 20,000 steps per day for 20 days during the month of July - and has set up a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/team2020challenge

It's not too late to donate...not only would it encourage our team of walkers but, most of all, it would support Birmingham Children's Hospital, whose funding has been severely affected this year due to cancelled events.



#TAKEAKNEE

Members of the school's Equality and Diversity Committee have been meeting over the last few weeks to discuss a range of ideas; most recently, the focus has been the Black Lives Matter movement. Several students reached out on social media to share their personal experiences and asked to get involved...they want to create change!

In recent weeks, the Committee has been working behind the scenes, meeting with the local authority and sharing ideas with staff, to look at a long term vision. It has been truly insightful and the students' sense of maturity when discussing the issue has been commendable.

As a short term response, the students are launching a social media campaign called #takeaknee. Members of the Equality and Diversity Committee have sent in images and have even got their families involved. St Michael's students are often trendsetters within the local authority for tackling more sensitive issues and this is no exception.



Mindfulness and Wellbeing



EAT WELL
AND BE ACTIVE



SLEEP WELL TO
BE RESTED AND
ALERT



MAKE TIME FOR
YOURSELF AND THE
PEOPLE YOU LOVE



SET YOURSELF
REALISTIC
TARGETS



DO SOMETHING
CREATIVE



ASK FOR HELP
AND ACCEPT IT

At St Michael's we believe your Mental Health is just as important as your physical.
For help, support and guidance over the Summer break please go to the following websites:

www.kooth.com www.childrensociety.org.uk/beam/sandwell
www.childline.org.uk www.mind.org.uk www.annafreud.org

STAY SAFE OVER THE SUMMER - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
IN SEPTEMBER.



Summer Reading Challenge 2020

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE ?

YOU WILL NEED TO:

- EMAIL THE LIBRARY STAFF TO TAKE PART
- CHOOSE 3 EXCITING BOOKS TO READ OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY, USING THE SORA APP
- ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS ON THE BOOKS IN YOUR DIGITAL *SUMMER READING CHALLENGE* BOOKLET
- IN SEPTEMBER, EMAIL OR HAND IN YOUR COMPLETED *SUMMER READING CHALLENGE* BOOKLET AND COLLECT YOUR PRIZE!



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STOP PRESS!

Our end of year celebration service was shown on Friday 17th July on the school's YouTube channel. Those of you who haven't seen it can find it at <https://youtu.be/1fgCL7lbQGo>