

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 1, 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been a wonderful and unique half-term for our St Michael's family. In April, we welcomed His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales to the school in order to learn more about our initiatives and campaigns to support mental health and wellbeing.

Additionally, in April, representatives from Student Voice attended Birmingham Hippodrome to receive our official award and certificate as recipients of King's Award for voluntary service.

Our charitable fundraising and intergenerational programmes have continued throughout this half-term. I am so very proud of all the incredible work that takes place within our community.

There have been many celebrations to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our young people in enacting the St Michael's Christian vision and upholding our values.

The Year 11 exam season is well underway, and students are continuing to receive high-quality revision. Year 11 pupils have demonstrated strength and motivation, as well resilience to ensure they are thoroughly prepared for the exams. Equally, their commitment and resolve to stay in school at the end of the day for a daily intervention is commendable. Provision is available throughout the May half-term break to support revision. Our Year 11 students are all truly incredible individuals who deserve the very best outcomes this summer.

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful half-term holiday.



Mrs Handy-Rivett, Headteacher

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:

Friday 24th May	Students break up
Tuesday 28th May to Saturday 1st June	Y11 Boost Sessions
Monday 3rd June	Students return to school
Wednesday 12th June	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 20th June	Last Year 11 exam
Friday 21st June	Year 11 Leavers Service
Friday 19th July	Students break up
Monday 22nd July	Teacher Training Day

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



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VISION STATEMENT
To show love, care and kindness to all in our community.
To value what we have and to share with others.
To enable everyone to achieve their full potential.

How do we live out our Christian vision?

This term we have been focusing on our school's Christian Vision Statement and encouraging students to consider how they can live out the vision in their everyday lives. Each week, students have listened to a short message from our School Chaplain, Reverend Bridge, sharing a thought on each of the three aspects of the vision and how they can be applied. Throughout the half-term, students have been able to reflect during their year group collective worship times and think about the 'windows' in terms of the ways they can view life through different perspectives, the 'mirrors' that is how they can think about each aspect of the vision within their own personal journey, and the 'doors' in terms of the opportunities they have in school to use their initiatives and creativity to showcase and outlive the school vision in different ways.

In school, we recognise that developing the spirituality of our students and adults is a fundamental aspect of enabling students and adults to flourish. Our school's distinctively Christian vision encapsulates a sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves, and it involves a search for meaning in life. As such, our school vision encompasses spirituality as a universal human experience - something that touches us all. As a Church of England school, we follow the teachings of Christ, and the ethos of the school is at the heart of our teaching and learning. The vision encourages the whole school community to be engaged on a journey of discovery throughout their time with us.

Spiritual development differs from person to person and is a very personal experience. For this reason, it is difficult to put into words. Spirituality is not the same as having a religion or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith. For Christians in church, spirituality is about developing a deeper understanding of and connection with God. It is about God's way of being with us and our way of being with God. Through this, we are able to respond to the loving nature of God as revealed through the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A school is not a church, but it is a collection of people who come from a variety of backgrounds for the purpose of education. Family backgrounds may be very different and spiritual development must take account of the varied circumstances of staff and students.

Therefore, in light of this and in light of our school's distinctively Christian vision, at St Michael's, we define spirituality as ***what connects our relationships with us, our family, friends, and our community to God and to all of creation.***

The penultimate week of this half-term is our 'Inter-faith' week, and we are taking the opportunity to focus on our school value of equality. We have planned a range of activities for students to celebrate the collective faiths of students and staff, as well as those with no faith. We are a school that believes in inclusivity and equality, and that every individual in school will have their own journey of spirituality, asking the Big Questions in life and being able to really live their lives to the full.

The final thought I would like to leave you with is on the back of our recent visit to school by HRH Prince William. I want to honour the hard work behind the scenes of every member of staff involved in preparation for his visit, and to really highlight and celebrate the amazing students, in particular, Freddie Hadley who did themselves and the school proud upon Prince William's visit to the school. The visit reminded me of a story in John 12 v 12, where Jesus enters Jerusalem riding

on a donkey. For hundreds of years the Jews had been excitedly awaiting to arrival of the Messiah. They believed he would be the person to come and rescue them from the oppression of the Romans and save their people. However, Jesus came, not as a glorious warrior on a horse riding with an army to come to the rescue, but as a humble king entering into the city on a mere donkey. We saw similar traits of humility in Prince William throughout his visit, and students and staff commented on how 'down to earth' he was and even cracking a 'dad joke' when asked for one, when he met the members of the Matrix Project. Humility is one of our school values and so I would like to end this thought by encouraging each one of us to consider opportunities where we can demonstrate the value of humility and put others needs above our own.

**God Bless,
Mr Dix, Ethos Lead**

ST MICHAEL'S WING AWARDS

At the end of last term, in our whole school Easter Service, we had the opportunity to recognise and celebrate all those students who have been living out our school vision every single day and have embedded our school values within their character and how they conduct themselves. The following students have been awarded their St Michael's Wing Awards.



Bronze Wing Award Winners: Lewis Poyner, Ava Cumberbatch, Lexi Beddoes, Daniel Obassa, Maddison Bishop, Tj Ensor, Casey Bailey, Archie Day, Broly Holmes, Issac Taylor, Harry Hughes, Amelia Gadd-Furlow, Shayla Slater, Neve Aldridge, Ahmed Ishag, Mia Thorsby, Ayda Taylor, Tyler Havelin, Amelia Fisher, Beau Whitehouse, Maisie Doody, Freya Sander, Michael Okaijah, Edi Ledbrook, Amelia Ludlow, Mia Simpson-MacZkowski, Freddie Hadley, Billy Riley, Jack Downing, James Andrews, Jack Johnson, Thomas Mann, Lilah Jones, Jessica Greaves, Laila Thakrar, Isla Haddleton, Alexander Jordan, Brooke Parker, Emily Gould, Musa Imran

Silver Wing Award Winners: Lily Abbott, Lexi Beddoes, Madeleine Brewer, Archie Day, Ben Heath, Charlie Lawrence, Ellie Markham, Josh Millard-Lloyd, Lyla-Mae Orton, Lewis Poyner, Lily Swanson

Gold Wing Award Winners: Lexi Beddoes, Madeleine Brewer, Vicenza Decola, Sophie Gleadall, Mia Kendrick, Ellie Markham, Lewis Poyner



EASTER SERVICE





HRH PRINCE WILLIAM VISIT

On Thursday 25th April 2024, we had the privilege of welcoming HRH The Prince of Wales to St Michael's. A Year 8 pupil, Freddie Hadley, greeted The Prince in a civil line-up and welcomed him into the school. Whilst on site, The Prince met representatives of Student Voice and learned about the various initiatives set up in school to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The visit to our spectacular school received national media coverage, and I am sure you have already seen some of the wonderful images from the HRH visit. I am delighted that we have been able to facilitate these special memories for our students, and I would like to thank parents, students, staff, and Governors for enabling and supporting all of our initiatives.

God Bless,
Mrs Handy-Rivett











THE KINGS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

On Sunday 14th April, the Birmingham Hippodrome welcomed community and voluntary groups from across the Black Country for the annual ceremony for the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest honour a voluntary organisation can receive. The Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands, Sir John Crabtree OBE presented the award and certificate to Kerry Whitehouse and Grace Popoola.



Student Voice from Sandwell had Christina Handy-Rivett, JJ O'Meara, Grace Popoola, and Kerry Whitehouse in attendance



Student Voice members and parent volunteers came together for a photo



YEAR 7 AWARDS

These students received their reward 'Movie Monday', which they achieved through being identified as the TOP students in Year 7 for 100-97% attendance, highest positive points, and zero negative points for Spring 2 term.

Corey Woodhouse, 7L
Tristan Adams, 7L
Joshua Scrivens, 7M
Dulcie Bates, 7A

Aneel Kang, 7H
Jack Johnson, 7H
Logan Peters-Williams, 7M

Delta Tether, 7H
James Andrews, 7M
Isaac Taylor, 7I



Year 7 Champions/Warriors for the past two terms:

Isaac Morton-Williams 7C
Pheobe Partridge 7A
Armani Gill, 7M

Tulissia Gelder, 7E
Caiden Francis, 7E
Daniel Lango, 7E

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Congratulations to sixty students who either had zero negative behaviours since September, and 100% attendance since September in Year 10.

Students were awarded a breakfast morning on Friday 12th April, with toast, hot chocolate, juice, and breakfast items, listening to some music and having some downtime to celebrate their fantastic achievements. Parents have also received a postcard congratulating their children on these achievements.

The students were then put into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher, and the winners were Jenna Sohal, Japji Bajwa, and Henry Bridge.



LENT CHALLENGE

Thank you for the generosity shown for our collections of Easter eggs and toiletries for Black Country Women's Aid. They were blown away with the items collected and have sent their thanks.



Thank You!

This certificate is awarded to

St Michael's C of E High School

We send our heartfelt thanks for generously donating Easter Eggs and toiletries for the families in refuge.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.




Signature

Sara Ward - CEO

4th April 2024

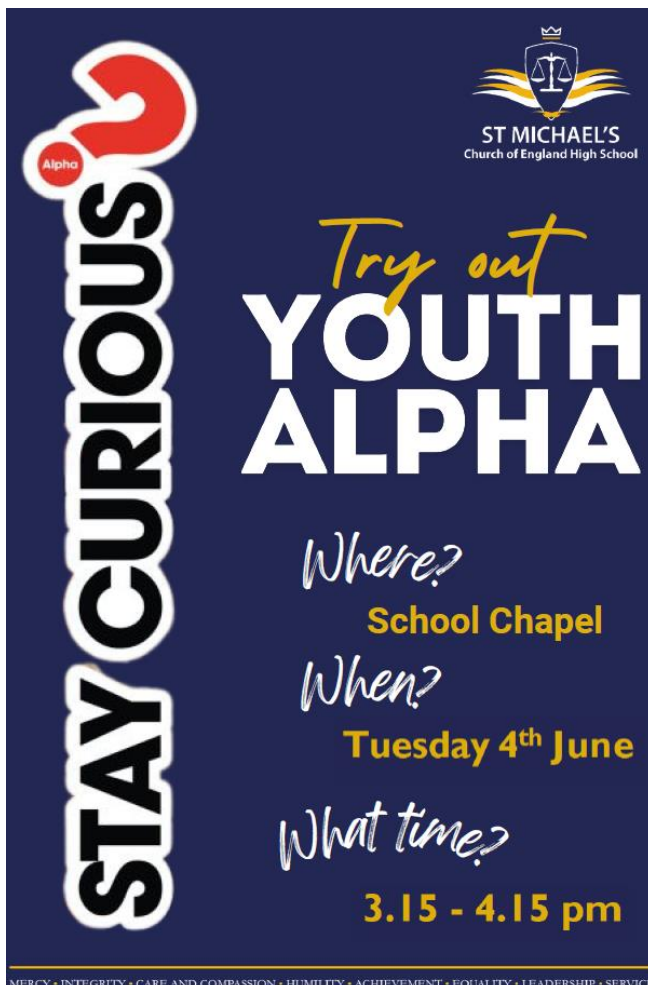
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YEAR 11 BOOSTER SESSIONS


 SATURDAY & WHITSUN BOOSTER SESSIONS 2024						
Saturday 11th May	Saturday 18th May	Tuesday 28th May	Thursday 30th May	Friday 31st May	Saturday 1st June	Saturday 8th June
English Revision 9am - 10:30am	English Revision Virtual 9am - 10:30am	English Revision 9am - 10:30am	History Revision 9am - 10:30am	Maths Revision 9:30am - 12pm	Maths Revision 10am - 12pm	Maths Revision 9am - 10:30am
RE Revision 9:30am - 10:30am		Science Revision 10:30am - 12:30pm				Science Revision 10:30am - 12:30pm
Maths or Science Revision 10:30am - 12:30pm						
Computer Science Revision 12:30pm - 2:30pm						

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YOUTH ALPHA



STAY CURIOUS?


ST MICHAEL'S
Church of England High School

Try out
YOUTH ALPHA

Where?
School Chapel

When?
Tuesday 4th June

What time?
3.15 - 4.15 pm

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Following our #Interfaith week, we are giving our students and staff the opportunity to explore questions they may have about faith. Therefore, we will start a six-week course called Youth Alpha. This will explore the aspects of the Christian faith.

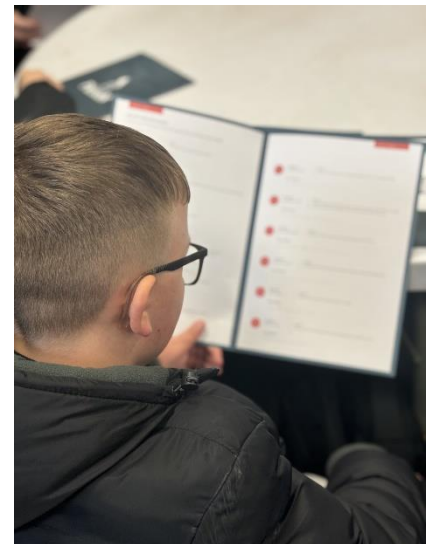
It will be run by Dan Jarvis (Senior Pastor at Flame Church Blackheath), George Whittome (Assistant Pastor at Regis Christian Fellowship in Rowley Regis), Reverend John Bridge (School Chaplain) alongside Mr Dix and Mrs Rigby.

The first session is on Tuesday, 4th of June.

The course will run **every Tuesday** in the school chapel from **3:15 pm to 4:15 pm**.

RE VISIT TO SHREWSBURY PRISON

The RE Department organised two trips to Shrewsbury prison for Year 9, which consisted of a guided tour by an ex-officer, a detailed question and answer session, and group activities. Shrewsbury Prison was a men's prison, was decommissioned in 2013, and is now open to the public. The students were respectful, engaged, and fully immersed throughout the day - a true credit to us!



Ajay Atkar, 9C

YEAR 9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH GROUP

Praise and congratulations to the Year 9 Bronze DofE group as they completed their practice expedition walk over the weekend of the 27th and 28th of April. The thirty-six students were amazing and were a true credit to the school. Also, thank you very much to the staff that supported us over the two days.



The amazing students:

Natalie Amos, Joe Baker, Kelsey Ball, Jack Barnbrook, Evie Barnett, Evie Basterfield, Jack Beardsworth, Ellie Belton, Eve Bennett, Lola Coles, Harrison Crowther, Callum Denning, Joshua Durrant, Zoe Edwards, Isabelle Fox, Ben Heath, Mercedes Heyes-Mills, David Khitsane, David Lango, Zoe Lawton, Noah Layden, Charly Lewis, William Molnar, Erica Narley, Noah Nash, Sophie Newell, Daniel Onaola, Amber Peters-Williams, Lea Price, Jasmine Rickard, Taylor Ryan, Mae Sadler, Charlie Smart, Tom Starrs, Hanna Szworaska, Crystal-Claire Yusuf

YEAR 7 REVISION/TREASURE HUNT

Friday the 3rd of May was the last of our trips up to St Giles for the Year 7 revision/treasure hunt. All students were superb and really enjoyed their time exploring and chatting with the Reverend and the church volunteers.

Miss Sansom thanks all of the staff involved in the trips to ensure they ran so smoothly. Also, a big thank you to the Reverend and the church volunteers for making it such as valuable experience for our students.



Madison, Libby Hawksford, Rev Bridge, Brook



Paris Ahmad, Riley Holland, Ben Farrier



Lewis Poyner, Jay-J Evans-Lunn, Jack Bucknell



NUMERACY KAHOOT QUIZ



Students battled it out in a Numeracy Kahoot Quiz. All participants received House Points, with the winning Form group earning possession of the Numeracy trophy. Well done to all that participated!

1st = 10S
2nd = 10I
3rd = 10A



Jack Smith, Liam Owen

1st = 8C
2nd = 8M
3rd = 8I



Kai Hudson, Faith Watton

1st = 9M
2nd = 9H
3rd = 9L



Jasmine Rickard, Kelsey Ball

1st = 7M
2nd = 7H
3rd = 7C



Joshua Scrivens, Armaani Gill

LIBRARY

Winners!

Congratulations to Scarlett Parker who won the Easter Raffle, and also Liam Owen, and Fabrina Adarkwa who both won the competitions at the end of last term!



New Student Librarians

We had over 30 applications and after the interviews we have now appointed four new student librarians who will join our current team. They will be completing their training ready to start next half term ready to start helping you find books in the library and help with any queries students may have. Congratulation to Scarlett Jones and Casey Bailey from Year 7, and Fabrina Adarkwa and Scarlett Parker from Year 9.

Read your way around the world

Students have been enjoying taking part in the capitals and countries activity and reading their way around the world with both Fiction and non-Fiction books, taking them out of their comfort zone and choosing to read different books to what they would usually choose.



Mental Health Awareness Month



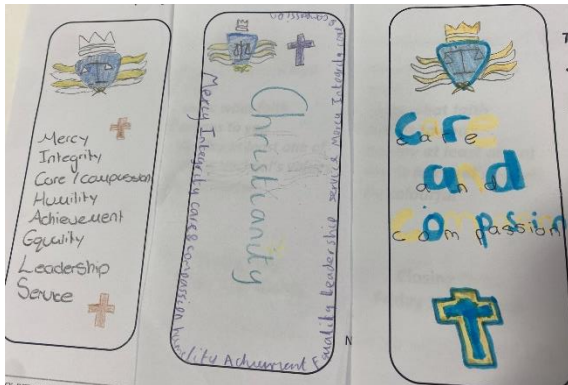
During May we have been concentrating on raising awareness for Mental Health Awareness month, we have been particular focussing on Positive Affirmations and encouraging students to see what is positive about themselves. There have been books and thought-provoking resources on display throughout the month allowing students to dip in and out of the materials when needed.



Congratulations to Madison for taking part in the mental health initiative.

Interfaith week in the library

The library took part in interfaith week by exploring different faiths and asking students what faith mean to the. Students took park in a design a bookmark activity, students had to think about what faith means to them. There were plenty of participants in this activity and some lovely entries, which will be displayed around the library.



End of year stocktake

Please note the library will close next half term for one week, so we can perform our annual stocktake.

All books must be returned by Friday 5th July. Any lost books and those not accounted for will be charged for on ParentPay before the end of July and charged at £6.50 per book. Please ensure all books are returned to avoid any charges.

LEAD YOUR SHIP

On the 11th of April, Mr Bending and Mrs Westwood took twelve students from Year 9 to the "Lead your ship" graduation day at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. This event was attended by nine other schools from across the West Midlands. The students had completed a 12-week intervention designed to equip young people with the tools needed to navigate safely in today's youth culture. The program combines street cricket with workshops that address daily challenges young people face, such as gang affiliation and joint enterprise.

The graduation day featured a quick cricket tournament in which St Michael's competed against Q3 Academy and Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy. Although we did not advance to the semi-finals, the students played exceptionally well and were competitive against worthy opponents.

In addition to cricket, our students participated in other sporting events. Kyle Bench secured third place in a 100m sprint and first place in a 400m race. We also came first in a 4x100m relay race.

It was a beautiful, sunny day, and our students represented the school excellently. They were praised by the event organizers for their exemplary behaviour and active participation.



The students who participated:

Kyle Bench, Charlie Smart, Lacey Bates, Kacey Chilton, Syed Mustafa, Ajay Atkar, Alissia Burn, Teigan Grove, Brody Hodgetts, Caiden Smith, Stan Thompson, Harvey-Jay Hazlehurst

PE

On Wednesday 15th May, Mrs Wright and Mr Trewartha took two football teams to the WBA Dome to participate in the local cup. The boys and girls in Year 9 and 10 were amazing and portrayed some exceptional skills throughout the day. One boys' and one girls' team was taken to participate in the WBA cup, and the winners of this event get to represent WBA Foundation in Manchester at the 'United Forces Community Cup'.



Boys Team

The boys took part in 6 league games, winning 5 and losing 1. The teams they were up against were Perryfields, Phoenix Collegiate, Wodensborough, George Salters, Holly Lodge, and West Bromwich Collegiate. After some very closely contested games, the boys got through to the semi-final, beating West Bromwich Collegiate 1-0 and progressing onto the finals.

After a very intense final, the boys played some amazing football, marginally missing out on qualifying for the Manchester Cup, losing 2-1 to Perryfields in the final.

The boys showcased some exceptional football, playing together as part of a team and demonstrated high levels of leadership skills. Well done boys, you did us proud!



Girls Team

The girls played 4 league games, winning 3 and drawing one, putting them straight into the final. The girls scored some amazing goals throughout the tournament, winning one game 5-0. The girls were up against Q3 Great Barr in the final and performed very well, like they did all tournament, winning the final 1-0. The girls have now qualified to go to Manchester during half term and play at Wytheshawe Sports Ground against other schools from across the country in the 'United Forces Community Cup'. Mrs Wright said, this is an amazing opportunity for



our girls, and I am so proud of them, well done!

The trip to the 'United Forces Community Cup' in Manchester is funded by the WBA Foundation, and our girls will be representing the WBA Foundation; A WBA kit will be provided on the day for the girls to play in. This is an incredible



experience for our girls, and throughout the day there will be a variety of displays, live demonstrations, interactive games, and hands on activities to provide an insight into different career options within these organisations. The tournament will be supported by personnel from the British Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, and KPMG.



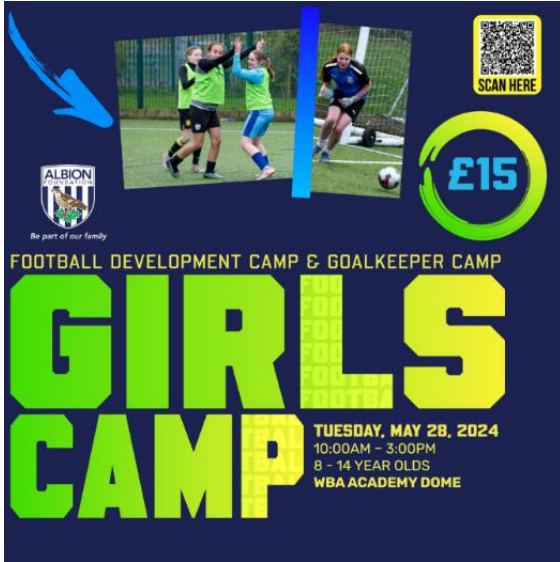
A massive well done to our girls' team and we look forward to the United Forces Community Cup.



Well done to both teams, you really were a credit to the school, demonstrating the school values throughout the day.

HALF-TERM EVENTS

28th May, 10 am to 3 pm



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FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP & GOALKEEPER CAMP

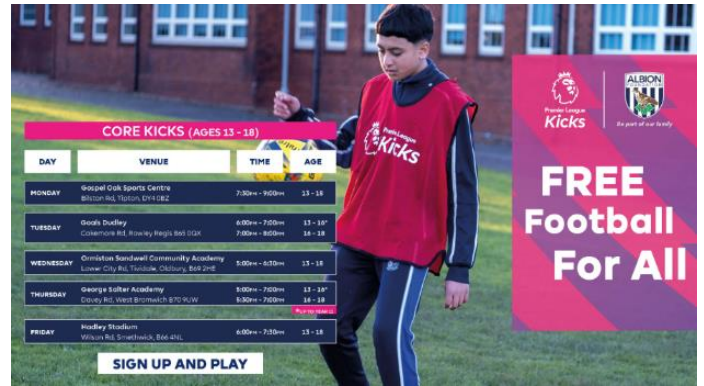
GIRLS CAMP

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024
10:00AM – 3:00PM
8 - 14 YEAR OLDS
WBA ACADEMY DOME

£15

SCAN HERE

Running from January 2024 to July 2024



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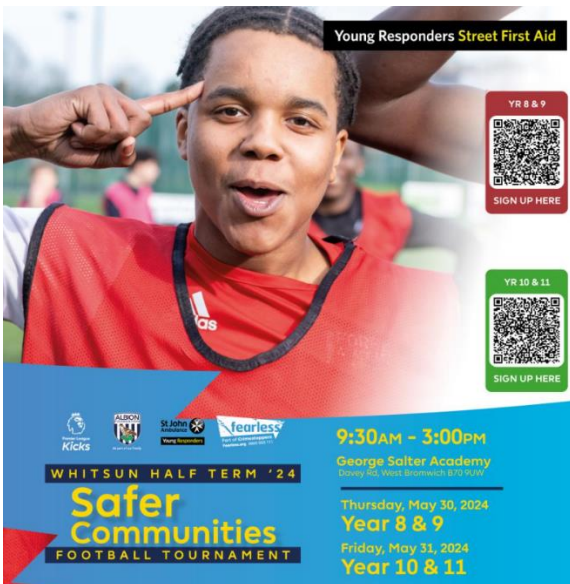
CORE KICKS (AGES 13 - 18)

DAY	VENUE	TIME	AGE
MONDAY	Goepel Oak Sports Centre Bliton Rd, Tipton, DY1 1BZ	7:30am - 9:00am	13 - 18
TUESDAY	Goals Dudley Cokemore Rd, Rowley Regis, B65 1GX	6:45am - 7:00am 7:00am - 8:00am	13 - 18* 14 - 18
WEDNESDAY	Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy Lower City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, B69 2JF	5:00am - 6:00am	13 - 18
THURSDAY	George Salter Academy Dovey Rd, West Bromwich B70 9JW	5:00am - 7:00am 9:30am - 7:00am	13 - 18 14 - 18
FRIDAY	Hoddy Stadium Walsley Rd, Smethwick, B66 4SL	6:00am - 7:00am	13 - 18

SIGN UP AND PLAY

30th May, Y8 & 9
31st May, Y10 & 11

Running from January 2024 to July 2024



Young Responders Street First Aid

YR 8 & 9
SIGN UP HERE

YR 10 & 11
SIGN UP HERE

9:30AM - 3:00PM
George Salter Academy
Dovey Rd, West Bromwich B70 9JW

Thursday, May 30, 2024
Year 8 & 9

Friday, May 31, 2024
Year 10 & 11

WHITSUN HALF TERM '24

Safer Communities FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



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GIRLS SESSIONS (AGES 13 - 18)

DAY	VENUE	TIME	AGE
STARTING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024			
TUESDAY	FUN 5-A-SIDE Cokemore Rd, Rowley Regis, B65 1GX	5:00pm - 6:00pm	8 - 17
STARTING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024			
WEDNESDAY	GIRLS SKILLS CENTRE Lower City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, B69 2JF	6:45pm - 7:45pm	8 - 17
THURSDAY			
GIRLS HUB - MULTI-SPORTS		6:00pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm	8 - 12 13 - 17
WBA Community Sports Hall Hudders Rd, West Bromwich B72 6JL			

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