

Friday 14th September 2018

dates for your diary

 PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

MacMillan Coffee Morning

6th Form Students will be baking and selling cakes for a donation. All proceeds go to MacMillan.

FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

ST DOMINIC'S INSET DAY

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

LAST DAY OF TERM

MONDAY 22ND – 27TH OCTOBER

HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER

FIRST DAY OF TERM

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Presentation Evening for Year 11 and 6th Form Leavers.

6.30pm GCSE Art & Photography – Main Hall
7:30pm Presentation in The Chapel

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

ST DOMINIC'S INSET DAY

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)

20TH DECEMBER – 2ND JANUARY 2019

Christmas Holidays



Physical Education



Physical Education Stars of the Week

W/E 14th September 2018

Laila – Year 6

Leo – Year 7

Harrison – Year 7

Patrick – 6th Form

Tristan – 6th Form



Excellent sportsmanship and contributions in class



If your son or daughter is unable to come to school then you will need to phone into the school office and leave a message or speak to Reception before 8.30am detailing the reason for absence. It is also possible to email your son or daughter's Tutor. If you send an email, please copy the school office email in case the tutor does not see the email before the start of the school day. The email address is office@stdominicsschool.org.uk.

If we do not hear from parents/carers and a pupil or student has not arrived at school we then contact taxi companies in the first instance and then parents and carers as we need to ensure that all pupils and students are safe.

If your son or daughter has a medical appointment, then the School Office or Form Tutor need to be notified in advance of the appointment. In the event of you wishing to take your son or daughter out of school for other reasons then you need to write to Mrs Drayton, our Principal to make that request. Mrs Drayton will then respond in writing to confirm whether the absence has been agreed.

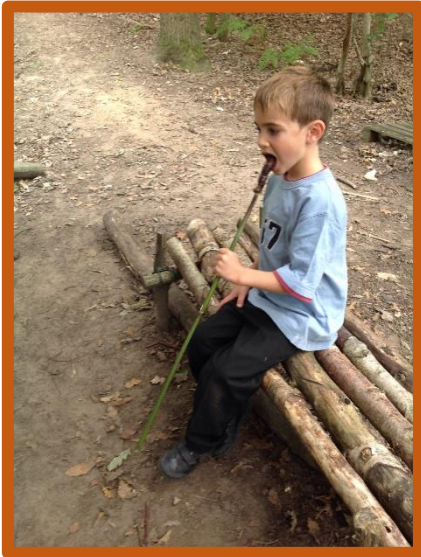
Thank you for your support

Where
are they now?

We were delighted to receive a visit from another past pupil, Joe McGuire. He came to see us all at the end of last half term on Sports Day. He spent his time catching up with pupils and staff and telling us all what he is doing. We are thrilled that he has completed his college courses and this September will be starting a new course at a new college. We look forward to seeing him again and hearing more!

Forest School

This week Edison, George Eric, cooked and ate Dampers (pastry twists) with blackberry sauce.



Peter from Falcons class weaving a bird feeder from willow withies



School Uniform Consultation

The last few Family Forums have raised the subject of school uniform.

In order to ensure we gather as many views as possible from parents and carers please complete the short survey by clicking on the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QRRSZL6>

It should take less than five minutes. Thank you.



STUDENT VOICE ELECTIONS 2018

At the beginning of each academic year we hold elections for our student council. Student Voice meets every two weeks for 25 minutes with an agenda and minutes which are shared at Senior Leadership Meetings. Student Voice plays a significant role in the decision-making and improvements to the school.

We encourage pupils and students throughout the Key Stages to put themselves forward for election to Student Voice.

On September 17th we will be having an assembly on the purpose of Student Voice and the importance it plays in the decision making for improvements etc.

We are supporting any pupils and students who wish to be a member of Student Voice by giving them information about the points they need to make as to why they want to be on the Student Voice Council and what would make them a good choice. We will offer help to all pupils and students who would like support to do this.

Elections will be from September 18th in Key Stage meetings. Representatives will be announced on Friday 21st September in Assembly.

If your son or daughter would like to be considered, you might like to discuss this with them over the weekend.

St. Dominic's School - Social Communication Programme

HANDS UP

The target is to encourage pupils to understand the different conventions of responding appropriately within groups

Facts re ASD

- Pupils often have difficulty with cognitive flexibility and find it difficult to adjust to different rules within social contexts
- They do not easily recognise which behaviour is required and when they need to adapt the way they make contributions e.g. within a lesson/discussion
- They need to have explicit instructions so that they know what is expected of them on each separate occasion

Suggested Script

- This is a hands-up activity. You will need to put your hand up to answer
- This is a discussion. You do not need to put your hand up before you speak. Everyone can join in when they have something to say








Hints and Tips

- Tell pupils whether they are expected to put their hand up or not
- This is also helpful for pupils who struggle to inhibit calling out in lessons
- Be prepared to give regular reminders, as they might have poor short term memory
- Remember that it can take time to change established behaviours
- Remember the value of praise when pupils have achieved the target
- Ensure that you only accept answers from pupils who have raised their hands to answer and do not respond to pupils who have called out
- Make it clear that this is what you are doing. Say 'I am taking answers from people with their hands up. If you want to answer you need to raise your hand'.

Menu for week beginning Monday 17th September 2018

MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST					
MORNING SNACK	Fresh Fruit	Ginger Shortbreads	Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Crunch	Fresh Fruit
LUNCH	Sweet & Sour Pork & Rice Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Rice Wedge Potatoes Jacket Potatoes Carrots Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Bar Egg Mayo	Sausages & Onion with Gravy Quorn Sausages & Onions Mashed Potatoes Jacket Potato Sliced green Beans Roasted Tomatoes Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Cheese	Roast Loin of Pork & Stuffing Macaroni Cheese Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato Cabbage Crushed Swede Fresh Salad Bar Feta & Olive	Minced Beef & Pasta Bake Vegetables & Pasta Bake Minted New Potatoes Jacket Potato Braised Red Cabbage Courgettes Fresh Salad Bar Coronation Chicken	Breaded Cod Stilton & Tomato Quiche Chips Jacket Potatoes Peas Baked Beans Fresh Salad Bar
DESSERT	Rice Pudding & Jam Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Sticky Ginger Marmalade Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Trifle & Cream Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding with chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Pear Tart & Cream Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt

Lunch Break Activities

AUTUMN 2018	2nd LUNCH	3rd LUNCH
MONDAY	 <p>IT CLUB Room 22 Mrs Brown</p>	 <p>WALKING CLUB Enjoy a walk on the common Mrs Chown and Miss Crawford Meet on the yard (please bring a jacket)</p>
	<p>QUIET ACTIVITIES Room 9 Mrs C Hall and Miss Rubens</p>	
	<p>DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Room 12 Mr Regan</p>	
TUESDAY	 <p>ART CLUB Mrs Ritchie/Mrs Brown Art Room</p>	
	<p>After-school 4pm – 7.30pm ART CLUB/OPEN STUDIO For 6th Form, Residential pupils and students, staff and local community (please contact Mrs Ritchie for information)</p>	
WEDNESDAY	 <p>IT CLUB Room 22 Mrs Brown</p>	<p>HEALTH & FITNESS Year 9,10,11 Health & Fitness Suite Gym – Mr Connor</p>
		<p>DEN BUILDING CLUB Meet on Yard Mrs Chown</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Homework Club Room 10 Miss Thomas and Mrs Lambert -----</p>	<p>SOCIAL CLUB Phoenix House Miss Crawford (Every other Thursday)</p>
	 <p>DRAMA CLUB In the Chapel Miss Rubens</p>	
	<p>MAGIC – THE GATHERING In the Lab Mrs Chown</p>	 <p>BASKETBALL CLUB Meet on the Yard</p>
FRIDAY	 <p>IT CLUB Room 22 Mrs Hoad</p>	