



"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' Isaiah 40:3-4

This week our pupils took part in a celebration of the word preparing us as a community for Advent. Our theme focused on the paths our young people are on in this time of preparation. We encouraged them to ensure they are choosing a path of Faith, Hope and Purpose.

As we journey through advent together we hope that all our families are able to spend time together in prayer and reflection. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**



»» CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Matthew P who has recently won the Scouts District Climbing Competition and won a trophy for his achievements. . A fantastic achievement. We are incredibly proud of you Matthew!

»» COMMUNITY NEWS

A charity in Sunderland - More Than Grandparents would like to invite you to attend their Panto on Friday 6th December at St Aidan's Catholic Academy. Tickets are free and can be booked here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kinship-panto-2024-snow-white-and-the-poison-sausage-roll-tickets-1089657899109>

To find out more about the inspirational work of More Than Grandparents please take a look at their website:

[MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS - Home](#)



»» PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 10: D.Akinmutimi , C. Baldwin and L. Annang

Nominated by Miss Livingstone for their passion and leadership skills in delivering the antibullying assembly to the rest of the tutor group. This took a lot of courage and demonstrated their commitment not only to their tutor group but to St Aidan's culture of anti-bullying.

Week 11: A. Oliver-Wade - Nominated by Miss Jopling and Miss Stoker for his support in our Food Bank. His work demonstrates our core values here at St Aidan's. He has helped out every week- coming into school early on Fridays. Well done Alfie, we are very proud of you.

L. Sibley - Nominated for huge improvements in his handwriting. Hard work pays off, well done Logan.

»» **ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
TO DATE: 11,400 (AV. 13.42)**

»» WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 1 Week 11: de/fe/rence. Polite submission and respect.

Cycle 1 Week 12: rapt. completely fascinated or absorbed by what one is seeing or hearing.



»» LEAVING A LEGACY...



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One of the key elements of being part of a community is embracing everything that is offered and growing as a person. I feel that since arriving at St Aidan's three years ago I have done just that. I know my lessons and studies are important, but what I really like to get involved with is Enrichment. I have tried a lot of the clubs since year 7 and have found that the more physical ones such as Dodgeball and Cricket have really helped me develop as a person. I would love my legacy at school to be not only that I gave everything a try but that I inspired others to try something new and take themselves out of their comfort zone. I am proud as to how my journey at St Aidan's has gone since joining in Year 7 and I intend not to waste any time in the next two years so will continue to get involved with as much of school life as I can.



OUR CLIMB CURRICULUM



»» YEAR 7

YEAR 7				
C	L	I	M	B
CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1		Cycle 2	Cycle 3	
British Values Law: Human Rights	Be a role model	Write a reflective paragraph about how Examen impacts you	Have a piece of work featured on display/on social media	Be part of an enrichment group
Cook a meal	Help a peer to complete one of their CLIMB challenges	Support the school baby bank Support the school food bank	Hear a professional talk about their career pathway	Be part of your house group expedition to Walla Crag
9 Protected Characteristics: Religion & Belief				
British Values: Respect	Be part of a OneVoice group	Volunteer for school litter picking	Reading Canon reflection	Read aloud in your form
Write a letter in a different language to a pen friend	Be a leader of sustainability	Raise awareness of an issue or cause	Intrinsic motivation: 4 hours of developing a skill of something you are interested in	Religious holiday: Share a photo + short description if you celebrate any religious holidays

»» YEAR 8

YEAR 8				
C	L	I	M	B
CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1		Cycle 2	Cycle 3	
British Values Democracy:	Take the lead in Examen	Write a reflective paragraph about how Examen impacts you	Have a piece of work featured on display/on social media	Be part of an enrichment group
Numeracy: Countdown	Help a peer to complete one of their CLIMB challenges	Write a card/letter to someone who is lonely	Be named pupil of the week	'In pursuit of holiness'
9 Protected Characteristics: Disability				
British Values: Tolerance	Be part of a OneVoice group	Volunteer for school litter picking	Research a career you are interested in	Reflection on Easter Liturgy
Visit a museum or an art gallery	Lead an activity in school	Take part in a beach/park clean	Reading Canon reflection	Support Macmillan Coffee morning

YEAR 9

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C	L	I	M	B
CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1		Cycle 2	Cycle 3	
British Values Democracy: Research what issues Parliament are discussing	Reflect on what it means to be a leader	Write a reflective paragraph about how Examen impacts you	Write about what your goals are and how you are going to achieve them	Be part of an enrichment group
Learn about an inspirational person of faith	Help a peer to complete one of their CLIMB challenges	Learn about a different culture	Hear a professional talk about their career pathway	Easter/Ramadan Reflection
9 Protected Characteristics: Race		Volunteer for school litter picking	Research a career you are interested in	Edmund Rice Feast Day
British Values: Individual Liberty	Be part of a OneVoice group	Volunteer for school litter picking	Research a career you are interested in	Edmund Rice Feast Day
Compose a song/piece of music/poem	Lead an activity in school	Write about a time you demonstrated dependability	Reading Canon reflection	Attend Church Mass or other place of worship at the weekend

YEAR 10

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C	L	I	M	B
CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1		Cycle 2	Cycle 3	
Find and complete a work experience placement	Work towards DoE award	Write about a career path you want to take and the strengths you have to achieve success	Have a piece of work featured on display/on social media	Be part of an enrichment group
Watch a film in a different language	Help a peer to complete one of their CLIMB challenges	Identify a strength in a peer	Hear a professional talk about their career pathway	Volunteer to read, or an active role in Form class Mass
9 Protected Characteristics: Gender		British Values: Respect	Research a career you are interested in	Prepare and lead prayer during a school trip
Navigate your way using a map	Be part of a OneVoice group	British Values: Respect	Research a career you are interested in	Prepare and lead prayer during a school trip
Take a photo of a piece of art that you are in awe of	Mentor another pupil	Take part in a beach/park clean	Reading Canon reflection	Advent Angel

6TH FORM

YEAR 12				
C	L	I	M	B
CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1 Week 1-6		Cycle 2 Week 1-6	Cycle 3 Week 7-13	
British Values Democracy: research what issues Parliament are discussing	DoE Award	How do you demonstrate empathy in your life?	Legacy	Volunteer to help in a liturgy
Visit a university	John Paul II Award	Write a card/letter to someone who is lonely	Hear a professional talk about their career pathway	Take part in an enrichment activity
9 Protected Characteristics: Marriage & Civil Partnership		Personal Development Reflection	Research a career you are interested in	Lead prayers
Mock interview	Be part of a leadership group	Volunteer	Research a career you are interested in	Lead prayers
Reading Canon Reflection	Lead a fundraising opportunity	Write about a time you expressed honesty	Intrinsic motivation: 4 hours of developing a skill of something you are interested in	How are you following Jesus' teaching during the Ordinary time?

CLIMB: Y13 Challenge

CHALLENGE	LEADERSHIP	INTEGRITY	MOTIVATION	BELONG
Cycle 1: Week 1-6	All year	Cycle 2: Week 1-6	Cycle 3: Week 7-13	All year
British Values Law: Human Rights	Be a role model	Write a reflective paragraph about how Examen impacts you	Have a piece of work featured on display/social media	Be part of an enrichment group
Cook a meal	Help a peer to complete one of their CLIMB challenges	Support the school baby bank	Hear a professional talk about their career pathway	Be part of your house group expedition to Walla Crag
9 Protected Characteristics: Religion & Belief	Support the school food bank	Volunteer for school litter picking	Reading Canon reflection	Lead an aspect of morning meeting
British Values: Respect	Be part of a OneVoice group	Raise awareness of an issue or cause	Intrinsic motivation: 4 hours of developing a skill of something you are interested in	Religious holiday: Share a photo + short description if you celebrate any religious holidays
Write a letter in a different language to a pen friend	Be a leader of sustainability	Raise awareness of an issue or cause	Intrinsic motivation: 4 hours of developing a skill of something you are interested in	Religious holiday: Share a photo + short description if you celebrate any religious holidays

Setting yourselves challenges helps to improve your growth mindset which in turn will strengthen your resilience to any challenges you may face in life.

Every challenge you complete will be credited. Good luck!

»» ENRICHMENT



Monday

Piano Lessons MU1- Mr Shepherd (£72 per term)	Dodgeball Sports Hall Mr Hutton -
Bronze IDEA Award Digital Enterprise (ICT) 312 - Miss Cain	Badminton Sports Hall Mr Hutton
Chess Club Reading Room - Mr Herbertson	First Aid Club 113 – Miss Reid and Miss Livingston
Camp Craft 111- Mrs Kilminster	Year 10 Football Ashbrooke - Mr Flounders
Football (Year 7 Football) The Limes - Mr Watts & Mr Dunn	GCSE Spanish Club Year 10 & 11 104 – Mrs McKenna
Further Maths (Y11) 210 - Mrs Hudson	Spark Maths Club 312 – Mrs Smith
History Club 109 - Mr Nunn	Creative Writing 306 Miss Sansom
Homework Club 311, 314	Book to film club 301 Mrs Gardner
Art Club 162 - Mrs Nipper	Handwriting Club 123 - Miss Hodgson
Board Games 207 – Mrs Cooper	Orienteering Ashbrooke Mr Flounders

Tuesday Wednesday

6th Form Badminton Sports Hall P.E Staff
Violin Lessons Music room Mr Nyberg (£72 per term)
Homework Club Room 311, 314
Football with Mo Year 7&8 (£4 per session) Sports Hall
Archive Club Mr Evans in 313
6th Form Fitness Sessions School Gym P.E Staff

Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Robotics Club 164 - Mr Wallace
Drum Lessons Music room Mr Wake (£72 per term)
Dungeons and Dragons Reading Room Mr Richardson
Equality and diversity group 160
Volleyball Club Sports Hall- Mr Flounders
Football (Year 9) Ashbrooke 3G Mr Gray
Homework Club 311, 314
Crisp Packet Appeal 205 - Mrs Priest
Bass Guitar Lessons MU1 Mr Harland (£72 per term)
Gardening Club Briery Mrs Armstrong
MOOC Mr Morris in 225
Spanish Club 106 - Mrs Alonso
Warhammer Mr Evans

Thursday

Basketball Sports Hall Mr Adey & Coach (£1)	Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Maths Enrichment 212 - Mr Mann	Homework Club 311, 314
St Aidan Singers 104 – Mr Payne	Running Club P.E Mobiles - Mr Coon
Careers Champion 103 - Mrs Osmialowski	NEA Master Class Room 401- Mr Morris Year 13
Gym Club School Gym Mr Watts	Science Club 121 – Science Staff
Football (Year 8) The Limes with Mr Hutton	Table Tennis Mobiles Mr Hamilton
1st Lego League – Super Power 166 - Mrs Swales	Rock Band @ The Bunker 4-6pm Mr Payne

Friday

BTEC Music Mr Payne
Cello Lessons Music room Mrs Pearson (£72 per term)
Woodwind Lessons Music Room Mr Toomey (£72 per term)
Football (Y7&8) Sports Hall Mo *£5 a session
Homework Club 311, 314
Rugby Ashbrooke 3G Mr Adey

Daily before school:

Breakfast Canteen
Reading Club Reading Room Mrs Naile

Here at **St. Aidan's Catholic Academy** we believe in a curriculum that the mind, enriches the community and advances the future of our students. Our enrichment programme is integral to this broad and rich curriculum. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:
0191 520 0333

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS OUR CITY...

Youth Almighty Project

Silksworth Youth and
Community Centre
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sun

joanne@youthalmighty.co.uk

Sunderland Community Action Group

Dame Dorothy Youth
Hub
Mon, Wed

[sunderlandcommunity
actiongroup@hotmail.com](mailto:sunderlandcommunityactiongroup@hotmail.com)

Sendai Kushiro Karate

Raich Carter Sports
Centre
Tues, Thurs

sendaikushiro@gmail.com

SK Dance School of Performing Arts:

Tap, Jazz, Ballet
Pennywell Community
College
Mon- Sat

shameen_azel1@hotmail.com

Archery Marine Walk

mike@sunmac.org.uk

Beginners Boxing

25 Falkland Road,
Sunderland
Mon, Wed

marie.mould@lpsych.com

COSTS

Please contact the
provider directly to
inquire about the cost
of the activity.

Basketball

25 Falkland Road,
Sunderland
Wed

marie.mould@lpsych.com

Hockey Club

Raich Carter
Sports Centre
Tues, Sat

cox.rosalind@gmail.com

Click the box to go to their website for further information

