



E-Briefing for Parents, Carers and Students Friday 15th January

Prayers and Reflections

The theme of our week this week has been dignity, and our Sacred Space activities have focused on this core Gospel Value through our prayers and reflections.

*"Human dignity is the same for all human beings:
When I trample on the dignity of another,
I am trampling on my own."* [Pope Francis]



*Loving Father,
In all of us there is a longing
for a life that has not yet come,
for a world that that is free and just,
for a dream of hope for all people.
May your Kingdom come.
Amen*

English Department - Short Story Competition for Years 7, 8 and 9

We may be feeling trapped at home during this lockdown... what better way to pass the time and feel inspired than by writing your own short story?

There will be a winner in each year group and a Grand Prize for the overall winner. Get writing and good luck!

Rules of entry:

- ✓ Your story must be typed
- ✓ It must be no longer than 750 words
- ✓ The theme of your story must be 'trapped'

Email your entries to Mrs Baglole i.baglole@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk by Friday 5th February



Year 8 Parents' and Carers' Evening

All Year 8 families should have received a letter from Mrs Rexha outlining details of the consultation evening on 28th January. Please take time to read this letter and begin to make your appointments if you have not already done so. Please email Mrs Rexha with any questions, or if you have any issues making your appointments.

Information from Cheshire Police on 'Missing Children'

Please find attached an important document from Cheshire Police. It explains what to do if your child is missing from home and you are not sure of where they are. It also provides guidance of some resources to support you in keeping your children safe during this time. They have also asked us to highlight their Facebook and Twitter accounts to help parents during lockdown with their children. There will be weekly topics, this week being a guide to online safety. (Twitter: [@CheshireSSYP](https://twitter.com/CheshireSSYP) / Facebook: [Cheshire safer schools and young people partnership](https://www.facebook.com/CheshireSaferSchools))

Remote Learning

Teaching staff are delighted with the remote learning engagement of so many of our students. As their remote learning skills develop, some lessons may start to incorporate a wider range of opportunities for student interaction. Do refer to the School's Behaviour Policy on the school website should you require any guidance of our high expectations of students.

Next week, Mr Wycherley will be providing further updates and guidance on remote learning to parents, carers and students – please do take a few moments to watch the videos which will include helpful hints and tips to support your children at home.

Exam Update

Year 11 and Year 13 students have received letters this week providing an update on GCSE and A-Level examinations this year. Letters between the Department for Education and Ofqual have been shared, which outline possible areas for consideration in the forthcoming consultation. Copies of these letters can be found on the [school website](#).

Guidance for Parents and Carers

The Government has produced [updated guidance](#) for all parents and carers on matters relating to school closure. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us at school via the usual channels of communication.