



ABI UPDATE

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JESUIT VIRTUE - SUMMER TERM 2



Our school community is being asked this term to be **intentional and prophetic**. Intentional in the way that they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.



Our word of the week this week is **resilience**. How are you using our word of the week at home?

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Summer Blessing for families.

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING: MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Face coverings:

Wear something that covers your nose and mouth:

- on public transport. **Mask-wearing has been compulsory on public transport in England since 15 June.**
- when you go to hospital appointments or visit someone in hospital. **Mask-wearing has been compulsory at NHS facilities across the UK since 15 June.**
- If you can, also wear a face covering in other places when it's hard to stay away from people.

Wearing a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England is to become mandatory from 24 July 2020.

Those who fail to comply with the new rules will face a fine of up to £100, the government has announced.

- Face coverings should not be worn by children under 3 and people who would find wearing them difficult (such as people with breathing difficulties).

To find out who needs to wear a face covering on public transport, see safer travel guidance for passengers on GOV.UK.

MESSAGE FROM MISS BURROWS

As we approach the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your overwhelming trust, patience and support over the last few months. It has been a year none of us could have predicted or planned for and no doubt we will all continue to feel the impact of Covid-19 for some time yet. But the good news is that we will be opening our doors to all pupils again in September and I am looking forward to feeling the school come alive again.

There will be some changes to timings during the school day and there will be other aspects of school that will be different, but I will write to you with more details in the new term. We will be working on plans over the summer to ensure that pupils and staff are as safe when they return to school in September. Please read the letter on our website to check the arrangements for the start of term. I would ask that pupils follow the timings and guidance on their allocated entrance and exit points so that we can keep school as safe as possible. And now our attention should turn to the summer holidays. I hope that everyone has a peaceful and relaxing break.

God Bless Miss Burrows

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED LEARNERS AND EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE:

Year 7: Hoorain K (MON5) & Nyasha N (JOS4) ★★
Year 8: Kenzie T (BRI5) & Tayla G (JOS4)
Year 9: Grace M (CAS3) & Evie M (BRI2)
Year 10: Ethan-Joe A (JOS2) & Barakah D (FRX6))

Look out for your certificates on ClassCharts! Well done all!



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Our Sixth Form Team have created a Newsletter, the 'VI Update' dedicated to all things Sixth Form! This week's edition features a Year 11 into 12 Transition special with lots of helpful tips and guidance for our new Year 12 students. The newsletter has been emailed to all new and current Year 12 parents and carers and has also been tweeted out. Make sure that you take a look and follow our Sixth Form twitter on @ABIlIsley6th for all Sixth Form updates



SUMMER EXAM RESULTS 2020

Just a reminder that results day for students who would have taken exams this summer will be on:

Thursday 13th August - Year 13 students can collect their results on 13th August between 9.00am – 12.00 pm from the sports hall. Mr El’Habid will be available to offer support for any students in need of advice regarding their next steps.

Thursday 20th August - Year 11 students can collect their results between 9.00am and 12.00pm from the sports hall. Enrolment for joining Archbishop Ilsey Sixth Form will take place in the main hall.

Only students can collect their results from school. Unfortunately, parents/carers or other family members will not be allowed on site. Any results that are not collected from school at the allocated times will be posted home by 1st class mail to the student. Textbooks or revision guides which should be returned to school can be left on the tables provided. To maintain the safety of students and staff, when collecting your results, please follow the directions from members of staff. Measures will be put in place to ensure social distancing and please use the hand sanitising stations. Should you or any member of your family be displaying any symptoms for COVID-19, please do not collect your results from school.

We very much look forward to seeing students on their results days and helping them with their next steps. Year 11 students, don't forget to continue to use the Year 11-12 transition materials on our website to help prepare you for your new path at Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School.

SEPTEMBER 2020 AUTUMN START DATES

Please see below for details of the plans for the start of term for each year group. We are deliberately staggering the start of term to allow us time to fully brief the students on the new arrangements for their day before the timetable starts.

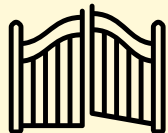


- **Wednesday 2nd September:** INSET day (school closed to all students)
- **Thursday 3rd September:** INSET day (school closed to all students)
- **Friday 4th September:** Y7, Y11 and Sixth Form only (see website for further details regarding start times and allocated entrances)
- **Monday 7th September:** All year groups in school at staggered times (see website for further details regarding start times and allocated entrances)

Students should not arrive before their allocated times.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES AND EXITS FOR USE IN SEPTEMBER 2020

In order to manage student numbers entering and exiting the school site, we will be using our three entrances from September, so please check which gate your child/children will need to use.



- Year 7 students - Use main entrance on Victoria Road entrance at beginning and end of school day
- Year 8 students - Use main entrance on Victoria Road entrance at beginning and end of school day
- Year 9 students - Use main entrance on Victoria Road entrance at beginning and end of school day
- Year 10 students - Use gate by Holy Souls Social Club at beginning and end of school day
- Year 11 students - Use gate by Holy Souls Social Club at beginning and end of school day
- Year 12 students- Use Shirley Road gate (near Jeffries) at beginning and end of school day
- Year 13 students- Use Shirley Road gate (near Jeffries) at beginning and end of school day

There will be other measures in place and some changes within the school day, to include cleaning stations, staggered breaks, lunchtimes and end of day dismissal and zoned playgrounds and social time to ensure that both staff and students are as safe as possible.



STUDENT EQUIPMENT - BE READY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

It is more important than ever, that students are **ready to learn** and have their own equipment for use in lessons in September; the summer holiday would be an ideal time to get this equipment together. See the list below for a reminder of that essential equipment. **Please also see our website for our uniform list.**

All students must be in full school uniform and should have the necessary equipment with them on their first day back in September.

Students should have the following equipment as standard every day:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Green Pen
- Clear Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator



Replacement items can be purchased at a small cost from Student Services Shop.

Scientific calculators can be bought from the school Maths Department at a cost of £9.

SCHOOL PE KIT

A. For Physical Education Lessons

Compulsory Kit	Girls Optional Kit	Optional Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AISC Navy Blue & Red polo shirt with school logo• AISC Navy Blue & Red shorts• AISC Navy Blue & Red socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AISC Navy Blue Leggings• AISC Navy Blue Polo Shirt	AISC Navy Blue ¼ Zip Top

B. For Swimming

Swimming hat Plain Navy; Blue/Black swimming costume (Girls)
Plain Navy Blue swimming shorts/trunks (above the knee)
Towel



**The new PE is now available kit can only be bought through MIDLAND SCHOOLWEAR
1160 Warwick Rd, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BP. Telephone 0121 707 2033.
For sizes and prices please see website <https://www.midlandschoolwear.co.uk/>**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background. That is just one of the reasons why we prioritise reading at Archbishop Ilsley. Over the summer holiday, why not try The Summer Reading Challenge which encourages children to read six books over the holiday. Usually, you visit the library over the summer break to sign-off for the different stages. However, this year the scheme has been adapted to a digital version.



This year, children will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Launched in June 2020, the challenge is free to access and features games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and families to take part in treading related activities at home. Read more here and why not get involved! <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Remember that students can also be reading with Accelerated Reader using the following link and their usual username and password. The can also access books via myON which give students access to more than 6,000 enhanced digital books. Student can also use audible.co.uk to a huge variety of audio books.

Please encourage your children to keep reading this summer!



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Justus et Tenax Propositi – Just and Firm of Purpose

TRANSITION

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**7 weeks
to go...**

Welcome to Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School

Hi everyone. The six week holidays are here! A very different one for us at Ilsey and for you perhaps. Make sure you look after yourself over this period and re-watch any of the Virtual Tours, complete the 'Go Big' booklets and try and get out and about this Summer.

We can't wait to see you on Friday 4th September.



Please sign up to Twitter and follow us, as lots of communication is available.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Christ, Teacher and Lord, Bless all in this school as we seek to end our year with the grace You so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students and the faculties, the administrators and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth. We affirm all the positive moments: of insight, of the excitement of learning, of accomplishment, of creativity, of laughter, of a sense of community. We recognise the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, even of failure...We give these to You for transformation, so they can become seeds that will find fertile soil. As we leave for the summer, may we take with us the knowledge that You will keep us all in Your embrace so we may rest and be restored and so we can continue in the ongoing discovery of Your Love.

Amen.

MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH (Head of Year 7)

Hi Year 6

I hope you all have a fantastic Summer and recharge your batteries for your new adventures in September.

We are working hard at school to ensure it is safe and clean for you all. We will not let anything stop you transitioning to Ilsey in a positive and happy way.

See you on 4th September!

SUMMER CHALLENGE - Year 6



Next week you will receive a 4 week challenge.

Have a go at them all to get you ready for September.

Parents, look out for emails about this.

PARENT INFORMATION

You will be receiving information about PE kit through email shortly. There is also information on the main ABI Newsletter. Please have a look at it, as it tells you what it is, where to get it from and prices. Any issues please just let us know at school.

The 100 hour asset

We're all so busy doing our work that sometimes we fail to build a skill worth owning.

If you invest 100 hours in a rare skill, you're likely to acquire it. If you could learn to sharpen a tool better than your peers, organise a high-performance database, see the nuances in some sector of cryptography, know how to build a pretty-good WordPress site or really understand the arc of a particular writer's career, you'd have something of value.

Something that anyone who was focused enough to invest 100 hours in could have that value, but few will choose to commit to it. String together a few of those, or dig deep and develop a 1,000 hour asset and now you truly have something. There's huge pressure to fit in and plenty of benefits if you invest the time and stand out instead. Twenty hours a week for a year and you can know something that puts you in a new category. Access to knowledge isn't nearly as difficult as the desire to learn.

