



# Weekly Information

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Week 20

## Encouragement for the week.

### Mark 1: 9-11

#### *The baptism and testing of Jesus*

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

#### **Save the Date - Tenaciter Talks**

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> April, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April, Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Directly after the Easter holidays we will be holding a series of theological talks in school, given by leading theologians on topics of relevance to the A Level and GCSE Religious Studies syllabus. Our guest speakers will be Dr. Stephen Wright, Director of Research at Spurgeon's College and Professor Helen Bond, Professor in Christian Origins at Edinburgh University.

These talks are for all A Level Religious Studies students and GCSE pupils aiming for higher grades (Grades 7-9) at GCSE. They will be invaluable in helping with exam revision and preparation. Parents are also very warmly invited to attend these talks, out of general interest, and also to gather information that can then be used to support their children with revision and learning in Religious Studies.

Further details will be sent out shortly after half term, but we would be grateful if parents could reserve the dates in their diaries now.

**FREE Handball Club** – We have been lucky to have secured a coach to deliver a free Handball lessons after school every Monday for 30 weeks from 3:30-4:30pm in the Sports Hall. All pupils are welcome so please come along. . The next session is on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mr Scott Head of PE**

## Key Information for the week ahead - Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February

### Whole School

*Second Half-Term Begins - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am*

*No assemblies in the hall this week, due to exams.*

### Year 7

*Monday – Assembly in Sixth Form Centre 8.40am*

*Friday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 8

*Readathon begins*

*Tuesday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 9

*Thursday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 10

*Monday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 11

*All week – Mock Exams*

### Sixth Form

*Wednesday - No assembly*

## New School Term Dates for 2018-2019



**Archbishop Tenison's**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### Term Dates 2018-19

Since September we have been giving fresh thought to the structure of the Autumn Term. In our decision about next year's term dates, we have taken the following points into consideration:

1. A growing number of schools have been moving to a longer Autumn half-term holiday.
2. It is not a good idea for the second half of the Autumn Term to last longer than 7 weeks.
3. It is good to make a swift start at the beginning of September.
4. It is also good to have a full 2 week holiday at Christmas with 3 weekends.
5. There is often scope for a slightly shorter Easter holiday, depending on where Easter falls, without us noticing it too much.
6. It makes sense to start the summer holiday on the appropriate Friday of July – making holiday bookings easier – but also to get going as soon as we can at the end of the summer, once the exam results are in and the August bank holiday is behind us.
7. The 5 Staff Development days are best attached to the start or end of a holiday, minimising interruptions to the weekly pattern within term-time.
8. No solution is ever going to be perfect from all angles.

**These are the dates for 2018-19:**

Term	Dates
<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>
<b>Half-Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Half-term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	<b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Half-term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	

**This will enable us to trial the two-week autumn half-term holiday and see how we like it.**

For pupils and students, this will give us two full 7 week blocks of teaching in the Autumn Term, without any interruptions.

For staff we see good opportunities in having the Staff Development Days at the beginning of each of the first three half-terms. We will be holding these at the end of August, the start of November and on the first Monday of January.

Thank you

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