

18/09/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our celebration of the word centred on Mark 9:30–37: **"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."** This admonition to humility and service has a particular resonance within our school community. For our pupils, to be "last" in this sense is to be first in character: to consider others, to offer support without expectation, and to accept responsibility for the common good. I have seen these virtues lived out in corridors and classrooms — pupils who help a peer with homework, who quietly collect litter around the site, who offer encouragement to younger students — small acts that cumulatively shape a compassionate and purposeful culture at St Gabriel's.

Attendance

Attendance remains a key priority. While overall attendance in Year 11 is better than this time last year and currently stands at 92.7%, it remains below the level we know yields the strongest academic outcomes. Evidence from our own data is unequivocal: attendance above 95% correlates with the best results for our pupils. It is therefore vital that we all work together to sustain and improve attendance so every young person can access the learning that will enable them to flourish.

I wish to commend Year 8 for an encouraging start to the year. Their current attendance rate of 94.6% represents a meaningful improvement on the previous Year 8 cohort, which stood at 93%. This upward trajectory is testament to the efforts of pupils, families and staff, and I encourage us to build on this positive momentum.

Open evening

Please be aware that school will close early on Tuesday 22nd September to allow staff time to prepare for our annual Open Evening.

Students will be dismissed at 1:35pm on this day.

Year 11 tuition

Our Year 11 after-school tuition continues to flourish. These targeted sessions provide vital curriculum reinforcement and exam preparation; on a two-date snapshot we recorded 191 attendances, demonstrating strong pupil commitment to improvement. Continued participation in these sessions, alongside high daily attendance, will make a tangible difference to outcomes.

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You said...We did

Several student have asked for a Culture Day so on
Tuesday 29th September we are holding a.....

St Gabriel's Feast Culture Day

- Students and staff can wear their own families' cultural clothes/attire, Sports Team Football/Rugby/Netball shirt or school uniform (Donation to the charity Water Aid
- During this week there will be different lunch time food from around the world.
- Form Groups are to decorate around their form door with images which represent their unique form members identity. (Prize for the best display)
- Curriculum activities on different cultures in lessons.

Autumn Term Sports Clubs

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WHERE?	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
@ LUNCH TIME					
Sports Hall	<u>KS3</u> Badminton Basketball	<u>YEAR 7</u> Netball	<u>YEAR 7/8 Boys</u> Indoor Football	<u>ALL Girls</u> Multi-Sports	<u>Year 7-9 Girls</u> Multi-sports <u>Year 10/11</u> Basketball
Gym	<u>All Years</u> Table Tennis	<u>YEARS 10/11</u> Basketball	<u>All Years Girls</u> Basketball/Table tennis	<u>YEARS 9/10/11</u> Basketball	<u>YEARS 7-9 Boys</u> Multi-Sports
@ AFTER SCHOOL					
Sports Hall/ Outside	<u>YEARS 8,9 and 10</u> Netball	If no netball fixtures: Multi-Sports including Girls Football	<u>YEARS 7-9 + Y10</u> Trampolining		<u>GCSE and VPE</u> Study Support Revision Support
Gym/ Outside	<u>YEARS 7/8 boys</u> Football	<u>YEARS 7-9</u> Rugby			

This extra-curricular Timetable will be going ahead each week on the condition that there are NO fixtures and staff are available.
For lunchtime sessions- TRAINERS MUST be brought, bags and food in the changing rooms ONLY!

Thank you for your ongoing support in living out the values we celebrate and in ensuring that pupils attend regularly. Together we create the conditions in which every student can develop academically, morally and spiritually.

Kind regards,

Mr S Braithwaite
Headteacher



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Year 11

MOCK EXAMINATION INFORMATION EVENING



**Thursday
1st October**

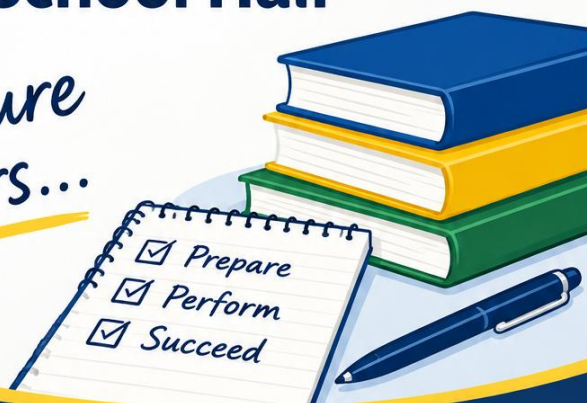


5.30 – 6.30pm



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OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER 2026

5.00pm – 7.00pm

FOR YEARS 5 & 6

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