St Gregory's Catholic Science College Newsletter

Summer 2026



From the Headteacher

As another academic year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly rewarding year for our school community. This term has been filled with achievement, opportunity and countless moments that remind us why our school is such a special place.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly receiving an Outstanding judgement in our Catholic Schools Inspectorate (Section 48) inspection. This recognition belongs to every member of our community. It reflects the commitment of our staff, the support of our families, the guidance of our governors and, most importantly, the kindness, faith and character shown by our pupils every day.

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the breadth of opportunities available to our young people. During this term pupils have travelled to Paris, explored the Lake District, completed Geography residential fieldwork, visited Imperial College London, the Natural History Museum, RHS Garden Wisley, London Zoo and a Hindu temple, as well as enjoying activities including archery, laser tag, go-karting and Gaelic football tournaments. Our Summer Concert and Sports Day once again showcased the talent, teamwork and enthusiasm that make our pupils such a pleasure to work with.

I have been particularly impressed by our Year 10 students, who approached their first set of mock examinations with maturity and determination. Alongside this, their retreat and their Business and Enterprise Day gave them valuable opportunities to reflect, develop new skills and prepare for the important year ahead.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their public examinations after many months of hard work and perseverance. They have represented the school with resilience and maturity throughout the examination season, and we are immensely proud of them. We now look forward to celebrating their achievements on results days. It was also a pleasure to see our Year 11 students enjoy such a memorable Prom.
As we look ahead, we are delighted that the school remains heavily oversubscribed, with a substantial waiting list for September. We are grateful that so many families continue to place their trust in our school.

This time of year also brings farewells. We thank Mr Brozny, Ms Joseph and Mr Wanas for their dedication and service, and wish them every success in the future. At the beginning of June, we were pleased to welcome Ms Gayle and Mr Smith to our staff. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Naz, Mr Ajithan and Mr Fearon who will be joining us in September.

Finally, thank you to our staff, governors, parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have created another wonderful chapter in the life of our school. I wish you all a peaceful, restful summer, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning, faith and opportunity.

Madeleine Moran

Paris Trip

This term during May and July, we were delighted to take a large number of Year 10 pupils on a residential visit to Paris. Whilst in La Ville Lumière, they had the opportunity to make some delicious crêpes, visit famous stadiums such as Stade de France and Parc des Princes and enjoy the breathtaking monuments of Paris from a cruise on the River Seine. Of course, no Paris trip is complete without a visit to Disneyland and pupils hugely enjoyed a magical day seeing characters we all know and love as well as some thrilling rollercoasters! On the final morning, pupils had the opportunity to spend some time in reflection at the beautiful Sacré-Coeur Cathedral in the north of the city. It was incredibly touching to see them take the time to reflect prayerfully on their visit as well as on Year 10 coming to an end and making the leap into Year 11. A huge merci to Year 10 for being fantastic representatives of our school whilst overseas!

Miss Janes, 2nd in charge of Modern Foreign Languages







TfL Travel Pioneers' Eco Summit





Today, our team of 13 Travel Pioneers attended the TFL Pioneers' Eco Summit at the London Transport Museum. We took centre stage to give a presentation to other schools about our own active travel initiatives and everything we have been working on this year. Throughout the day, we took part in hands-on engineering activities and participated in a question-and-answer session where we learnt about TFL's future plans for greener transport and shared our own ideas. We also explored the incredible museum exhibits to see how London's transport has evolved over time. The best part of the trip was collaborating with other students, seeing the amazing environmental projects they are working on, and getting inspired to make our school even more eco-friendly.

Jessica Dias 8M

KS3 Adventure at Newlands

Our KS3 students had a fantastic time on their recent residential trip to Newlands Activity Centre, enjoying an action-packed few days filled with adventure, teamwork and plenty of laughter!
The biggest highlight of the trip was undoubtedly ghyll scrambling, where students climbed, scrambled and splashed their way through rocky streams and waterfalls. Students also enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, raft building, rock climbing and many more exciting activities.
It was wonderful to see students challenging themselves, overcoming fears and encouraging one another throughout the trip. They demonstrated fantastic resilience, teamwork and independence and represented St Gregory's brilliantly.
A huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time to make the trip possible, and well done to all our KS3 students for making the Newlands residential such a memorable experience!

Miss Curley, Assistant Headteacher






Year 11 Prom

We were delighted to welcome our Year 11 cohort to a night of celebration at their Year 11 Prom on Thursday 2nd July, held at the Kadwa Patidar Centre. It was a fantastic evening and our students truly deserved this special occasion after a year of hard work and dedication.
A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms Murphy, Mrs Haines, Mrs Riordan, and the wonderful catering team at St Gregory's for making the night such a memorable success. It has been an honour to be their Head of Year and I wish them all the very best for their results and their bright futures ahead.

Mrs Esposito, Head of Year 11






Tower of London and Whitechapel

Year 10 students recently enjoyed a trip to the Tower of London and Whitechapel as part of their GCSE History course. One year 10 student said, 'the trip was really enjoyable and we got to learn from the tour guides where everything we had been taught took place.' while another student commented that it was 'a great trip out with our class that educated us on the events of Whitechapel' - thank you very much to the staff who lead the tours so well and to the students for being a credit to the school as we ventured round the historic sites as they exist today. Well done to our Year 10 History cohort.

Mr Anderson, Head of History





Swaminarayan Temple Visit

Year 8 students recently visited Shree Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Temple as part of their Religious Education studies. They learnt about Hindu beliefs, explored the temple, and asked questions about worship and traditions. The trip helped students develop a greater understanding of Hinduism, which they are studying this half term.

Miss K Prindiville, 2nd in charge of R.E.



Uniform Donations

Thanks to everyone who donated uniform in good condition to our Upcycled Uniform Shop, the Year 9 Eco Committee raised £800 for St Greg's Pantry at the recent Y6 Transition Evening.

Due to the phenomenal success of this event, we are now in great need of pre-loved blazers and PE kit. Please keep your donations coming. The School Office will also be open to receive donations on 20th and 21st July.

Mrs Hovey, Head of Eco Schools Sustainability



Reading Buddies Celebration Breakfast

Our Reading Buddies Celebration Breakfast recognised the commitment of our Year 12 Reading Buddies and the KS3 students they have supported throughout the year. Through regular sessions, Year 12 students have helped younger readers build confidence and improve their reading. The celebration included breakfast, awards, and games, providing a fitting end to a successful programme that has made a real difference to our KS3 students.

Ms Pitkin, Teacher of History



Imperial College Visit

On Wednesday 1st July, a group of Year 10 students visited Imperial College London. Dr Hui gave us a tour of the campus, showing us where he studied for his undergraduate degree and completed his PhD research. We also visited the Royal Albert Hall, where Imperial students graduate.

We attended an engaging taster lecture on hydrogels and their potential use in cardiovascular medicine, before learning more about the field of bioengineering. It was an inspiring visit that left me keen to discover more.

Laura Jasinska 10M

UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge 2026

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 7 and Year 8 students in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge 2026. This national competition recognises students who show strong logical thinking, clear reasoning, and confidence when tackling challenging mathematical problems.

The Junior Challenge is designed to stretch students' thinking. Many of the problems are accessible to all, while still offering a real challenge for those with more experience. Our students approached the competition with enthusiasm and determination, and their results reflect their hard work.

A number of pupils achieved Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificates, placing them among the highest performers across the country:

Gold — awarded to roughly the top 8–9% of students nationally
Silver — awarded to about 16–17% of students nationally
Bronze — awarded to around 25% of students nationally
We are extremely proud of every student who took part. Their commitment to problem-solving and their willingness to take on new challenges represent the very best of our school community.

Year 7 Bronze Winners:
Rachael D'Souza, Simona Diaz, Veberley Fernandes, Markos Jarjoura, Jessica Jasinska, Giacomo Jolley, James Keville, Mark Makevicius, Ethan Normenyo, Arion Nwosu, Cataleya Petrencu, Julia Prasad, Jovial Prins, Lucas Quotizzata Bodley, Maanvi Ragulathas, Jenson Rodrigues, Amelia Smart, Miusa Vas and Pola Zdeb.
Year 7 Silver Winners:
Mykolas Dauksa, Valentina Denyer, Nehum Fernandes, Patrick Forde, Conor Haran, Ellie-Mai Headd-McDermott, Antoni Mieczkowski, Aimon Petrencu and Franciszek Puzniak.
Year 7 Gold Winner:
Pleffa Fernandes
Year 8 Bronze Winners:
Aabharan Ahilan, Cora Aldridge, Shayan Ananthan, Daniel Arasp, David Burghelea, Leon Cera, Ivy Coombes, Jessica Dias, Jishal Dias, Franklin Fernandes, Thomas Galik, Joyson Gracias, Enzo Hareb, Serena Hastick-Smith, Alice Jackson, Loukas Jarjoura, Moses Kankam, Oliver Kowalina, Nela Kubinska, Ansley Martins, Magda Maurovich Horvat, Stephen McCarthy, Darius Petrisor, Wenrick Pinto, Zuzanna Pocalun, Cavan Rodrigues, Annora Teixeira and Niamh Terry.
Year 8 Silver Winners:
Dillon Beisty, Olivia Bravo, Princeo Colimao, Prince Dias, Luke Gibbons, Arika Gonsalves, Kenechukwu Okoye, Adrien Pigault, Eli Ryan, Archie Venting,
Year 8 Gold Winners:
Emily McGivney and Rita Chebli

In addition, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Emily McGivney, who achieved a Silver award in the Junior Kangaroo 2026 and to Rita Chebli, who achieved a Gold award in the Junior Kangaroo 2026.

Ms Shah, Teacher of Maths





Eco Active Week



The week commencing 8 June was Eco Active Week, coordinated by the Year 8 Travel Ambassadors, to encourage students to walk or cycle to school instead of travelling by car. Activities included a poster campaign, a Walk to School Week challenge, a Golden Lock prize draw for cyclists, and a cycling skills competition. The event was sponsored by Medbike in Kenton, who serviced bicycles, supported the competition and presented prizes to participants. Medbike also offers St Gregory's students and staff a discount on bicycle repairs and servicing.

At the end of the week, Years 7–10 were surveyed about how they travel to school. We are pleased to report that car journeys have reduced by 5% since 2023. However, more than 100 parents still drive their children to or from school each day, contributing to congestion, safety concerns and air pollution. We encourage families to walk, cycle or use public transport where possible. If driving is necessary, please park further away and allow your child to walk the final 10 minutes of their journey – Park and Stride.

Year 8 Travel Ambassadors



Park Stumpery Project

On 7th July, St Gregory's Year 9 Eco Committee worked with pupils from Claremont High School, Uxendon Manor Primary School and The Mount Stewart Schools to help the Friends of Woodcock Park create a stumpery in the park. Our enthusiastic young Eco leaders moved logs and branches to the project site from around the park, which will rot down over time and become home to many different invertebrates.

Mrs Hovey, Head of Eco Schools Sustainability





Environmental Trip to RHS Wisley





On 8th July, our Y9 Eco Committee and our KS3 Gardening Club pupils visited the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship garden in Wisley where they undertook a workshop with RHS staff before exploring some of the gardens:

On our trip, we learnt about the cycle of plants; how to take cuttings of plants and how to make wildflower seed balls. After this, we walked to the glasshouse where we saw different plants from temperate, arid and rainforest climates. This trip will impact me because it helped me to learn different ways to garden sustainably in our school garden.

Archie Venting 8A

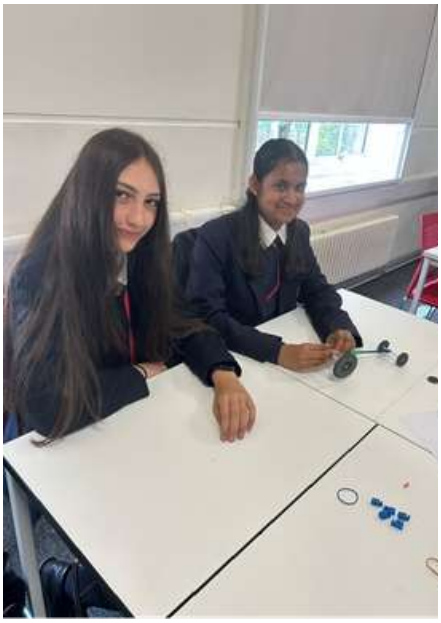
While on the trip we discussed sustainable gardening practices and we participated in a variety of activities. We learnt new ways of reducing carbon and talked about different ways we can improve our Eco Garden. Throughout the trip, everyone was impressed by the magnificent scenery. I have learnt several new ways of keeping my own plants healthy and what is the proper time of day to water them. Overall, this trip was very educational and informative and it kept everyone engaged.

Niamh Fahy 9L

Science and Technology Challenge

A group of Year 8 students attended the Science and Technology Challenge at Middlesex University on 2nd June, and it was an amazing experience.
When we arrived, we were placed into different groups and had the opportunity to work alongside students from other schools. We took part in a range of exciting activities, including robotics, where we learnt how to programme a robot and even competed in robot wars.
We also participated in a medical science session, where we investigated different patient conditions and had the chance to practise performing CPR in time with the song “Staying Alive”. During lunch, we explored a science fair before taking part in the final activity, where we built our own super electric cars using simple household materials.
I was part of the winning team for the electric car challenge alongside Natalie. Xander and David were also members of the winning robotics team. We were presented with trophies by the Mayor of Barnet to celebrate our achievements.
Everyone had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Stephen McCarthy 8H







UCAS Day

During UCAS day we were guided through the application process and were shown how to access available resources on Unifrog.
I found the day to be extremely positive and beneficial as I was able to kick start writing a competitive personal statement.
We had the opportunity to talk to successful alumni, some of whom were from the year above, who have received impressive offers from universities such as Cambridge and Queen Mary. I found being able to communicate with students who had been through the UCAS process more recently to be refreshing as I gained a new perspective and further insight into the transition to University.
Prospective medics and early entry students also had an opportunity to discuss the expectations and application process with students who had already undergone the process. The advice and tips they gave us were really useful.

Carol Braganza 6WOC

Summer Concert

Our summer concert was a celebration of pupils’ musical talent. Performers impressed the audience on guitar, drums, violin, woodwind and piano, with every pupil showing confidence and dedication. The orchestra and guitar ensemble gave excellent performances, before the evening ended in style with an outstanding set from the Year 11 band. Congratulations to everyone involved for making the concert such a memorable and successful event.

Mr Sloan, Assistant Headteacher



P.E. News

Since our last newsletter, it has been another incredibly busy and successful period for the PE Department at St Gregory's. Our pupils have continued to embrace every opportunity to represent the school, demonstrating commitment, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship both in competition and beyond.

Rounders Success

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 girls' rounders teams on their fantastic performances at the Borough Rounders Competition. Both teams displayed excellent determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the tournament, earning an impressive second-place finish in their respective competitions. They represented St Gregory's with pride and should be extremely proud of their achievements.





A Memorable Wembley Experience

One of the highlights of the year came during the Easter holidays, when we were fortunate to receive tickets for pupils and their families to attend the England v Japan international football match at Wembley Stadium. For many of our students, it was their first experience of watching live international football, making it a truly memorable occasion.

Team Success Across the Borough

Our school teams have continued to enjoy success across a range of sports. The Year 9 boys' basketball team were crowned Borough Champions after an outstanding season, while our Year 8 girls' football team reached the Borough Final, representing the school with determination and pride throughout the competition.

Athletics

Athletics has been another major success this year. We took over 40 pupils in each squad to the two-day Borough Athletics Championships, making it one of our largest athletics teams in recent years. Their outstanding performances secured an impressive third-place finish overall—a significant improvement on previous years.

We were also delighted to see several of our athletes qualify for the Middlesex County Championships, where they competed against some of the county's best young athletes.

Sports Day

Sports Day once again proved to be one of the highlights of the school calendar. Pupils competed with outstanding enthusiasm, determination and exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

A special congratulations goes to Mary House, who claimed the Sports Day title for the first time in 20 years—a moment that made Miss Curley incredibly proud.

The day also saw three new school records established:

Karis Ngwoke – 60m: 9.28 seconds

Cataleya Petrencu – Javelin: 19.88m

Maya Anna Bhagwandeen – Long Jump: 3.90m

Congratulations to all three athletes on their fantastic achievements.







P.E. News

Gaelic Football

Gaelic football has continued to grow from strength to strength at St Gregory's, with more pupils than ever representing the school this summer.

Our season began at the All Hertfordshire Competition in Harpenden, where we entered three teams: a Year 7/8 boys' team, a Year 9/10 boys' team and a Year 9/10 girls' team. It was a fantastic day of Gaelic football. The Year 9/10 girls reached the Cup semi-finals, while the Year 9/10 boys produced an outstanding performance to reach the Cup Final, narrowly losing by just one point. The Year 7/8 boys also enjoyed an excellent debut, winning the Plate competition.

We then travelled to Sunbury-on-Thames for the All Britain Competition, once again entering three teams. The Year 7/8 boys progressed to the Plate competition, the Year 9/10 boys topped their group before being narrowly knocked out in the Cup competition and the Year 9/10 girls reached the Shield Final, where they were defeated by just three points.

Across both competitions, every pupil represented St Gregory's with tremendous commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship, competing brilliantly despite extremely hot conditions. The experience gained this year has been invaluable, and we are excited to continue building on these performances next season.

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to launch our new AQA GCSE PE course for the first time in many years. We have a fantastic group of pupils who have chosen to study the subject, and we look forward to supporting them as they begin this exciting journey. We are confident they will embrace the challenge and achieve great success over the next two years.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the businesses and families who have generously supported the PE Department this year. Their kindness has enabled us to continue developing sporting opportunities for our pupils, improve equipment and provide experiences that would not otherwise have been possible.

Thanks to their generosity, we have received £3,980 in sponsorship and donations.

Special thanks go to:

- Skip It – £1,080
- Server Consultancy – £1,000
- BML Ltd Construction – £1,000
- KRK Contractors – £500
- Maurovich Horvat Family – £400
- Octopus Energy – Donation of a football kit

Although we were unable to welcome our sponsors into school before the end of the summer term, we look forward to inviting them in early next academic year to thank them personally and celebrate the positive impact their generosity continues to have on PE and school sport at St Gregory's.

As another successful year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate every pupil who has represented the school this year. Your commitment, effort and sportsmanship have been exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. We look forward to another exciting year of sport and success in September.

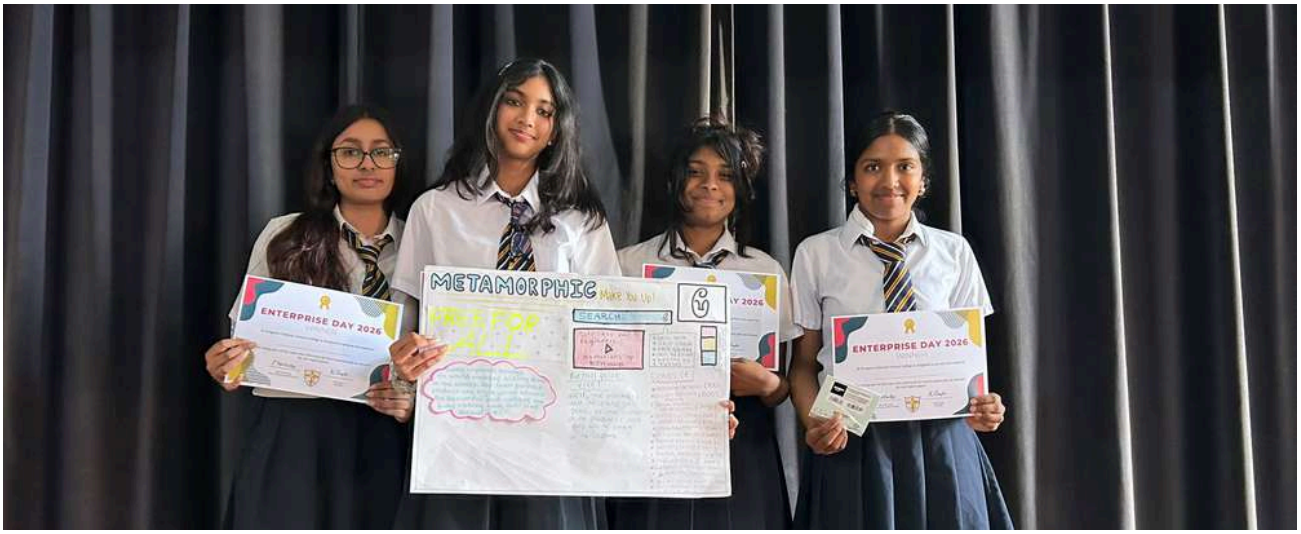
Miss Emery, Head of P.E.



Enterprise Day

Our Year 10 Enterprise Day was an opportunity for students to develop their creativity, teamwork and business skills. Working in groups, students were challenged to create a realistic business idea with a £5,000 start-up budget, before developing a brand identity, financial plan, pitch poster and three-minute presentation. Throughout the day, they were supported by visiting Careers Experts, who shared their professional experiences, guided discussions and judged the semi-final pitches in each form group. The winning teams then presented their ideas in the Grand Final. The event concluded with the announcement of the winners from 10L: Eleanor Dsilva, Thenuri Costa, Seina Sequeira, Amber Cully, and Caryn Fernandes with their brand 'Metamorphic' - a website which makes personalised recommendations for makeup products. Congratulations to the winners!

Miss Boyle, Head of Careers



Year 10 Mock Interviews

Year 10 also took part in Mock Interview Day, where they were interviewed by external professionals for a hypothetical job role. Each student completed a 10-minute interview followed by personalised verbal feedback, helping them to develop their confidence, communication skills and understanding of professional expectations. Students were encouraged to present themselves smartly, speak clearly and respond thoughtfully to a range of general interview questions designed to assess their skills and employability. The experience was very well received, with many students commenting on how helpful and encouraging the feedback was. The guests were very impressed with how professionally the students presented themselves and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to help prepare our students for future education, training and employment opportunities.

Miss Boyle, Head of Careers





Headteachers' Awards

Excellent Achievement in UKMT Maths Challenge

Rita Chebli 8L
Pleffa Fernandes 7J
Leo Gill 11H
Jeno Jebaharan 10H
Emily McGivney 8L
Kristian Parra 11J
Mia Patel-Maan 9A
Ryan Premachandra 11H
Jared Rendo 11B
Frazer Rocha 11M
Josh Rubio 9B
David Simion 11A
Owen Sritharan 11L

Preparing and staffing the Upcycled Uniform Shop for the Year 6 Induction Evening

Blanka Adaszek 9H
Adam Angelides 9B
David Danylkiv 9H
Priyan Emmanuel 9B
Wiktor Koch 9L
Elizabeth Lari 9J
Absaron Martin 9A
Sophia Rahiman 9M

Well done!

Organising Eco Active Week and for representing the school at the TfL Eco Summit

Joseph Adams 8L
Xander Alphonso 8B
Daniel Arasp 8A
Miroslav D'Costa 8J
Jessica Dias 8M
Julian Fernandes 8A
Mercy Gomes 8L
Loukas Jarjoura 8H
Justina Krehovetskaja 8M
Riley Maher 8J
James McHugh 8B
Eli Ryan 8H
Erin Tinkler 8J

St Greg's Pantry

St Greg's Pantry stocks a variety of foods and toiletries, free of charge to anyone in the St Gregory's family who might need a little extra help. The Pantry is open during term time on Saturdays from 9:30am—11:30am. Any family is welcome to use this facility occasionally or regularly.
If you would benefit from this facility, or if you wish to donate, please contact Mrs Hovey on ghovey@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk.

Mrs Hovey, Science College Project Manager

No Nuts Please



We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that our school has a "No Nuts Policy"

Mrs Camangon, Medical Welfare Officer

Instagram

In April, we launched our official Instagram page to celebrate and showcase the fantastic learning, achievements and experiences that take place across our school community. Please follow us @stgregoryscatholic or scan the QR code.

@STGREGORYSCATHOLIC

Drop the Ride for Park and Stride

St Gregory's Travel Ambassadors encourage families who travel by car to park a 10-minute walk from school. This reduces congestion and air pollution, improves road safety, and the short walk helps stimulate the brain at the start and end of the day.
Parents/Carers are reminded not to block driveways or park illegally, to drive considerately and to switch off engines while waiting.
Thank you for your cooperation.
St Gregory's Y8 Travel Ambassadors

E-Safety

AI-generated images, voices and messages are becoming convincing, making scams and impersonation harder to recognise. Encourage your child to pause before responding to urgent requests, clicking links or sharing personal information. Remind them that voices, videos and screenshots can be faked. Check unusual messages through another trusted method. For advice, visit the NCSC or Internet Matters websites, or contact Mr Sloan via the school office.

We wish you a Happy and Blessed Summer

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