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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

We thank all parents/ carers who attended Year 8 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. I hope you found the evening informative and helpful in supporting your son's progress. The College also met with a number of Year 11 students and parents this week to provide final support in the run up to their examinations.

This Monday, we welcomed local primary schools to the College to take part in the Primary School Futsal Competition. It was fantastic to see the students enjoy themselves and develop their Futsal techniques. We hope to see many of them return to the College in September! On Wednesday, a group of Year 9 students developed their Spanish skills by attending a trip to The Tate Modern whereby they had an opportunity to meet and converse with Spanish students. Events such as this are great for developing students' confidence in speaking a modern foreign language.

As this is my final newsletter of the academic year, I will end by wishing all students, parents, and our wider community a successful, happy summer term. As you will know from my letter home, I will be keeping in touch with the College through Keeping in Touch Days and I look forward to seeing you all again in the next academic year.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

For us, living in a busy world, Easter Day may be seen as a faraway memory, however in the Church, we continue in the Easter season; Eastertide.

Eastertide is an important time in the Christian calendar, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During Eastertide, we continue to celebrate the victory of Jesus over death and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in him. It is a time of great joy and hope, as we reflect on the significance of the resurrection and its implications for their own lives.

Eastertide is also a time for renewal and transformation. We are called to examine our lives and renew our commitment to following Christ. We are encouraged to live out the message of the resurrection by loving and serving others, and by sharing the good news of salvation with those around us.

Prayer of the week

Let us remember that we are in the holy Presence of God

And let us adore him!

Almighty God,

We have come to know the grace of our Lord's resurrection.

Grant that through the love of your Spirit we may rise to new life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

St Joseph – **Pray for us**

St John Baptiste de La Salle – **Pray for us**

Live Jesus in our Hearts – **Forever!**

Lasallian Award

Today was the last day for students in Y7 – Y9 to return their Retreat trip letter.

We are excited to take a group of 50 students to our Lasallian Retreat centre on the 19th May. There are a few places still available, if your son would like to attend please ask him to see Mr Arthur or his RE teacher.

Year 7 and 8 Number and Measure and Year 9 Algebra Awards Exams

The Year 7 and 8 Number and Measure and Year 9 Algebra Awards Exams will be on the 9th and 10th of May.

As part of our continued drive to develop our curriculum so that it is diverse and challenging, we have been preparing a selection of our KS3 higher ability pupils for their mini-GCSE external exams coming up at the start of May.



Students studying hard

The Year 9 boys (9X1 and 9Y1) will be the first learning group to make an attempt in this exams - Algebra Awards Exam. We believe that for any of our student to achieve their full mathematical potential, they must be confident in this vital topic area

The boys are doing really well and are showing good motivation to achieve the best in this exam.



Year 8s preparing for their exam

The Year 8s most especially have sacrificed their Wednesday's afterschool and we all believe with them that their good effort will payoff when we receive the results alongside our GCSE results in August.

Pupils involved in this exam includes: 7X1, 7Y1, 8X1, 8Y1, 9X1, 9Y1 and 20 nominees from other Year 7 and 8 learning groups. All pupils involved are required to have a Scientific Calculator, protractors, rulers, pencils, compasses and rubber in a clear pencil case. All pupils are to be at line-up at 8.05am at the latest.

Best of luck to them all - Mrs E. NANNA (KS3 Maths Lead)

STREET POETRY

This week students in Year 7 did some fantastic poetry about their local area as part of their homework.

There were lots of brilliant submissions and we all had fun in class hearing all the different views of our vibrant city. Here are two examples of excellent work!

City Streets

Amidst the hustle and bustle of city streets,
I find myself in a lost sea of faces.
The rush of people, the sound of feet,
In this concrete jungle, the pace never ceases.

The buildings tower high, reaching for the sky,
A testament to man's ambition and might.
Yet within the chaos I can't help but spy
the little things that make life so bright.

A street musician playing a soulful tune,
the laughter of children running wild and free.
The scent of freshly brewed coffee, filling the room
The warmth of the sun, shining down on me.

Mohammed Miah

The Beat of the Street

The street is alive with its own unique beat,
As people rush by with their hurried feet,
Cars honk and roar as they speed down the lane,
and the world outside seems never the same.

The city lights shine so bright and bold,
A world of stories waiting to be told,
From the homeless man sleeping in the doorway,
To the rich man driving his car the wrong way.

Montell Matanmi

My Street Poem

On the pavement of this city,
Amidst the hustle and the grind,
Lies a story, raw and gritty,
Of the daily struggles we find.

We see it in the homeless man
who sleeps beneath a bridge,
Or the child with an empty can
Begging for a penny or a fridge.

In every corner of this place,
Are lives that we overlook,
They search for a saving grace,
Wishing for a second look.

But let us not ignore the cry,
The voice that yearns for change,
We all have the power to try
To create a world that's not strange.

So let us open our hearts
And lend a helping hand,
For this life is but a fleeting art,
And its time to make a stand.

Mohammed Esa Kassim



Poems about our busy streets

Year 9 Spanish Cultural Exchange

On Wednesday, 23 of our Year 9 Spanish students went on a trip to the Tate Modern to meet with Spanish students from Santander.



Practicing Spanish

This annual trip to the centre of London allowed our students to practice speaking with Spanish peers and to learn about the different cultures. It was fantastic to see our boys so engaged, and so interested in practicing their Spanish whilst also being able to take in some London's most famous landmarks

Science Fun

This week our KS3 classes have been learning all about organs in their Biology lessons! It was fascinating dissecting them and finding out how they worked.



Fun with organs

Year 12 Laptops

Our partners at Association Black and Minority Engineers have excelled themselves again and given us these top of the range laptops, provided by world leading engineering firm WSP. Year 12 Engineers are enjoying accessing the Engineering software on them to help with their designs.

MFL Puzzle

In the Orient, the dragon symbolizes supernatural power, wisdom, strength, and hidden knowledge. The dragon on the top represents the Chinese Emperor however the one on the bottom represents any other person born during the year of the dragon. Can you spot what's the different between the two dragons?

If you can work it out, come to see Ms Wilson in S04 to gain 5 house points.



EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
Monday	Y7-9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04 Y8, 9 Band Practice Week 1 MU01 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 2) LRC2/V002	Y7 STEM Club (October – Christmas and February – Easter) SC04 Y7-9 Creative Writing Club N25 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 1) LRC2/V002 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
Tuesday	Y10-11 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7,10 and 11 Band Practice Week 2 MU01 Y7,10 and 11 Beginners' German Club MFL (1.00-1.30pm) S16 Y7,10 and 11 Scrabble Club N14 Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 1) LS02 Y7,10 and 11 SJC Christian Union (Week 1) S13 Y12-13 and elite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8 and 9 Beginners' German Club MFL (1.00-1.30pm) S16	Y10-13 Art Catch-Up H12/13 Y7-9 Basketball (Week 1) Sports Hall Y12-13 and elite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal (Week 2) Sports Hall Y7-10 Debate mate S14
Wednesday		Y7-13 Music Open House HD2 Y10 and 11 Mandarin Speaking Club S16 Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04	Y7,10,11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7-13 Pokémon club S14 Y7 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00- 1.30pm) S16	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8 and 9 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00- 1.30pm) S16 Y8 and 9 SJC Christian Union (Week 1) S13	Y10-13 Art Catch-Up H12/13 Y7-11 Drama Club HD1 Y7-13 Philosophy and Film Club S13 Y7-9 Football training Fields Y9-10 Football Training Meadows
Thursday	Y7-13 Handball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Year 11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04 Code Club S22	Y7-9 Fantasy Football League S13 Y7-9 MFL Quiz Time S04 and Virtual Y7-13 Chess Club NO2 Y7-9 Rugby Squad Training Meadow Y10-11 Gym Club Fitness Suite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
Friday	Y7-10 Swimming Club Pool	Y7-13 Well-being Club LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7,10 and 11 Singing Club MU01 Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 2) LS02	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8,9,12 and 13 Scrabble Club N14	Y7 and 12 Peter Jones Club H21/22

With inclement weather and teacher strikes, fixtures have been on the back burner. Especially as we start the new cricket season here at SJC.

Our Year 7's took on Riddlesdown at home in football, and came out losers in a 4-0 loss. However, not to be disheartened as Riddlesdown won the league as well as having a semi-final place in the National Cup, showing their teams capabilities.



Looking forward to cricket

Over the forthcoming weeks we begin our Croydon Athletics meets and competitions, which will work well as we are working on athletics in our school lessons.

GCSE PODS

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Well done to the top achievers on GCSE POD this week!

Year 10

- 1 David Kabangu
- 2 Dylan Ntim
- 3 Dan Soji

Year 11

- 1 Rhys Evans
- 2 Darryl Asante-Yeboah
- 3 Bartosz Cyganek

UPCOMING DATES

All next week - Language GCSE speaking exams

These are individual exams for each student - students have been told when they are.

Monday 01.04 - Bank holiday

Tuesday 02.04 - NEU Industrial action

The school site will be closed to students in Years 7 to 10. Some work will be set for these year groups remotely on Satchel One.

Year 11 students will be expected to attend school. Year 11 should arrive for 8.15am and will finish at 12.45pm.

