

# BEULAHLAND

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## Governors' Message

'It is truly sacrificing one's life for God to employ it in His service, and this is what you have occasion to do in your profession and employment' *Meditations of St John Baptist De La Salle*

What a Year, nay eighteen months, it has been. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 the first lockdown as a result of the pandemic began. Since then, schools have been open to only the children and young people who are vulnerable or the youngsters of key workers. All staff in schools have been faced with unprecedented challenges, devising new ways of teaching and supporting to ensure our children and young people were given every opportunity to continue their education and to know that their teachers and support staff cared for and loved them.

The community of St Joseph's College has excelled in the many ways it has responded to the challenges of the pandemic. Young people achieved their results in their assessments to enable them to move on to the next chapter in their lives whether to Sixth Form, University or the world of employment. In addition, the College community has as far as possible continued to engage in activities, sometimes virtual, sometimes face-to-face and it has been a delight to see highlights of these on twitter, and to hear the reports of the events from Mr Garrido and others.

The House swimming gala where the boys were outstanding in their efforts, Staff vs Sixth Form football match, organised by Mr Jones, (2-0 to the staff, 4-Year unbeaten – Sixth Form turn to win next Year?) which raised £200 for charity; the traditional Remembrance Service which remembers all who have died in the wars and in peace time; the beautiful Carol Service which went out online. The work in ensuring assemblies were a key part of the life of the College using technology so that the students and staff were able to continue to be part of the life of prayer of the College. The charity work in which the College has always engaged and I am reminded of the Great Christmas Collection organised by Mr Arthur and Mr Rimmer which collected canned foods for the nearby foodbank to distribute to those in need. In addition, it has been wonderful to see students living out the Lasallian Five Respects, sharing with students from other Lasallian institutions across Great Britain, Ireland and Malta, a truly international endeavour. There were 1080 students who received awards from twenty schools and colleges. Twenty-four students of St Joseph's College received awards and Jayden in 7NE won the prize for the Gold Award which he would be given to his mother.

St Joseph's College is a fantastic community and that is in no small way due to the incredibly hard work and dedication of the staff in every role, who give of their time, walk the extra several miles so that no one is left behind.

During this academic Year there have been some who have been true and dedicated servants of St Joseph's College for many Years and who have moved on. Mrs Chris Stevens, the Headteacher's Personal Assistant who retired in April, Mr Sean Miller, who has served the College for twenty-five Years in many different roles up to and including Headteacher, who is leaving for pastures new, and Br Ben Foy fsc, who served as the College Chaplain and on the Governing Board of the College for several Years. We ask God's blessing upon them, and all who are moving on in the next chapter of their lives.

St John Baptist De La Salle, Pray for us. St Joseph, Pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

**Stephen C Horsman**

**Chair of the Governing Board**





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## Headmaster's Message

2020 was the Year that brought a global pandemic which resulted in lockdown across many parts of the world. Despite great intentions, this impacted the production of Beulahland 2019-2020. As result, issue number 163 has skipped a Year, and we are bringing you this issue for the academic Year 2020-2021. A number of our families have been tragically impacted due to COVID-19, which had some of us experience the loss of love ones and friends. They are always in our prayers.

As a school, we learnt all about online Teaching & Learning and how teachers were able to generate final examination results for GCSE and Year 13 students. When were allowed to be in school, we all wore masks, had segregated bubbles and split breaks and lunch times. Students arrived and left at staggered times, we instituted a one- way system and the college was regularly fogged with anti-bacterial spray. This was all done to manage our risks and to keep us as safe as possible.

As we now conclude this academic Year, the government have removed restrictions. And even though Covid cases still continue to rise and rise, the pandemic is now, thanks to the vaccine, becoming more of an endemic. However, this virus has affected our lives and our college routines. For example we were not able to have Sports Day celebration. In 2019 there was no sports day, however thankfully, we were able to go back to the Croydon Arena, in order to have a competitive only sports event. What the next academic Year will bring? no one knows, but if staff and students rally round each other and support each other, in the way that they have done in the last 18 months, then I know that together we will get through it.

As you know this will be my final written statement to you as Headmaster at St Joseph's College. I am very pleased to say that Catherine Kane will be acting Headteacher from September. I initially met Catherine when I appointed her as an Assistant Headteacher at my previous school, and I am very happy to be leaving the college in her most capable hands. Since my arrival here in 2015, we have made considerable changes and developments to the college. We have now had two consecutive Good Ofsted judgements, with the latest from last Year being extremely strong, potentially moving to outstanding in many areas under the new framework. The reintroduction of many aspects of the traditional life of the college, such as the house system has brought new vigour and opportunities for students across all Year groups. I am particularly proud of our association with Peter Jones and his Academy network, this shows that we are always looking for opportunities for St Joseph's College to provide the best for our students.

I am very sad to be leaving this fantastic school, full of tradition and history but firmly looking forward to the future. St Joseph's College has real character and amazing staff and student body. However, an opportunity came my way to establish a new Catholic Multi Academy Trust in

the Diocese and this was an opportunity too good to miss out on. Nonetheless, I leave in full confidence that the college is in a better place now than in 2015 upon my arrival. Thank you parents and carers for your support both of me and of the College, particularly through the last Year of the pandemic. We have all had a tough Year and a half, but I believe this has brought into focus what we should value most in life. I hope that we don't forget these values as we return to a more normal existence.

My sincere thanks to the staff at St Joseph's College, they are truly inspirational and I hope that they continue showing their dedication to your children's success and education.

**David Garrido**  
Headmaster





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## Year 13 Leavers—A Message from the Head Boy

In my time at St Joseph's College, I have been able to thrive emotionally, physically and spiritually. My experience has helped me become the strong, determined and ambitious young man I am today, and as Head boy, I use my experience to help and guide the younger students on the right path to success. I've had a great time at St Joseph's and no other school compares to the character building experiences I have had here. It's a very unique place to be.

I wasn't always a saint at St Joseph's, there were Years where my testosterone levels were extremely high and I struggled to keep it under wraps. I would like to thank all the staff involved in helping to guide me on the right path and for giving me a second chance to prove that I am worthy of being a role model and an example for others to follow. From my experiences at St Joseph's College, I would like to give one important fundamental piece of advice, and that is, to not be afraid of failure. Do not be afraid to make mistakes, making mistakes is how you learn to be a better version of yourself, an opportunity to bounce back and prove to the people who doubted you.

I am who I am today because of the mistakes I made during my time here. I didn't want to live my life fighting other people when the biggest battle I had was with my thoughts. The mistakes made me want to better myself and be a leader to inspire others positively while also proving the doubters wrong. There's no better feeling.

Always remember that you never lose you only learn a lesson. Life is never going to go to plan and it is never going to be 'all good' you have to be prepared for the bad moments and endure them while they last. Enjoy the good times while they are there, because life is full of ups and downs and you only have one life so please make the right choices. Make positive changes to YOUR life and carry the fire.

**By Zachariah Camilleri**

## Year 11 Leavers Message

While it has been a rather unusual Year, some things never change and June meant that we had to say goodbye to our Year 11 cohort. It is an occasion of both sadness as one chapter closes and excitement as a new one begins! We were fortunate to have been able to say farewell in our wonderful chapel where an assembly was held to celebrate the previous 5 Years. This was well attended by staff and as always my boys conducted themselves very well. Having seen the boys grow and development into fine young men, I will carry with me many fond memories of their time here and of course wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Regardless of where life may lead them, they will always be an important part of the St Joseph's family

**By Mr Darren Nelson (Head of Year 11)**



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## Careers Update

By Ms Rebecca Cashmore

Year 10 enjoyed an off timetable day run by the Army Youth Engagement Team, who visit schools to educate young people about the British army and how they serve the British people. Recently students had fun taster lessons including plumbing and film at John Ruskin College, helping them make their decisions about future courses. Year 10 Business classes were joined by Government Economists and Geography were joined by Urban planners to look at regeneration.

It was a challenging time to find work experience but Year 12 did amazingly well. Thanks to our partners at Croydon Careers Cluster and Association for Black Engineers for all of your support, we had great feedback about our student's motivation and talents. UCL, one of the top Universities in the world, introduced the University Application process to Year 12's helping them prepare for the term ahead.

Congratulations to our Year 9 team who won a competition for Croydon Schools organised by Ernst and Young to advertise apprenticeships to young people, you were brilliant!

Year 8 have been inspired by visitors from Google and Mott McDonald about careers of the future.

Most of all good luck to our Year 11 and 13!students with their next steps to achieve their dreams.





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## Stars of the Future- 2020/21

By Mr Richard Atkins

### **Malachi Mullings – Year 9 – Football, Cricket, Futsal**

Malachi is one of the most talented footballers the College has seen in recent Years. Malachi has become one of the recognised members of the College and can always be seen with a smile on his face. His excellent attitude, determination, and respect inside and outside of the classroom will stand him in good stead to go far in his future. Malachi has actively represented the College in Futsal and Cricket but has excelled in his Football career. In the 2020/21 Football season, Malachi has represented Dulwich Hamlet FC and has excelled in his performance, playing against the Year group above and is developing into a fantastic player. In June 2020, Malachi was invited to play for the clubs Under 18's at only 13 Years old – an incredible achievement! We all wish Malachi the best of luck in the future, we are certain he will go far and will see him on Sky Sports one day! Well done Mally!

### **Abdullah Arief – Year 7 – Cricket**

New to the college this Year Abdullah has already made a huge impact in the SJC cricket world. Small in stature but large in personality he is a wily leg-spinner and patient batsman. He has captained the U12 cricket team this Year and ended the Year as top run scorer in both the U12 and U13 teams. He also finished the Year as second top wicket-taker for the U12s and U13s too. He also represents Old Whitgiftian's CC outside the college and has had trials for Surrey CCC. Watch this space...

### **Yusuf Amr-Mohammad – Year 7 – Football, Handball**

The star of the future from this Year and one to watch is the brilliant Yusuf Amr - Mohammed from 7 Dane. Yusuf is already on the books at Crystal Palace and has already shown in a short space of time what a special talent he is. His game intelligence is already well advanced for his age,

and his technical ability shines every time he plays, whether that be in training or in games. His attitude is infectious and spreads positivity through the team. Well done Yusuf, keep it up.

### **Macauley Adams – Zepa – Year 8 – Football**

Macauley has proven himself to be one of the finest footballers that St. Joseph's College has produced in recent Years. Up until the lockdown put an end to sport in March 2020, Macauley was scoring and assisting goals in every game that he played in, and also setting a great example to the rest of the team with his professionalism and dedication to his sport. He is currently playing for Chelsea FC at his age level and is achieving great things with them season after season. We are honoured to have Macauley with us at SJC and can't wait to see what next Year brings.

### **Obinna Okoro – Year 7 – Rugby, Athletics**

Obinna possesses great speed and power, and excellent agility which has made him a great performer in rugby and athletics this Year. A particular highlight for Obinna has been the amount of tries he has scored in rugby, coupled with his great attitude at training. He has also been superb in athletics this term as well, and is definitely a star for the future.



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## Athletics Season Report

By Mr Richard Atkins

In late June, when the sun decided to appear, our Year 7-10 athletes travelled to Croydon Arena to compete in the district athletics competition alongside all of the partnership schools in Croydon. The standard set was incredibly high from the outset with many students running in heats alongside private schools such as Whitgift and Trinity.

### Year 7 success

Our Year 7s were the first to attend and it was their chance to set the bar high for others to follow. The weather was up against them as the rain began to fall at the beginning of the event, which made conditions on the track very tricky. Ramiro Hinds-McPherson fell foul to the elements by slipping at the beginning of his race, despite being a clear favourite going into the event. Our medals on the day went to Samuel Jimenez-Correa in the javelin, picking up a 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Obinna Okoro getting us another bronze in the 70m hurdles, despite never practicing them at school!

**Team:** Obinna Okoro, Ramiro Hinds-Mcpherson, Yusuf Amr-Mohammad, Daniel Sule-Salami, Samuel Jimenez-Correa, Rocco Webber-Stephenson, Jaden Da Costa, Lenny Sackey, Oluwasegun Umoru







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## Year 8 success

The Year 8s went into the day in much hotter conditions and came out with 2 medals again. Many of the boys were desperately unlucky in their events, with Joseph Johnson-Cole winning his 100m heat by about 20 metres, but somehow finishing outside of the top 3 medal places! Tihomir Apostolov picked up a bronze medal in the 80m hurdles, and Noel Sitsi ran a superb 1500m race and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, missing out only to the Whitgift and Trinity athletes. A great performance from the Year 8 boys this Year!

**Team:** Noel Sitsi, Stas Cyndrowski, Wesley Goma, Adebayo Adesida, Joseph Johnson-Cole, Charles Miguel Bewaji, Cyrus O'Sullivan, Kobe Frazer, Billy Tanner, Tihomir Apostolov, Gabriel Quartey

## Year 9 success

The Year 9s were faced with a wet track on the day, but did not let this dampen their spirits and still managed to come out with 2 medals overall. Kalijah Bailey picked up a brilliant 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 200m with a superb run around the bend, and Youness Douiri showed brilliant determination to come away with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal in the 1500m against some very strong runners.

**Team:** Rikaion Smith, Kalijah Bailey, Youness Douiri, Onye Devis, Mills Kwabena, Jesse Kyere, Abdallah Grayson-Cadogan, Zenden Seizer





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## Year 10 success

The Year 10 team were our most successful team of them all, and our only team where 1 of the athletes picked up 2 medals for himself! This will be the last Croydon athletics meet for the Year 10 boys, and they finished off in style with 3 medals overall. Daniel McCook picked up a bronze medal in the 400m, which is a notoriously tough race to run! He took the gold and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the long jump which is a fantastic achievement for Daniel, who has a very bright sporting future. Our other medal went to Danai Hassan who took the bronze medal in the 100m, and continues to do well in a range of sports at SJC.

**Team:** *Byron Yeboah, Stevaun Roberts, Daniel McCook, Danai Hassan, Antoni Gebalski, Malik Sawyerr, Kareem Beshir, Micah Grant*





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## Cricket Season Report

By Mr James Rimmer

Whilst other sports have struggled in the pandemic, cricket received a boost when the government and the ECB gave the all-clear for fixtures to take place from the end of May and therefore, we have found a way to get a small season in, with some real success stories.

All the U12, U13, U14 and U15 teams have played fixtures against John Fisher, Carshalton Boys, Riddlesdown, Wallington County Grammar and, for the first time in recent memory, Bishop Thomas Grant.

We also have formed a stronger partnership with Dulwich Cricket Club and will be linking up with First Ball Academy from September to increase the number of students playing cricket both in, and out, of school.

In May and June, we invited Coach Shamar from ACE cricket academy to work with our students from Year 7 – 10 in school. They are a fantastic organisation who exist to increase the number of young people from African and Caribbean backgrounds playing cricket in the country. Malik Sawyerr (Year 10) was spotted and now attends a weekly academy training session at the Oval.

Our U15 team performed outstandingly in the annual Croydon SSP District competition finishing a very close second place and finished the season unbeaten in their outdoor fixtures.

There have been notable individual achievements. Husnain Raja, Ahmed Miakhel and Dev Panchal were all selected to represent the Croydon MCC Hub against Luton and other London hubs. Ahmed and Dev have also been invited to train with the London MCC hub at Lords in August and will play in a National Competition in September. Ahmed Khan has continued to thrive in the Surrey CCC set up and is one of the leading wicket takers in Surrey Championship 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket for Dulwich CC. We have also seen a fantastic overall representation in club cricket from our youngsters.

One more highlight has been the return of Staff Cricket to the college. Unfortunately, they lost out twice to John Fisher (by 1 wicket) and Carshalton (off penultimate ball), but both games were played in fantastic spirit.





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## Cricket Squads

### U12

**Top wicket-taker: Nirbhay Valand**

**Top run-scorer: Abdullah Arief**

**Squad:** Abdullah Arief, Arvin Kumar, Tamseel Ahmed, Romario Myers, Safi Niazi, Maks Zworski, Waled Wahid, Oliver Dojesus, Saqib Zakir, Utkarsha Shankar, Nirbhay Valand, Hasib Rassen, Obinna Okoro

### U13

**Top wicket-taker: Abdurrehman Arief**

**Top run-scorer: Abdullah Arief**

**Squad:** Abdurrahman Arief, Noman Ahad, Omar Lawang, Zidane Saqib, Dan Soji, Marjaan Shaikh, Isaac Schweigert, Ibraheem Sheikh, Zafrullah Ahmed, Abdullah Arief, Nirbhay Valand, Safi Niiaz, Dev Gohel

### U14

**Top wicket-taker: Mohammed Sarwar**

**Top run-scorer: Ahsen Rajah**

**Squad:** Malachi Mullins, Zakariya Haque, Youness Douiri, Mohammed Safwan, Umair Aziz, Sahel Pason, Mu-aaz Samad, Ahsen Rajah, Mohammed Sarwar, Abdul-Rehman Sadiq, Raj Saif Ali, and Aayush Gosei, Romario Gooding, Azlan Azad, Kunal Singh

### U15

**Top wicket-taker: Ahmad Sayed Miakhel**

**Top run-scorer: Ahsen Rajah**

**Squad:** Muhammad Bilal, Yashal Elahi, Brandon Brown, Fayzan Rizwan, Rithik Mano, Umar Nisar, Waleed Moez, Mohammed Sadiq, Ahmad Sayed Miakhel, Husnain Ali Raja, Ashwini Nir, Dev Panchal





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## Football Season Report

By Mr Tom Quinn

Due to the lockdown this Year, we only played one game of football this Year, which made us and the boys very sad, as we are a very string footballing school, next Year we will come back bigger and better and we cannot wait for that! The match report for our one and only game is below.

**Year group: 7**

**Opponents: Sacred Heart (Southwark)**

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June saw our fantastic Year 7's play their first ever game in the famous SJC navy blue strip. As well as this being a first for the boys, it was also the school's first and only competitive school fixture, thanks to a merely thwarted season due to the tragic COVID – 19 pandemic. This game was highly anticipated from all of the P.E department just as much as the boys playing.

Our opponents Sacred Heart made the journey from Southwark to our home pitch, or as the locals call it 'The Lions Den' on a sunny Tuesday afternoon, and everyone was in good spirits for what was also their first fixture of the season.

The boys came out of the blocks immensely, opting a high press from the referees whistle. This pegged Sacred Heart back into their own half for the first 5 minutes. We as team provided high energy throughout the entire game and shown our levels of fitness. Which was remarkable considering this was our first game of the season. As well as applying the high press, when on the back foot at times in the game we defended fantastically. The back three were solid throughout the entire game. even when players rotated at half time, the level of communication and tactical understanding from everyone who played in defence was great to see, and shows encouraging signs for next Year's return of competitive cup competitions and the Croydon league.

When in possession of the ball, our boys used the wonderful surface to great effect. We moved the ball through the lines,

and was superb to watch at times. This proved too much for our opponents who found themselves 3-0 down at the break, Courtesy of Khalil Crossdale, Hamza Kargbo and Horatio Pitcher. This continued into the second half with another 2 goals, a double for Khalil certified a dominant game in midfield, another for Jermone Passley – James, coming off the bench with his electrifying pace terrifying the defenders.

Man of the Match was a tough one to pick, as all players performed really well. Our defence solid and comfortable throughout, our midfield provided a fine mix of game intelligence, determination and ability throughout, and our forward players providing exciting forward thinking football! However my Man of the Match goes to Rico Smith for a dominating performance from defence showing his competitive nature and cultured ability on the ball.

We as a department and school, cannot wait for the return of football fixtures next Year and the Year 7 trials in September.

Squad: Daniel Benson, Rico Smith, James Okunola, Samuel Correa Jimenez, Lenny Sackey, Hamza Kargbo, Yusuf Amr – Mohammed, Uthman Chatha, Khalil Crossdale, Horatio Pitcher, Jerome Passley – James, Daniel Sule – Salami.





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## Rugby Season Report

By Mr Adam Pavli

### Rugby U12 and Rugby 13

Rugby at St Joseph's College has been slightly different. This year adapted rules due to nationwide restrictions meant delays in competitive fixtures against other schools. Despite the challenges, this has not deterred many Year 7's who continuously came to training each week during the cold winter months. Eventually a breakthrough came with school sport fixtures in May returned and paved the way for a return to rugby with two touch rugby fixtures against Bishop Thomas Grant for both Year 7 and Year 8.

The Year 7's showed great energy and enthusiasm in their first ever game representing the college with strong performances from Obinna Okoro (7Dane), Aaron Carter (7 Dane) and Caleb Martey (7 Brooklands). The Year 8's came off short losing 30-20 to Bishop Thomas Grant | Try scorers: Caden Vinluan (8 Brooklands), Jurrell Hanson (8 Hill), Jeremiah Osunkunle (8 Grange). Both games were huge team efforts and a great way to finish the season. Well done to all boys who played in the team and to those who contributed and took part in the training sessions. Next Year we will be back even stronger and we are sure that rugby at SJC has a bright future!



**Year 7:** Lyas Abdi, Ryan Waethers, Maksymilan Zworksi, Obinna Okoro, Oliver Akano, Phil-Amos Oboma, Jayden Da Costa, Aaron Carter, Emil Dixon, Caleb Marty, Pratham Patel, Samuel Shepherd, Khalil Crosdale, Ryszard Loi,  
**Year 8:** Ilyas Yiadom, Cyrus O'Sullivan, Marlys Tshiswaka, Billy Tanner, Michael Oyeneye, Jurell Hanson, Imran Bangura, Omar Lawang, Jeremiah Osunkunle, Caleb Asare, AJ Sackey, Jalen Jackson, Caden Vinluan



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## Futsal Season Report

By Mr Mark Campbell

### Chelsea Futsal V Estudiantes

Westay Futsal Arena - London

Half Time 2-2

FULL Time Result 4-2

**Man Of Match** - Jason Martins

**Goals -:**

Jaden Clarke - 1

Daniel Nyarko - 3



Chelsea came out on top of this close encounter with a strong performance. They started brightly and started to dictate the play with the front two causing a lot of problems with their rotational play, Chelsea got the upper hand by pressing very high and winning the ball on most occasions for the opening 10mins, Chelsea got their deserved goal through their clever play with a shot from outside the box going under the Estudiantes Keeper.

Chelsea started to drop back into a low block shape as the constant pressing took its toll and Estudiantes gained the upper hand by attacking and playing through Chelsea's defence, Estudiantes managed to get a goal back just before half time which gave them a morale boost going into the break. Chelsea came out the second half strong again, with the intent to control the game in which they did so having the majority of the ball and making it 2-1 early on in the second half from a Clever solo run by Nyarko. With Chelsea playing with a high line which left them vulnerable to the counter attack in which they concede 1 goal to make it 2-2. With minutes left in this tight battle, Chelsea's quality and patience prevailed as they unlocked the Estudiantes defence another 2 times to win the game 4-2.

Chelsea's experience showed with Jason Martins being solid at the back & managing to control the game to see them win and still unbeaten, taking them into their next game which will be the National Final coming up at the end of the month.

**Chelsea Futsal Team:** Junaid rashid GK, Jaden Clarke, Zac Camilleri, Kacpar Strocia, Jason Martins, Baffour Frimpong, Daniel Nyarko, Huziafa rahman





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## Swimming Gala

By Mr Richard Atkins

The SJC swimming galas this term were a great success, and it was great to see so many boys taking part and cheering on their friends from the stands! We saw some superb races across the 2 weeks with some great support from the spectator areas.



Some particular highlights were **Ayo Ayegbusi** in 10 Beulah holding his breath for 1 minute 5 seconds, **7 Dane** winning every race in the Year 7 Gala, and **DJ Kacper Szymanski** taking us back to the early 1990s with some classic dance floor fillers to keep the crowd and swimmers entertained. Thanks to all staff who came down to support and cheer on the boys as well!



Year group winners:

**7 Dane**

**8 Beulah**

**9 Netherton**

**10 Beulah**





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## Lasallian Awards 2020/21

By Mr Theo Arthur

As part of Mr Arthur's work in the District Young Lasallian Council, our boys took part in the first ever Lasallian Award 2021. This competition was an opportunity for our boys to demonstrate how they use our Five Respects inside and outside of the College. The Lasallian Order received about a thousand entries from 20 different Lasallian educational centres in Ireland, Great Britain and Malta. I am pleased that our College had more than thirty award winners.

Each award winner received an SJC key fob, star badge and a gold, silver or bronze award certificate. Further to this the Lasallian Order had prize winners. The bronze prize (iWatch) was given to a student in the Republic of Ireland, the silver prize (iPad mini) was awarded to a student in Jersey, and I am pleased to say that the Gold prize was awarded to our very own Jayden Bilson-Jonfiah. Upon learning about his prize, he said that he would give the iPad to his mother who was a great support during lock-down. As such, I am sure that you agree that Jayden is a truly deserving winner!

Timi Obisesan	10Be	Gold
Miki Zmudzinski	10Da	Silver
David Oluyemi	10Da	Gold
Rohan Morris	10Hi	Silver
Malik Sawyerr	10Ne	Gold
Lunney Filipe	7Be	Silver
Sofyan Reklaoui El Hadri	7Br	Gold
Elraph Boateng	7Br	Gold
Ramiro Hinds-Mcpherson	7Da	Silver
Safiullah Niazi	7Da	Gold
Shayden Gareave	7Hi	Gold
Samuel Shepherd	7Hi	Bronze
Rocco Webber-Stephenson	7Hi	Bronze
Eesa Rahiman	7Hi	Bronze
Santiago De Veiga	7Ne	Gold
Jayden Bilson-Jonfiah	7Ne	Gold
Ali Mahdi Hasan	7Ne	Gold
Rayan Tabassum	8Br	Bronze
Shanay Sherawat	8Gr	Gold
Daniel Soyebó	8Hi	Bronze
Onye Devis	9Be	Gold
Jacob Laurent-Cummins	9Ne	Gold
Ibraheem Sheikh	8Be	Silver





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## Sports Day 2021

By Mr Richard Atkins

After the two Years we have had as a country, we were desperate to make Sports Day happen, and for it to be a great day for everyone involved! On the day, we had around 250 excited boys, ready to take on their friends in a variety of events. There were some truly stand out performances on the day, and some long standing records were broken:

Joseph Johnson-Cole – 100m – 12.22 seconds

Youness Douiri – 1500m – 5 minutes 1 second

Billy Tanner – Javelin – 23.1 metres

Daniel McCook – Long Jump – 5.8 metres

Eden Finikin-Daniel – Shotput – 11.6 metres

The day itself was a huge success and couldn't have happened without the immense effort from all of the staff involved and the 6<sup>th</sup> form students who helped out as well. It was a real showcase of sporting talent and school community that made the event what it was.

Final standings on the day were:

Beulah 215

Hill 214

Brooklands 208

Dane 184

Grange 165

Netherton 164



Next Year, pandemic dependent, we will have the full school there, with a stand packed full of parents supporting the boys on the track and out in the field!



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## Transition Trip to the Science Museum

By Mr Matt Farrah

At the end of May, the Year 7 and Year 8 Transition classes had a very exciting day out at the Science Museum. As part of their science curriculum, they studied space and the solar system, as well as the principles of flight. We were very lucky to be one of the first school groups to be welcomed back into the Science Museum after the lockdown and we took advantage of a quiet museum to enjoy interesting exhibitions about flight and space exploration. The museum had artefacts from NASA and even a small chunk of the moon on display! We also enjoyed an IMAX film called 'A Beautiful Planet' which was breath-taking. After the Year we've had, it put into perspective how precious and small our world really is. We had been looking forward to this trip since December and it was definitely worth the wait!



The students were a credit to the school. I'm always so impressed with the excellent conduct of our students on outings like this. Their enthusiasm to get out into the community was unwavering throughout the day. They demonstrated courtesy to those they met on the way and showed genuine curiosity about the material in the museum. Taking kids out for adventures is such a great opportunity. We are so lucky to live and work in this city where there are so many free resources at our fingertips.



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## Year 7 Sleep Out

By Mr Charlie Goodair

While the country was still in lockdown, small groups were invited back into school at the end of the 2020 academic Year. The Year 7 Transition class was among those students welcomed to spend a morning in school each week to get some extra help with their home learning. This gave all the boys the chance to catch up with each other after many long weeks in lockdown.

Lockdown and home-learning was tricky for this group of students and it really drove home how important the face-to-face connection with our students really can be.



So far we are on track to meet our target of raising a £1,000 for

Center Point, a truly fantastic charity for homeless teenagers. We would like to reiterate how incredibly proud we are of the students that participated!





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## Transition Update: Coming Back During Lockdown

By Mr Matt Farrah

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## Expansion of the Transition programme

This academic school Year saw the expansion of the Transition group into Year 8 as well. We also were able to welcome Miss Osei into the team. Now, Year 7s and Year 8s in the Transition groups divide their time between Miss Osei for Maths and Science and myself for English, History, Geography and RE. This specialist provision was praised by Ofsted in their visit in February 2020 and continues to grow by keeping class sizes small in all their key subjects. Together, the team can offer support to our students by accommodating their learning needs in a way that's so challenging in mainstream lessons: the students' needs are well understood and the group curriculum allows them to make excellent progress.





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## English News

By Mr Hugh Henry & Mrs Emma Owen

It has proved to be a challenging year for all students and staff at St Joseph's. Whether that be due to the evolving GCSE and A-Level exams process, delivering teaching and learning from home, or even just maintaining the same high standards of the department, challenges have risen in every form. However, we in the English department could not be prouder of how students have responded to these challenges.



Not only have Year 11 successfully navigated their CAPs, but Year 10 too have completed their own end-of-Year exams to a high level, despite the constant changes and issues that lockdown and related events have created.

Looking back to September, Year 7 students were welcomed with a celebration of all things Roald Dahl for Roald Dahl Day. Not only did students have the opportunity to engage in reading and writing tasks in class, but Roald Dahl-themed quizzes, fancy dress and a peach-eating contest all contributed to a successful day.

The World Book Day spirit could not be dampened by another lockdown, as KS3 students were able to enjoy a read-along story from home, narrated by Mr Henry, as well as having the options of multiple other audio books to access from home. The audio library was supplemented by reading and writing activities, as well as the 'read like a boss' House event, which saw students post photos of them reading in the most peculiar of places. Notable shout-outs must go to Jason Palmer, 8 Dane, for reading in Mr Garrido's office, as well as to Ms Budd's kitten for the most adorable entry!

Further to this, Year 9 students recently completed a live debate in front of the rest of their Year group after spending three lessons preparing for 'Speak Week'. This saw every student assigned a group and motion to argue for or against, culminating in the live final debate in the Main Hall. So many students produced fantastic arguments and confidence in their speaking skills, with Ms Budd's 'super group' from 9y/En2 offering some standout performances, notably Temesgen Medhane and Katrell Nicholas for the strength and delivery of their arguments.

Speaking and listening was a recurrent theme this Year, as Ms Acheng's group of selected Year 10 students participated in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out Challenge', where they developed their own communication skills with a specialist work-





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## Mandarin Excellence

By Mr Oliver Austin

What a Year we have seen in the Mandarin Department.

As one of the country's first batch of Mandarin Excellence Programme schools, this Year saw the first cohort of MEP students sit their GCSEs. The work they have been producing, along with all our Year 11 Mandarin students, has been outstanding and I am sure their grades will be a true reflection on the hard work they have put into the subject over the last 4 Years.

At Key Stage 5, we had four students sit their Pre-U Chinese assessments. The work that was produced both in class and in exam conditions was of a very high standard, and they can be extremely proud of the progress that they have made whilst in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

This Year has also seen excellent progress in all Year Groups.

The Modern Languages Department introduce a Languages Carousel for our Year 7 students, with the aim of giving all our boys an insight into both Spanish and Mandarin. From a Mandarin perspective, this has been hugely beneficial, and the progress the students have made since focusing on Mandarin as been of the highest order.

This Year has not been without its challenges and frustrations. Amongst them, was the decision to cancel the trip to China, and to Nottingham.

However, our Year 9s are currently thoroughly enjoying their Virtual Trip to China. Linking up with schools, and being taught by teachers in China has provided them with intensive language learning. This has been coupled with cultural virtual tours around China – including a Panda Zoo in Chengdu and the sight of the upcoming Beijing Winter Olympics.

Watching the boys learn and seeing the improvement in their Mandarin and the increase in confidence to use it has been a joy.

Our Year 10 students have just completed an intensive 4 day course. The topic was tourism, and over the course, they were able to combine business studies and art with their Mandarin, as they split into teams to create marketing campaigns to attract Chinese tourists to the UK. The final products – posters and videos – were a great reflection of the teamwork and hard work that went into these self-study projects.

Despite the disruption that this Year has created, it has been a very positive Year, with all the students making huge leaps forward. I look forward with excitement to what the next academic Year will bring.







## The Spiritual Year—Great Things Are Possible

By Mr Theo Arthur

The COVID-19 pandemic may have brought parts of our society to a stand-still, but it was not able to stop us in Chaplaincy; the beating heart of our College. During the lockdown restrictions, face-to-face lessons were paused, and were replaced with online lessons, this was the same for Chapel Assemblies. Mr Arthur created our own YouTube page, 'SJC Chaplain'. Students were able to watch the virtual Chapel assemblies these from their home and later in their form classes. An interesting consequence of this were the views from parents/carers, Old Josephians and those in our local community. It was great to be able to connect with these groups, especially during difficult times.

## Virtual Remembrance Day Service

We did not want the government restrictions to prevent us for commemorating the War Dead and therefore, we created our virtual Remembrance Day Service. Mr Arthur spent, what felt like, day and night in the College archives reading and researching the lives of Old Josephians listed on our War memorial. This includes the reasons why they were given their War Honours to the place of burial. As every Year passes, the number present in the World Wars decreases in number. This research of the College War Dead, ensured that our boys could relate the War and it's impact upon their lives.

Also made contact with Lieutenant Colonel Nana Kofi Twumasi-Ankrah MVO. An Old Josephian, he has served in the Army for all of his working life and the first Black-British man to hold the position of Equerry to the Queen. He was happy to read for us 'In Flanders Field' and he gave a message of encouragement to a student in Y11 who wants to join the Army afterwards too. At the time of writing, the video of this Service has received a couple of hundred views and was shown to all classes in the College. This is a far greater number than the previous Years, where one Year group (180 students and 10 staff) would have seen it.





## Christmas Carol Service

By Mr Theo Arthur

The theme of the service was “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” [John 1:5] We always knew that the Carol service would be virtual, but following on from the success of the Remembrance Day Service, we knew that the pressure was on. The recording of the Carol Service was initially organised for Monday (7th Dec), but this was the day where the College was closed for students, so that teachers could prepare and plan for online learning due to students being made to self-isolate etc. It was then rearranged for Thursday (10th Dec), but late Wednesday evening we found out the College was closed due to the College network being down. Indeed, it appeared that the darkness was determined to stop us! Nevertheless the boys stuck to their guns and Mr Arnautis, our Head of Music, contacted all the boys, telling them to come in on Thursday; the show must go on! To their credit, every chorister did show up, smartly dressed, shoes polished, and hair combed; this was great to witness. Mr Arnautis and Mr Arthur were fully prepared to call their parents/carers to beg them to come in, not an easy task as you can imagine whilst their mates were playing GTA or FIFA '21 (or completing online work, as I should say).

The recording of the service began at 12.15pm and ended at 6pm. We had a tea-break in the middle, where we had Domino's Pizza courtesy of Mr Garrido. The boys were great; they worked really hard and they too were determined to get the service recorded. At the time of writing, there has been just under a thousand views, making this service one of the most watched videos on our 'St College SE19' YouTube page.



## The Future

We hope that when we return in September, we can return to the old-normal, whilst also, taking on the new things that we have learnt during this challenging period. This includes: using technology to enhance our Services/Masses and assemblies, as well as using these to bring closer our Old Josephians to the current student cohort and using technology to bring the Worldwide Lasallian District closer to each other.

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## Staff v 6th Form Football Match

By Mr Richard Atkins & Ted Jones

May 2020 saw the return of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Staff v 6<sup>th</sup> Form Charity Football Game, in recent Years, the Staff team had been victorious over the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team, with the last game being a 6 – 4 for the Staff in March 2019. This Year was no different, The Staff managed to hold off a valiant performance from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form and continue their 4 Year unbeaten run with a 2-0 victory, with goals coming from Mr Atkins and Mr Rimmer. Most importantly, the event managed to raise over £200 for Comic Relief!

The game was a cagey affair to begin with, thankfully, the easing of COVID-19 restrictions allowed for a bumper crowd of Staff and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students! The 6<sup>th</sup> Form team started quickly and almost scored within the first 5 minutes as Ricardo Dillon Gordon fluffed his lines from 10 yards out. The game continued at a frantic pace as both sides were desperate to claim the bragging rights. However, the wise heads of the Staff XI began to gain control of the game and were able to control the tempo of the game and overpower the 6<sup>th</sup> Form students. Frustrated, the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team gave away a free kick in a dangerous area, in came a dangerous cross from Mr Henry which met the head of Mr Atkins... GOAL! 1-0 to the Staff Team! Half-time came and both sides needed a rest, some jelly babies, and an opportunity to recuperate for the second half.

It was another fast start for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team, with a long ball straight from kick off that went over the Staff defence and allowed Jaden Clarke to bear down on goal. However, a superb, last-ditch tackle from the ever-present Mr Kakoulli thwarted the attack as the ball went out for a corner – the best chance for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form had come and gone. The Staff regained their control of the game and began to pinback the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in their own half as the Staff maintained pressure on the 6<sup>th</sup> Form defence with waves of attacking football. Eventually, a crack appeared when Mr Quinn made a darting run into the 18-yard box and was bundled to the ground by Ayodeji Uthman – penalty to the Staff. Up stepped Mr Atkins... SAVE! A fantastic save by 6<sup>th</sup> Form Player of the Match Junaid Javed-Rashid who dived down low to the bottom left-hand corner to keep out a great strike from Mr Atkins. Despite the miss, the Staff maintained their dominance in the game as the energetic Mr Henry made a 40

yard-run down the left wing whipped in a dangerous cross into the box, it was half cleared to the Peckham Beckham, Mr Rimmer, who rifled the ball into the top right-hand corner from the edge of the box and wheeled away in celebration having scored his first goal in 5 Years for the Staff team. There were to be no more goals in the final 15 minutes of the game and as the full time whistle blew, the Staff were delighted as experience conquered the budding 6<sup>th</sup> Form team once again!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the event, it was a fantastic day which we hope to continue to hold in the coming Years!

**Staff Team: Mr Atkins, Mr Henry, Mr Jones, Mr Mbewe, Mr Kakoulli, Mr Mantillas, Mr Mbewe, Mr Mijweski, Mr Nelson, Mr Rimmer, Mr Russell, Mr Taper, Mr Thornton.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Form Team:**

**Adjei Ben Klu, Ayodeji Uthman, Baffour Frimpong, Cameron Young, Huzaifa Rehman, Jaden Clarke, Jason Martins, Junaid Javed-Rashid, Kacper Strociak, K-mar Whitely, Mike Brobbey, Ricardo Dillon-Gordon, Temitayo Lawal, Zac Camilleri.**





## The Great Christmas Collection

By Mr Theo Arthur

Advent is a period of preparation for the birth of Christ. We are preparing ourselves to be filled with joy at the birth of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the World, who was humbly born in poverty. We are also preparing for the second coming of Jesus. At his birth, Our Lord was gifted with gold, frankincense and myrrh from the Magi. This Year, in particular, many people found this holiday as a period of anxiety, stress and worry. It is particularly saddening to learn that 2,600 food parcels were provided for children every day in first six months of the pandemic. Further to this, the number of people rough sleeping in the UK rose sharply during lockdown, particularly in London; an increase of 36% to about 17,000 people. Our College has responded to this need, and with the great help of the Heads of Houses, we held 'The Great Christmas Collection' and donated items for families in need over the Christmas holiday.



The response was overwhelming and the charities and foodbanks were thrilled to see how generous we were, and it will no doubt make a difference in many individuals' lives. We thank Zac (Head Boy), Jaden and Kacper (Futsal Scholars) who supported us during this time.

What did we achieve?

- 46 separate donations
- Over 300 tins collected
- 15 bags of dried pasta
- 67 tins of fruit





## Reading Intervention and Lexplore Club

By Ms Clarke & Ms Kabat

We would like to thank Year 7 and 8 boys for a wonderful Year. We are so proud of all the progress they've made and for maintaining a high attendance record. Students have been using the SRA Reading Laboratory books throughout the Year and enjoyed developing their comprehension, vocabulary and grammar.

### Public Speaking:

The students have very much improved and grown immensely in such a short time in identifying the different emotions displayed in the author's writing. The students presented themselves on a platform, to read out aloud to their audience.



Thank you to our wonderful children: Dylan Marques, Ryszard Loi, Thomas Harrison-Gibney, Yassin Parmar, Keynan Ahiman, Lenny Sackey, Rashad Newton, Santiago Da Veiga, Thomas Abreu, Ali Mahdi Hasan, Blankson-Blake Rhys, Elias Noah, Kader Munir, Mahabir-Singh Rudra, Piracha Eshan, Rincon Salazar Andres Felipe, Schweigert Isaac, Shaikh Marjaan.



## Scavenger Hunt

By Mr Matt Farrah

The House Team hosted one last competition on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July in the form of a photo scavenger hunt at lunchtime. The rules were simple: snap a photo of all 12 items or challenges on the list and your team is entered in to win! There was a real buzz in the air on Friday as the teams of ambitious detectives tore off to get a picture of someone heading a football, collecting 10 pieces of litter, and a seagull eating chips.



Netherton House were declared the winners after submitting the most complete entries, so well done to Mr Henry and his team of sleuths. Sherlock Holmes might have some competition! But why should the students get all the fun? Staff were invited to take part as well, with a much more challenging list. Congratulations to Ms Stephen, Mr Minhinnick and Ms Acheng for diving head-first into the challenge.





## Alumni Spotlight

By Ms Rebecca Cashmore

Denis Treacy left St Joseph's in 1979 with 5 O' Levels and a love of science he still attributes to his biology teacher Mr Bertenshaw. He was a popular and outgoing student and enjoyed his time at school. He started his career as a microbiologist in the labs of Brooke Bond in Croydon. He found his love of learning and his outgoing personality meant he was a natural leader. He achieved the highest positions in his chosen field and tells us that before he retired "I was responsible for 26,000 employees and 34 manufacturing sites in 13 countries including USA, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, India as well as the UK and Europe. My products were being eaten by 4bn consumers (half the world's population)." Still busy in retirement Denis has acted as an adviser to the government on Global Food Supply Chains during Covid 19 keeping our shops filled.



Dayo Afolabi studied medicine at Cambridge University and is now completing his Junior Doctor Years in a hospital in Peterborough. "It's been hard work, very hard on everyone" he says, modestly, due to the continued extraordinary circumstances of the last sixteen months - but teamwork and the belief that it is a privilege to treat his patients has sustained him. Dayo grew up in Lewisham, loved football and rugby and left St Joseph's sixth form in 2007 with Biology, Chemistry and Maths A-Levels. He had not been offered a place to study medicine in Year 13 and was very disappointed but says the friendly and supportive sixth form staff helped him to stay positive and focussed on his long-term ambition when he left to study Biomedical Science at Queen Mary University. The key to his success? "Hard work again - and being ambitious and able to make short term sacrifices!"



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## Alumni Spotlight

If you're a former student of St Joseph's College, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

"Our Alumni network has really helped us develop as school. They have supported and encouraged students, given their time to fundraising and working with the Governing body and been amazing ambassadors for us" S Cabrera

In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

[networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/sjcollege](https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/sjcollege)

## House Cup Winners

After 23 events and incredible buy-in from everyone involved, the overall house standings for 2020/21 are in:

House	Overall Points
<b>1st BEULAH</b>	Beulah 34759
<b>2nd BROOKLANDS</b>	Brooklands 33511
<b>3rd HILL</b>	Hill 31862
4th GRANGE	Grange 31851
5th NETHERTON	Netherton 30576
6th DANE	Dane 28805

Congratulations to Brian and Beulah House for winning the competition for the 2nd time. Will anyone snatch the cup off them?!







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## Staff Goodbyes

**This Year we say goodbye to the following members of staff:**

- ◆ David Garrido
- ◆ Sean Miller
- ◆ Toks Olusamokun
- ◆ James Davies
- ◆ Leigh-Anne Cameron
- ◆ Sarah Harms
- ◆ Natalie Faulkner
- ◆ Freda Cole
- ◆ Sunil Taper
- ◆ Ted Jones

## Goodbye & good luck



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## Foundation Prize Winners

Julius Prize for Christian Endeavour	Onye Devis
Daryl Desa Prize for ICT	David Katende
Don O'Brien Prize for Art	Aadam Yiadom Boakye
Sir Peter Graham Prize for Technology	Kassim Ibrahim & Jeffrey Ofori- Boakye
PTA Prize for Modern Languages	Mandarin – Joey Chung Spanish – Tasharne Morgan
Bro Leo Barrington Prize for Best GCSE Results 2021	Jin-Soo Chen & Rahul Shah
Timothy Burden Award for Personal Achievement in Lower School	Hasib Niazi
Sean McNamee Prize for Instrumental Progress	Bryant Van Bellen
Denis Kelleher Prize - Upper School Sportsman	Kacper Strociak
Mark O'Malley Prize for Swimming	Harry Potter
Usherwood Prize for Mathematics	Abdur-Rahmen Stephenson
Chitty Prize for Physics	Abdur-Rahmen Stephenson
Victor Slaughter Prize for Geography	Fraz Khan
Gilbert Prize for Best 'A' Level results 2021	Dylan Sangha , Hammad Khan , Petra Nicholson & Tasharne Morgan
Potamian Prize for Science	Jawadul Hoque
Dunn Prize for Biology	Fraz Khan
Grace Slaughter Prize for English	Dylan Sangha
49 Club Prize for History	Mohamad Darragi
Shield of Honour – Head Student	Dylan Sangha



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