



## From the Headmaster

I hope you have been enjoying our new termly News Bulletin and hope you enjoy reading the latest Christmas edition. Its publication is thanks to Mr Cook who has been sifting through the spectacular range of activities that students have been involved in throughout this term.

As you read the content of this bulletin, you will get a sense of some of the things that have been going on across the College. The House System, now in its second year, has been a huge success with students and staff have been really embracing the competitions and activities associated with it. This year the response to our Croydon Neighbourhood Care Hamper Campaign to provide items for the lonely and elderly members of our community has been truly amazing and I would like to thank you all for your generosity and kindness. This generosity reflects one of the core values of our Founder, St. John Baptiste de la Salle, that we should always look after the poor and vulnerable in our society, and in this day and age where there are so many people who struggle this continues to be an important part of who we are as a Lasallian school.

At the start of the year, I encouraged the students to embrace the opportunities available to them. I firmly believe that those students who get involved get the most out of their time at school. This term I'm thrilled to see so many students getting involved in a massively diverse range of activities and competitions throughout all aspects of life at St. Joseph's. A great way to keep up with what is going on is through our Twitter page @St\_Josephs.

This is also linked to all our House and Sports Twitter pages.

The New "Beulahland" is almost ready and I am pleased to announce that we are about to publish Number 161 and I look forward to showing you this soon. The new edition is split into two parts, the first looking at the years between 1987 and 2017 and the second part is a round-up of all of life at the school during 2017/18. Once again we thank Mr. Cook and Mr. Murphy for their dedication to re-establishing "Beulahland" for the College.



As a school community we are now turning our minds to Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour and listen to God's message as he speaks to us through the simple and loving image of the Holy Family. Joseph and Marys acceptance of his will, and moved by faith, trust and love in God, guided them to "that night of nights". We pray that God will guide us as we journey through the coming year. May we live with courage, love, with compassion and be the voice of peace on earth to all those we meet. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December at 6.45pm, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas together.

I wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and Blessed New Year.

David Garrido

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CURRENT HOUSE RANKING	
Netherton	1st
Grange	2nd
Dane	3rd
Brooklands	4th
Beulah	5th
Hill	6th



# Term 1 News

## St Joseph's donates the most

Hamper Campaign 2018

Croydon Neighbourhood Care were extremely grateful when 5 student leaders turned up with half a ton of donated food. St Joseph's College parents were asked to donate dry and canned food to help with the elderly and lonely members of our community. The response was astounding as food came in schoolbags on a daily basis for 2 weeks. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your gracious and bounteous donations.



## Christmas Carol service

The annual Christmas carol service continued this year. The chapel choir lead by Mr Arnautis sang beautifully, assisted by staff members who can sing bass and tenor. The orchestra, a mixture of students and staff were stunning and the organist, Mr Garrido played proudly. The service was put together by Mr Arthur and Mr Garrido with special thanks to Mrs Stevens. Here are some photos from the event.



## Old Josephians open the Fitness and Wellbeing Centre

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we opened our new spectacular fitness centre. Over £25,000.00 was donated to the school from the Old Josephians Committee



chaired by Adrian McCulloch. The centre boasts the newest state of the art Matrix cardiovascular equipment and an elliptical machine worth over £5,000.00.

The centre has new carpet, spectacular wallpaper and inspirational quotes. We look forward to many years of staff and senior student fitness as a result. The centre will also be accessible to parents and old Josephians in the new year. Look out for further information on our website.



## 2018 Student leaders busier than ever

Our student leadership team has built on last years' and now includes; House Class and Vice Class Captains in Years 7 and 8, School Prefects in Years 9,10 and 11 and Senior Prefects and House Captains and House Vice Captains in the 6th Form. This year also sees



the addition of a Head Boy in Years 8—10 and the following students have won this coveted role: Jeremiah Fayeye in Year 8, Babatunde Kafonji in Year 9 and Ra'ees Piracha in Year 10. Students have already contributed greatly to our open events, patrolling the cafeteria, delivering the hampers to Croydon, assisting with the schools senipr management and middle management team and displaying excellent behaviour.

# Term 1 Sports Photos



Year 9 National Cup



Year 8 and 9 Basketball Team



Year 7 Croydon Cross-Country



Swimming Gala



Sixth Form Football



Year 8 New Kit



Tag Rugby



Under 13 Cricket Winners



SIC at Wembley



Year 10 Football vs Harris Crystal Palace



Year 8 New Kit



Year 8 and 9 Cross-Country



Year 7 Rugby Team



Year 8 New Kit



Year 8 New Kit

# Our Lasallian Heritage

By Theo Arthur

# Jamael Westman visits his old school

Jamael Westman, old Josephian and star of the West End hit show, Hamilton, was our guest of honour at this term's annual prize giving awards.

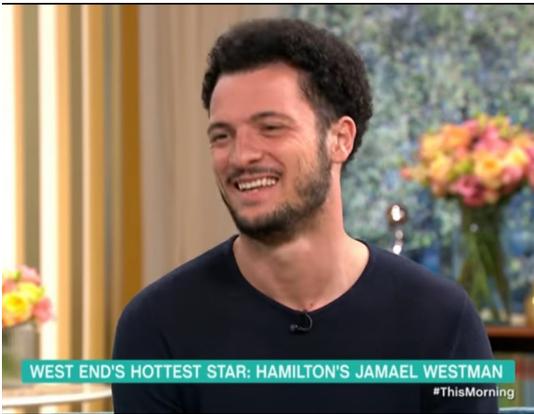
Jamael handed out prizes to all of our winners and did an interview on stage with Mr Cook. Members of the 2007 school play 'Pirates of the Curriculum' turned up to see Jamael as did the Evening Standard and parents from our community.

Jamael donated 30 tickets to the school and a lucky selection of boys got to see the world famous show.

Jamael starred in 3 school plays at St Joseph's and completed his A levels here with a stand out A in English Literature. He then went on to study at RADA. Jamael graduated from RADA and entered his first West End show, Torn. Within just 1 year, he won the coveted title role of Alexander Hamilton at the Victoria Palace theatre where he remains at present wowing every audience. We are truly grateful as a community to Jamael for his service to our school.



Peter Cook



## Upcoming Events for your diary

School closes at 11.25am	22nd Dec
School re-opens	7th Jan
Inset day (no students)	11th Jan
Year 7 Parents Evening	15th Jan
Chinese NY performance	25th Jan
Year 11 photographs	28th Jan
Year 12 Parents evening	29th Jan
Year 8 & 9 booster jabs	4/5th Feb
Year 8 Parents eve	5th Feb
6th Form external interviews	7th Feb
Year 11 PPE1 A Level Exams	11-15th Feb
Year 10 Parent's Evening	22th Feb
Year 11 Mock Examinations	4-6th Mar
Ash Wednesday	6th Mar
Year 10 Parent's Evening	12th Mar
Year 9 Parent's Evening	2nd Apr
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>5th Apr</b>
300 Year Festival	6th Apr
School Re-opens	23rd Apr

## House Report

For the start of the term we welcome 3 new Heads of House, Ms Agboola (Dane), Mr Trencher (Brooklands), Mr Farrah (Netherton). We also welcome 6 new House Captains and their teams. The first Super 6 Event, swimming gala, was won by \_\_\_ and the second, the STEAM event was won by Netherton. We look forward to the New Year with plenty of activities and opportunities for house points. Merry Christmas from all the House Team.

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## "Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God"

This phrase is how we begin the day and it echoes around the school corridors at the start of every lesson. As with many things, when we say it this often, it starts to lose it's meaning. It is important to remember that this phrase, which was created by the founder of the Lasallian Order, St John Baptist de La Salle, still contains a very vital significance for both students and staff alike.

As teachers, we are called to remember that the presence of God is within those entrusted to our care each and every day. We are called to 'remember', to recognise, and pay attention to this. When we do this then we can encounter God when we teach and inspire others. This meaning behind this phrase makes the role of the teacher very important. The phrase reminds us that we must say 'Good Morning' with a smile to all, quickly learn the names of our students, and to adapt our teaching to the learning styles, needs and even interests of our students. This gives us a genuine care for the success of the boys.

For students, this reminder can be transformation also. God is beyond the Religious Education Block and beyond the Chapel too. God is in the canteen, in the playground, even in the IC/EXIT room! Students ought to treat one another with respect and kindness. But this also means the teacher/student relationship is one that is based on mutual rapport and respect because we begin each lesson saying: "Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God". This College is a truly unique and special place.

This academic year is an exciting one for our school and Lasallian community. The College will be hosting the Great British celebrations of 300 years of the death of St John Baptist de La Salle on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. *More details to follow.*

The Lasallian organisation is truly global, it stretches every continent: **560** Lasallian educational institutions around the world from: **73,000** lay teachers and staff. **Teaching 900,000** students in over 80 countries:

De La Salle Middle School (Nigeria),

Bethlehem University (Palestine),

St. La Salle Secondary School, (India)

Manhattan College (USA),

St Joseph's College, (UK)

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This celebration will be an opportunity to honour the past, celebrate the present and share hope about our united future.

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