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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week students from our Year 13 Enterprise course planned and delivered an afternoon activity session to our Year 7 students. The Year 7 students who joined in the fun thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. We are very proud of our 6th Formers for organising and leading this event and for establishing a social enterprise business.

Whilst the school was closed to most of our students on Wednesday, our Year 12 and 11 students sat Pre-Public Examinations. Their focus, effort, and determination to achieve in these examinations was very noticeable and we look forward to celebrating their results with them in coming weeks.

We thank all the parents/carers who attended Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, we hope you found it a useful event.

Next week is the final week of term before the half term break. It is also an important week for Year 9 students. On Monday in the Main School Hall there is a Key Stage 4 Options Evening at 6pm. We encourage all parents to attend. The systems and processes change each year therefore parents with older children who have been through the process should still attend. On Tuesday remote Parents' Evening for Year 9 will take place. If not already done so, please ensure to book appointments.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

Today, Pope Francis along with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland are in DR Congo and South Sudan for their Apostolic Journey. These two countries in Eastern Africa have seen increased violence in recent times. As most of the population in DR Congo and South Sudan are Christian it is hoped that The Pope's journey can help bring about peace and reconciliation. Indeed, we would like Pope Francis to use his influence to bring about peace, as well as to be a voice for these people who are suffering.

I ask all who orchestrate war in the Democratic Republic of The Congo to listen to the voice of God who calls you to conversion. Put an end to war. Stop getting rich at the cost of the poor. Stop getting rich from resources and money stained with blood!

– Pope Francis, 1st Feb, 2023

Loving God,  
pour out your peace upon us all.  
Lead us in your ways,  
united with our brothers and sisters in Christ  
throughout the world.

Hear our prayer,  
especially for the people of South Sudan.  
Fill them with hope  
and strengthen their commitment  
as they come together  
to seek reconciliation  
and build peace, trust and understanding.

Work through your people  
to break down the barriers  
that prevent change.  
Melt the mistrust that divides,  
and calm the fears that lead to violence.

And unite us all  
in our desire for peace  
so that everyone may live  
free from conflict, hunger and injustice  
and all may flourish as one human family.

Amen.

[You will be able to read and hear one of Pope Francis' message in this link.](#)  
South Sudan is a special place for the Lasallian Organisation as it is where we have our newest Lasallian School, specifically in Rumbek. La Salle School, Rumbek was opened in 2020 and is a boys boarding school.

We continue to pray for the students of our brother school as well as for all people in South Sudan. Feel free to follow them on their Facebook page. We pray that this ecumenical journey can renew the peoples call for human fraternity, peace and living together.



***The Pope greeting Christians***

## The Parents Guide to Apprenticeships

### National Apprenticeship Week - 6th - 12th February 2023

We want our students and their parents and carers to know as much as possible about all of the options available to them. National Apprenticeship week is next week (6 - 12th February) and there are a host of resources, podcasts and live webinars aimed at parents to showcase the range of opportunities .



### National Apprentice Week Live

The National Apprenticeship Week website is hosting a number of Live events with Top Employers, including BAE systems and PWC, [which you can sign up for here.](#)

### Information and resources

[The parent's and carer's pack is available here](#) and explains how to search for and apply for apprenticeships in all kinds of occupations.

[This list of big companies](#) offering Higher and degree Apprenticeships is a great place to start but remember there are many small companies not listed which also offer great apprenticeships.

You and your child can also look at current vacancies using their Unifrog logins.



### Parents' Podcast

“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 2 is bigger and better than ever, led by the brilliant new host, Rachel Burden!” [Here is the link!](#)

# PWC VIRTUAL INSIGHT PROGRAMME

PwC have just opened applications for their 2023 Virtual Insight programme. Open to Year 11 and 12 students, the 3-day experience is designed to give students an insight into PwC: their lines of service, their culture, the work they do and how they can join PwC as a school leaver. They'll have the opportunity to engage with staff and ask their questions so that they can make informed decisions about their next steps. They'll receive guidance and top tips on the application process, equipping them with the skills they need to thrive in the workplace.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get incredible experience at a top company.

[Further information, including full eligibility criteria and application link can be found in the job description here.](#)



# RVC VACATION SCHOOLS



## RVC Vacation Schools 2023

Are you interested in working as a vet, vet nurse or bioscientist? Want to meet others like yourself and learn more about the steps you need to take to follow your dreams?



Scan to apply

- **Year 10 Easter School:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
For students in year 10 interested in animal careers  
Applications close 5pm 19<sup>th</sup> February
- **Year 11 Summer School:** 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
For students in year 10 interested in animal careers  
Applications close 5pm 31<sup>st</sup> March

We will have in-person days covering different careers with animals, practicals, group work, mini lectures, animal handling, and application advice!



Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want to work with animals in the future? Here is a fantastic opportunity to apply for the Royal Veterinary College's Vacation school programs!

You will take part in a range of exciting activities including lectures, practical's and Q&As with our world-leading researchers. We will focus on hands-on experiences in our labs, anatomy museum and with our animals, and you will also get the chance to meet current RVC students, other young people with a passion for animals and professionals working in a range of animal science careers.

[Year 10 apply here](#)

[Year 11 apply here](#)

[Year 12 apply here](#)

Applications close at 5pm on 19th February 2023 for Year 10s and at 5pm on 31st March for Years 11 and 12.



# INTERNET SAFETY

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on 7th February with the theme “Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online”.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.



You can find out more on the official Safer Internet Day page of the UK Safer Internet Centre website. Please take some time to browse the site, which includes some useful guides and resources. Advice for parents and carers: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Top Tips for young people: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-young-people>

The NSPCC website also has great resources on how to keep your child safe online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

# SPANISH LIBRARY



Our Spanish library is growing and this is in an introduction to just one of the exciting new titles that we have on our shelves!

"A Por Ellos" is the official comic of the Spanish Soccer Team.

A host of famous faces including Del Bosque, Casillas, Iniesta and Torres, together with the rest of the national team, face their most difficult challenge yet! This time they will not fight with other teams for the World Cup or the Euros, but will play on behalf of the whole planet against almost impossible rivals from other galaxies!

This is an unmissable story and a must read for any football or science fiction fans or anyone just wanting to improve their Spanish! Visit the Spanish section of the library at lunchtimes to grab yourself a copy!

# EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Y7-9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4  Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4  Y8, 9 Band Practice Week 1 MU01  Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 2) LRC2/V002	Y7 STEM Club (October – Christmas and February – Easter) SC04  Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 1) LRC2/V002  Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y10-11 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4  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) LSD2  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 LSD4  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
<b>Wednesday</b>		Y7-13 Music Open House H02  Y10 and 11 Mandarin Speaking Club S16  Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4	Y7,10,11 Well-being Club LSD4  Y7-13 Pokémon club S14  Y7 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00- 1.30pm) S16	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LSD4  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 H01  Y7-13 Philosophy and Film Club S13  Y7-9 Football training Fields  Y9-10 Football Training Meadows
<b>Thursday</b>	Y7-13 Handball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4  Year 11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4  Code Club S22	Y7-9 Fantasy Football League S13  Y7-9 MFL Quiz Time S04 and Virtual  Y7-13 Chess Club N02  Y7-9 Rugby Squad Training Meadow  Y10-11 Gym Club Fitness Suite  Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Y7-10 Swimming Club Pool	Y7-13 Well-being Club LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4  Y7,10 and 11 Singing Club MU01  Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 2) LSD2	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LSD4  Y8,9,12 and 13 Scrabble Club N14	Y7 and 12 Peter Jones Club H21/22

It has been a quiet week in the PE Department with only one fixture! It's been a frustrating term with several fixtures being rearranged, but plenty to look forward to after the half term break.

## Football

A superb performance from Mr Quinn's Year 9 side saw them come through with an outstanding 5-0 victory against Oasis Shirley Park. Goals coming from Yusuf Amr-Mohammed, Hamza Kargbo, Hayden Adus, Messie Kabamba and a thunderbolt from Cameron Jones secured all three points!



*The triumphant Year 9 team*

## Dodgeball

On Monday afternoon, our Year 7's and 8's locked horns in our house dodgeball showdown! There was some very questionable dodging, ducking, dipping, diving and dodging but a very enjoyable event for all! Our Year 9 and 10's will take to the court on Friday afternoon which promises to have some fiercely competitive contests. The results from the Year 7 and 8 events are below:

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Brooklands	1 <sup>st</sup> - Grange
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Grange	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Dane
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Beulah	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Beulah
4 <sup>th</sup> - Netherton	4 <sup>th</sup> - Netherton
5 <sup>th</sup> - Hill	5 <sup>th</sup> - Hill
6 <sup>th</sup> - Dane	6 <sup>th</sup> - Brooklands

## Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Expected Arrival Back at SJC
07/02/23	U12 Basketball vs HCACP - Croydon League	Expected back at 4:30pm
08/02/23	U18 Futsal vs Suffolk	Away
08/02/23	U16 Handball vs Carshalton	Expected back at 5:00pm
09/02/23	U14 vs Woodcote - Croydon League	Expected back at 5:00pm

Every fortnight we will be celebrating some of our many star students from Year 7! Congratulations !

## The Stars Of Seven

**Obinna Chukwuocha (Beulah)** for competing in two house competitions, dodgeball and the spelling bee and doing amazing in both. Showed real spirit and enthusiasm to support represent the form in House events

**Yahya Sharieff (Beulah)** for always going above and beyond in form. Keeping up duties when other form members are away and always being proactive and kind.

**Patryk Sendeki (Hill)** For getting involved in lots of different activities around the school, including choir and the pantomime and really trying hard to help improve the show. Also, for his hard work on well-being day and for attempting all activities.

**Dylan Castillo Jacome (Hill)** for contributing a lot more during form time and making a conscious effort help others in class

**Alejandro Mendez Fernandes (Dane)**- he spent a lot of his time making and organising the form assembly. He has been very organised and helpful.

**Yousaf Abid (Netherton)** for being an excellent line monitor

**Jasiah Foster (Netherton)** for doing so well in the drama workshop in wellbeing day

**Khalid Bun-Seisay (Grange)** for his respect for his community and others in form during icebreaker

**Sean Shijo (Brooklands)** for helping other students so much. He is a caring person and I am very proud of him

**Mohammed Esa Mohammed Kassim ( Brooklands)** He is our Wordle Master and he has been so helpful doing jobs in the classroom, such as giving out and collecting reading books and PSHE books. He is a star

**Fawad Rana (Grange)** for continued 100% attendance and respect for others during icebreaker

## GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 Way-j Powell
- 2 Samuel Quintero
- 3 Abdurrahman Hameed Sulthanul Arief

Year 11

- 1 Adam Effendi
- 2 Rhys Evans
- 3 Jacob Laurent-Cummins

## UPCOMING DATES

**Monday 06.02** Year 9 Options Information Evening for Parents will be in the Chapel at 6 pm.

**Tuesday 07.02** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening.

**Friday 10.02** Half term break begins. We return to school on Monday 20.02

