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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God".

Dear Parents/ Carers

We restart our St Joseph's College Newsletter after a busy month of September. Despite students only returning last month we are very proud of how quickly they have settled back into school life. Our new Year 7 cohort have impressed us all with how quickly they have found their way around the school, made new friends, and extended their learning. We have also welcomed our new Year 12 cohort which has resulted in our 6th Form numbers expanding, due to increased demand.

House events have been a key feature of our new year with three activities already taking place. It has been lovely to see a range of students get involved and represent their house. Trips have also taken place to a Model United Nations event, the Houses of Parliament, and Horniman Museum. We have also welcomed a new team of College Prayer Leaders, who were inducted to their role by Fr Celestine during his visit this week. We thank all Year 11 and Year 13 parents and students who attended our Strive for Success evening on Wednesday- we are very grateful for all the positive feedback we received from the event.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

This year we welcome a whole new cohort of year eleven prefects. They have already been assisting and helping around the school. It is a huge honour to represent the school in this way and therefore we congratulate the new prefects on their new position and wish them the best of luck for the new academic year.

"Being a prefect is important to me as it allows me to support students and staff around the school. I have already enjoyed the opportunity to be more pro-active and responsible."

Amaan Tabassum - Year 11 Prefect

"We are here to help and give back to the fantastic college community at St Joseph's."



Congratulations are also in order for our new student leadership team. After a gruelling application process the positions have now been filled. Head boy and girl are Yasseen Chowdhury and Ismatu Yomba whilst the deputy head boy and girl are Naasir Islam and Queenie Etsey.

They have already made impressive speeches in year seven and year eight assemblies this week. We all wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

In addition to this we also have a huge number of new prayer leaders. Mr Arthur has provided a full update on this in his Chaplaincy reflection.



Our new prayer leaders

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR SEVENS!



Road Dahl Day

We celebrated Road Dahl Day with Year 7 on September 13th, culminating in everyone's favourite House competition of the year: the peach eating contest.

Congratulations to Hill House for winning, but further merit must be given to Grange House for finishing third despite only having 3 players (in comparison to Hill's 9)!

Further to this, Year 7 students were read part of Roald Dahl's 'The Hitchhiker' each lesson, as well as enjoying a 'spot-the-staff' contest where students were tasked with finding staff dressed up as Roald Dahl characters across the school. Well done to all those who participated - we hope you enjoyed your edible prizes!

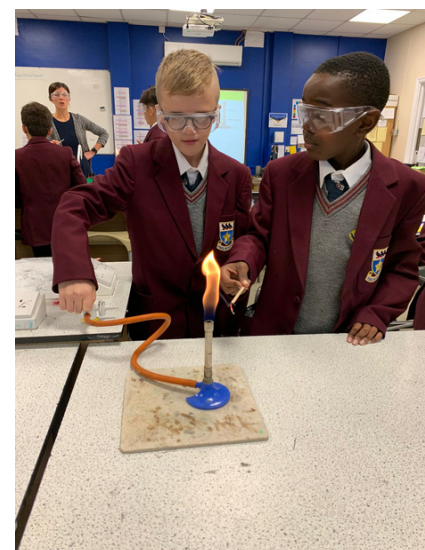
New school experiences

On open day two of our new year seven students gave fantastic speeches in which they described all the new experiences and lessons they had learnt so far this year. Thank you Ian and Reece for your inspiring messages.



Brooklands celebrating post peaches

There were exciting times in Science last week with year 7 getting their Bunsen burner licenses with Ms Weatherhead. The students were excellent at naming each part of the equipment and had to show they could light it and turn it off before having their license handed over!



My first bunsen burner

GCSE UPDATE

Striving for success

On Wednesday the school hosted a strive for success evening for our GCSE and sixth form students and their families. It was an important evening in order to learn about revision tips, important dates and excellent exam advice. We were excited to see so many people there on the night.

Students visiting the English Department stand were asked to complete a small revision quiz for the chance to win a hamper full of revision resources. It was wonderful to see so many students engaging with the competition and to have so many entries on the evening. Well done to the lucky hamper winners: Mohammed-Safwaan Lakhani and Omar Norona. We are sure that the revision hampers will be put to good use!



The winning students and their hampers

GCSE POD

Well done to the top achievers on GCSE POD this week and so far this year!

- Year 10 (year so far)***
- 1. Benicio Paredes Rojas*
 - 2. Nimdee Boampong*
 - 3. Denis Furculita*

- Year 10 (this week)***
- 1. Keano Edwards*
 - 2. Jesus De Gouveia*
 - 3. Denis Furculita*

- Year 11 (year so far)***
- 1. Hussain Malida*
 - 2. Noah Mihretab*
 - 3. Alvin Kodjo Baafi Okyere*

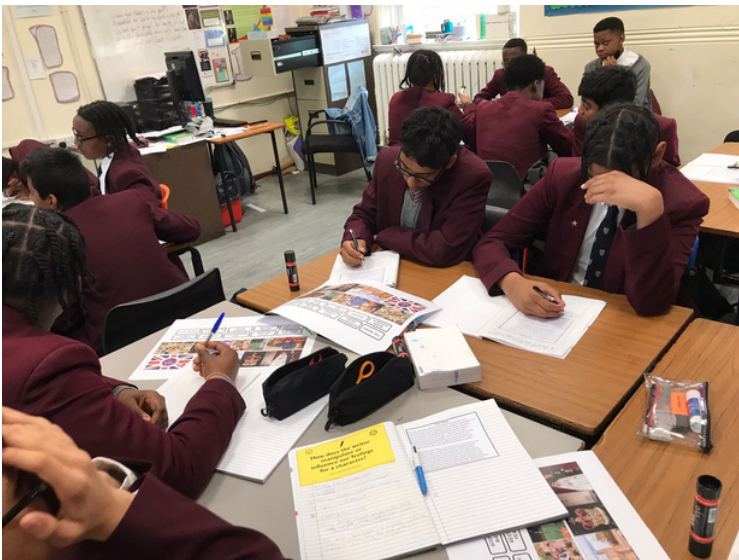
- Year 11 (this week)***
- 1. Mohamed Bah*
 - 2. Aayush Gosai*
 - 3. Darryl Asante-Yeboah*

ACROSTIC POEMS FOR THE QUEEN

Acrostic poems for the queen

All of us at St Joseph's were deeply saddened to hear about the tragic passing of Queen Elizabeth II. In tribute KS3 students wrote acrostic poems for the queen. These were inspired by the poet laureate Simon Armitage's poem for the death of her majesty.

These were brilliant sessions which produced some outstanding poems. They are now on display in the North block! Thank you Mr Dench for organising.

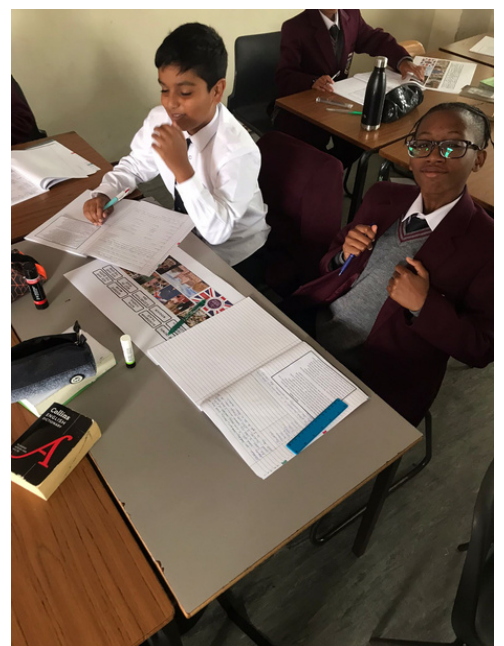


An Acrostic for the Queen

*Elegantly she led us for seventy
years
Leader that can inspire millions of
people
Initiative that normal people
don't have
Zones of London fall silent in
tribute
A lifelong promise to the United
Kingdom
Brilliant Queen
Elizabeth rest in peace
This queen was an irreplaceable
monarch
History will never forget her*

Jul Emmanuel 8XEN3

*Thank you Jul for this touching
and inspiring poem.*



THIS WEEK IN PE

It has been a week dominated by football, with 4 fixtures so far and 1 more to come tomorrow. With so much football on display here are the reports of the two best results of the week:

We kicked off the week with our U14s making the short trip to local rivals Harris South Norwood. In premier league footballing terms this is Liverpool (St Joseph's) vs Everton (HASN). Our boys shown they can do it on a Monday night in South Norwood, grinding out a 3-1 Victory earning 3 points in the league.

Wednesday saw our U14s play their second match of the week against Harris Purley. A game of great goals. We ran out 4-2 winners. Jerome Passley James showing he is more than electrifying pace with two bullet headers, and two absolute rockets saw us win the game, getting us up to 6 points in the league. Well done boys!



The triumphant U14s

Player of the week goes to U14s
Joshua Swaby, a rock at centre half
who headed everything in both games.
Well done Joshua, keep it up!

HOUSE UPDATE

House Basketball competition

The House competition calendar officially kicked off with the KS3 basketball competition. Faris kindly wrote this report on the big day.

"The first big house competition of the year was the year 7 and 8 basketball competition. It was great! I assume everyone enjoyed it because it was lots of fun, for not only the winners but for everyone involved! Both 7 Beulah (my house) and 8 Hill won in their year groups. Both houses are so proud to have won, especially because it was the first house event. I bet that everyone is looking forward to the next competition – the Big Debate! I can't wait to see who the winners will be....may the best house win!"

Faris Hassan-Ali, 7Beulah



Faris and the rest of the winning team

Upcoming House events

Thursday 06.10 - The Big Debate

Thursday 13.10 - KS4 Basketball
competition

Friday 28.10 - Deadline for the spooky
story competition

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Houses of Parliament

Last Friday Ms McConnell accompanied our Year 13 Politics students to the Houses of Parliament. A fantastic day was had by all and they did our college proud.

It seems that we might have some future MP's in our midst with Aaron Primus Miller and Adam Sahin holding court in the House of Commons!



Horniman Museum

The Transition boys enjoyed a very sunny day out at the Horniman Museum this Thursday to marvel at the over-stuffed walrus, a variety of other taxidermy animals, artifacts from all over the world, and a wander through the aquarium. They were thrilled they finally found Nemo. Year 7s have been writing about extinct animals and saving our precious planet from the unconquerable mountains of plastic in our natural environment. Thank you Mr Farrah for organising.

Model United Nations

This Saturday 8th October, five St Joseph's College students from Years 11, 12 and 13 will be taking part in a Model United Nations event being held at Alleyn's School in Dulwich.

During the event, we will be debating various global issues in the General Assembly, but we will also be part of the Security Council where we will debate the impact of private military contractors, rising tensions in Taiwan. Our students have already had one trip to Alleyn's to experience a debate and are looking forward to getting involved on Saturday.

This promises to be a great opportunity to discuss global issues, politics and debate with peers from a range of schools including Alleyn's School, Dulwich College and Dartford Grammar. We are sure that this will provide our delegates with a fantastic and enriching experience.

Best of luck boys!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The school's Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the High Weald AONB (Area of National Beauty) will now take place at the end of the spring term. Unfortunately, due to a combination of unprecedented weather and issues around students' evidence of activities, we have had to delay this term's trip. Currently, the booking is in place for 24-25th March. However, if weather is not suitable, we will go at the beginning of the summer term before the beginning of the exam period.



The new academic year and new logo

“Lasallian DNA” is the latest in a series of annual themes developed by the Brother Superior and General Council following the 45th General Chapter in 2014. The themes are intended to help Lasallians gain insights and develop integrated responses to extend and deepen the relevance of the Lasallian mission. “Lasallian DNA” is the ninth theme, which was announced prior to the 46th General Chapter in 2022.

The logo consists of the following elements:

- An illustration of a DNA strand made up of “erratic” strokes of different lengths which express the diversity of actions with which Lasallians express their commitment to the Church, society and culture.
- The five-pointed star that refers to this historical element in the iconography of the Institute.
- The typographic set: LASALLIAN DNA with the use of the ‘i’ that is rotated 180 degrees and some horizontal lines that accompany some letters that represent the individual and institutional particularities that exist in our reality.



The Lasallian Month of Peace

We are in the Lasallian Month of Peace, this coincides with the UN Month of Peace. Our Chapel Assemblies have been praying for the people of Ukraine. With recent news of the Queen’s death and funeral and more recently the growing concerns of the cost of living, the war in Ukraine may have been forgotten. We continue to pray for peace.

Preparing for the Lasallian Month of Peace Service

Mr Arthur and Ms Canavan are members of the District Youth Lasallian Council. At the end of the month of Peace, the Lasallian district will share a pre-recorded prayer service. The students in Year 8 wrote their prayers on peace. Miss Canavan chose the best ones and with Mr Russell and Mr Theophilou, we recorded these in the Chapel. The following boys from the College will be representing the College in the pre-recorded Service: Elijah, Lemar, Kene and Enoch. The Service will be shown to every Lasallian school in Ireland, GB, and Malta. I look forward to sharing with you the Service when it is released.

PRAYER LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Prayer Leaders

On Wednesday, we welcomed Fr Celestine of St Mathew's Church, South Norwood, to lead the Prayer Leaders' Service. The Prayer Leaders (minimum 1 per form group) are volunteers who will lead prayers during tutor time and at the start of lessons. They will support Mr Arthur in the preparation, planning and delivery of Chapel assemblies also. Fr Celestine blessed the cross badges, and the leaders are now wearing their badges with much pride. We remember the words of Fr Celestine, 'To be a prayer leader, we must make sure that we continue in our own relationship with God by continuing to pray too'.



Volunteers for Altar Serving – Thank you!

Earlier in the week, Mr Arthur sent out a letter to all parents/carers of Year 7, 8 and 9 requesting for volunteers to be Altar Servers. This year, we have the largest group of volunteers for this role. Mr Arthur will train them in the next days so that they are ready for the Head teacher's Induction Mass on Friday 14th October; our next big event!

UPCOMING DATES

October 10 - 16 - Week 2

Monday 10.10 - Year 11 RSE sessions with NHS Croydon

Friday 14.10 - Students finish school early at 11.45

October 17 - 23 - Week 1

Wednesday 19.10 - Character trip to city hall

Thursday 20.10 - Careers day

