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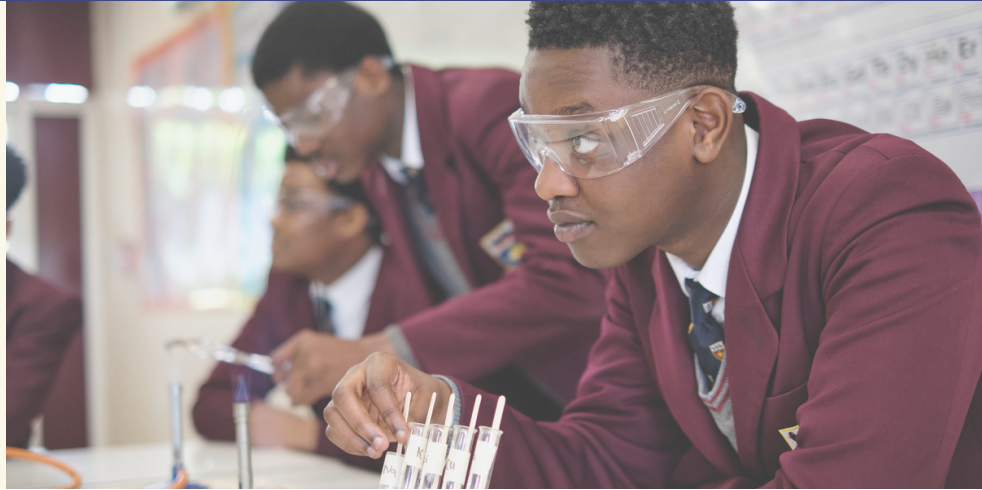
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week, on Wednesday the College celebrated Christmas dinner. It was lovely to see the majority of students opting to have the dinner and there was a very joyful atmosphere - photos of this are available later in the newsletter. Our Year 11 Prefects were excellent helpers during the dinner- serving the younger students with dedication and care.

There remain just a few days for parents/ carers and students to purchase their raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle organised by the Friends of St Joseph's. Prize winners will be announced following the Carol Service on Wednesday. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the start of the evening. Our choir have been practicing their carols for the night and we hope to see many of you join us for this festive, cheerful event. Mulled wine/ non-alcoholic drink and mince pies will be served after the service.

Our Year 13 students experienced some festive celebrations with a Christmas Party in the Sixth Form area on Wednesday evening whilst 30 of our Year 11 students visited Winter Wonderland on a Rewards Trip on Thursday. Well done to all the students selected to attend this- their demonstration of living out our 5 Respects in all aspects of school life has been recognised this term. Rewards for Years 7 to 10 and Sixth Form will take place next week.

On Thursday our Year 8 students had their first Mass of the academic year. As always, behaviour was highly respectful throughout. Next Tuesday is Year 11 Parents' Evening- if parents/ carers have not yet booked their appointment, please do so over the weekend. Friday is the final day of the term for students. Information on the time of closure for each year group can be found later in the newsletter.

As the temperature has dipped significantly in recently days, I hope you all remain warm and safe over the weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

Year 8 Mass for the Immaculate Conception

On Thursday, 8th December, during period 4, we were delighted to welcome Fr Jackson to the College, who led the Mass.

In his homily, Fr Jackson preached a message of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Mother, the Virgin Mary and Mother of Christ and also to our earthly mothers too. This is especially important at Christmas time.

I want to praise all students in Year 8 for being most reverent and respectful during the Mass. It was a lovely way to end the academic year.

Carol Service

I would like to remind all parents/carers that you are invited to the Carol Service on Wednesday from 5.30. Our first in-person Carol Service since 2019!



**St Joseph's
Carol
Service**

CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR WITH US

14th December 17:20 - 18:30
St Joseph's school chapel
Everyone welcome!

**14TH
DECEMBER
17:20 - 18:30**



Advent Appeal

This year SJC will be working with Lambeth Foodbanks Partnership to help provide food, clothing and essentials for those who need it most. We would be very grateful for any of these items on the right.

Please take any donations to the English Office

- UHT Milk Green and Blue
- Instant Hot Chocolate
- Tinned Chicken in Sauce
- Tin Ham
- Small Jar pasta sauce
- Spicy Chilli sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tin/Instant custard.
- UHT Sponge puddings
- Jelly/instant whips
- Jam, chocolate, peanut butter and honey
- Christmas themed pudding
- Christmas themed cakes
- Christmas themed biscuits
- Christmas chocolates
- Family bag crisps
- Savoury biscuits
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothbrushes
- Box tissues
- Hot water bottles
- Blankets
- Hats, gloves and warm socks.

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TRIPS AND EVENTS

Winter Wonderland

Year 11 had a wonderful time on their rewards trip on Thursday. They were brilliantly behaved the entire time. Most were new to ice skating but everyone gave it a go - with varying degrees of success! Most importantly they looked after each other, and were a credit to the school. Overall, it was a memorable and enjoyable trip for the students, who left feeling festive and in the holiday spirit.



Truly a winter wonderland

Student Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday the school held our annual Christmas dinner for students and as usual this was a festive and joyous occasion. It was fantastic to see students gathered around the table, laughing and chatting, and getting excited about Christmas. Well done to all our fantastic prefects who helped make the event so successful.



Having a cracking time

Year 7 Team Building Day

On Tuesday, Year 7 students had a team building day where they participated in various activities designed to promote unity and collaboration. Throughout the day the students were split into teams and competed in a series of challenges that required them to work together to solve puzzles and complete tasks. This was a really successful day and it was a fun and engaging way for students to develop their teamwork skills and build stronger relationships with their classmates.



The Big Interview

Our annual practice interview event for Year 11 was a great success this term. Students completed application forms and employers volunteered from all kinds of industries to help the students hone their interview skills. Feedback was even better than last year with our volunteers commenting on how ambitious and confident our students are. A big thank you to Croydon Commitment for helping us find our volunteers and our Year 12 Business Administration students who worked hard to make sure the event went smoothly. We would love to involve more parents from our community next year, if you can help us please email rcashmore@sjc.ac.



Online Resources

There are a wealth of careers resources in the careers section of the College's website. We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child with their decisions and career aspirations.

Careerometer is another really useful tool which can help you and your child research up to date information about the job market. The graph below shows that software developer occupations are very much in demand regarding job postings in London over the last year.



Jones Day Mentoring

This week our Year 10 aspiring lawyers were put through their paces by global law firm Jones Day on a two day mentoring programme. The lawyers set students the task of visiting the Bowie Bandstand, a listed building in Beckenham where David Bowie performed in 1969. Bowie is said to have written Life on Mars while sitting on the steps! Students were asked to prepare a presentation on how they would restore the bandstand which inspired the musician.

The aim of the programme is to improve students' confidence in corporate environments and their employability skills so our students gave their presentations and had one to one interviews with senior lawyers. Thank you to Proud Places and Jones Day for this fantastic opportunity.



One of our aspiring lawyers

NEW SPANISH LIBRARY



We are very excited to announce that Saint Joseph's College is in the process of creating a library of books written in Spanish. We need your help to create an amazing selection of resources, so if you have any books at home in Spanish which you would like to donate, we would love to have them. Please bring any donations to S04.

Thank you for your help.

Ms Wilson

BLACK CREATIVES AWARD

The Black Creatives Award is a creative competition for Black/Mixed Black heritage students.

Students will submit original pieces of creative work relating to this year's Black History Month theme: Time for Change: Action Not Words.

You can submit work from the following categories:

- Art
- Digital Media
- Music
- Writing

Applications close 11:59 31 December 2022

Key Stage 3 Application

Key Stage 4/5 Application

BLACK CREATIVES AWARD

Submit an original piece of creative work

Win over £200 worth of prizes + much more

Apply now

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
Monday	Y7-9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04 Y8, 9 Band Practice Week 1 MU01 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 2) LRC2/V002	Y7 STEM Club (October – Christmas and February – Easter) SC04 Y7-9 Creative Writing Club (From 21/11/22) N25 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 1) LRC2/V002 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
Tuesday	Y10-11 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7,10 and 11 Band Practice Week 2 MU01 Y7,10 and 11 Beginners' German Club MFL (1.00-1.30pm) S16 Y7,10 and 11 Scrabble Club N14 Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 1) LS02 Y7,10 and 11 SJC Christian Union (Week 1) S13 Y12-13 and elite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8 and 9 Beginners' German Club MFL (1.00-1.30pm) S16	Y10-13 Art Catch-Up H12/13 Y7-9 Basketball (Week 1) Sports Hall Y12-13 and elite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal (Week 2) Sports Hall
Wednesday		Y7-13 Music Open House H02 Y10 and 11 Mandarin Speaking Club S16 Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04	Y7,10,11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7-13 Pokémon club S14 Y7 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00-1.30pm) S16	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8 and 9 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00-1.30pm) S16 Y8 and 9 SJC Christian Union (Week 1) S13	Y10-13 Art Catch-Up H12/13 Y7-11 Drama Club H01 Y7-13 Philosophy and Film Club S13 Y7-9 Football training Fields Y9-10 Football Training Meadows
Thursday	Y7-13 Handball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 2 only LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Year 11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04	Y7-9 Fantasy Football League S13 Y7-9 MFL Quiz Time S04 and Virtual Y7-13 Chess Club NO2 Y7-9 Rugby Squad Training Meadow Y10-11 Gym Club Fitness Suite Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall
Friday	Y7-10 Swimming Club Pool	Y7-13 Well-being Club LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y7,10 and 11 Singing Club MU01 Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 2) LS02	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LS04 Y8,9,12 and 13 Scrabble Club N14	Y7 and 12 Peter Jones Club H21/22

It has been another week of cancellations, however we still managed to get 2 fixtures in this week. Well done to everyone who has invested in the extracurricular clubs so far this term.

Chelsea FC

On Friday last week, our Year 12 Sport Students went to visit Chelsea F.C's first team training ground. They took part in a tour of the facility, a training session by a Chelsea F.C coach, and a round robin tournament against two other Chelsea Foundation Colleges. The boys had a great time.

Football

There was only one fixture this week due to 2 cancellations. The U16S made the 4 hour round trip to Luton to face off in the 4th round of the ESFA cup. We started the game positively, going 2-1 with around 8 minutes to go. But unfortunately we lost 3-2. It was an incredible achievement to get this far in the competition so well done to everyone who participated.



Our Year 12s at Cobham

Basketball

Well done to the U16 basketball team who this week romped to a 40-19 win over Archbishop Tenison's. Well done boys. Keep this winning record up!



The winning U16s

Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Expected Arrival back at SJC
12/12/2022	U16 Basketball vs Harris Invictus – Croydon League	5.30pm
12/12/2022	U12 Basketball vs Cedars – Friendly	5.30pm
13/12/2022	U14 Football vs Coombe Wood – Croydon Cup	5pm
13/12/2022	U14 Rugby vs Bishop Thomas Grant - South London League	2.45pm KO @ SJC
14/12/2022	U13 Basketball vs Cedars – Friendly	5.30pm

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Parent Teacher Association

This month, we have put together a Parent Teacher Association called 'Friends of St Joseph's College'. Our aim is to enrich, enhance and improve student learning and we look forward to putting on lots of amazing events over the coming year.

If you would like to be a part of the team, then please email Miss Diamond (zdiamond@sjc.ac)

School Raffle

Students will need to take a raffle book and sell to family members. A book is £5 or single tickets are £1.

An email has been sent to parents to let them know about the raffle. The raffle will be drawn at a Carol service on the 14th December.

The student who raises the most amount of money will also win £50 in cash!

Free School Meals

In these difficult financial times, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. This is also for students in the 6th form, you can check if you are eligible at the following website:

[FSM Eligibility Checker](#)

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday - 13/12/22

Year 11 Virtual Parents evening - [Booking link here](#)

Friday - 16/12/22

Last day of term

Students will finish early on Friday the 16/12/22 and the end times are below:

11:15 – Year 11

11:25 – Year 10

11:35 – Year 9

11:45 – Years 7 & 8

School reopens at the normal time on Wednesday 4th January 2023. We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas break.

