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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

As a College our thoughts and prayers have been with the people of Turkey and Syria following the destruction of the earthquakes. We pray the Lord will bring comfort and strength to all those affected. We hold in our hearts all those injured and grieving for loved ones. We know that many within our school community have been personally impacted by the devastation. To inspire us to unite in solidarity and to support those affected, we will be running a charity collection to raise money for the DEC appeal as well as seeking donations for those items they are most in need of. We ask that as a community, we give as generously as possible to this cause.

It was fantastic to see so many parents/ carers and students at our Year 9 Options Evening on Monday. We hope you found the event useful, and that half term provides a good opportunity to sit down together as a family and discuss the options your son will choose for his GCSE studies. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email [ks4options@sjc.ac](mailto:ks4options@sjc.ac) . We congratulate all Year 11 students who took part in their Languages Speaking mock examinations this week. For many students this can be a daunting experience and we are proud of them for giving their best.

I hope you all have a restful, relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 20th February.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

## Turkey earthquake

All of us at St Joseph's were devastated to hear of the tragic earthquake in Turkey earlier this week. Our hearts go out to anyone who has been affected. This week we have been saying the following prayer in our tutor groups:

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We Pray for God to fill his people with peace. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, their homes and possessions destroyed. We ask God to be with his people and to provide them with a peace beyond understanding.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

### We pray for;

those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;

those who have lost loved ones;

those who wait for news and

those digging through rubble to save others.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of all.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St John Baptiste de La Salle, pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

**Amen.**



***We pray for anyone who has been affected***



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Imperial War Museum

The Transition boys enjoyed a trip to the Imperial War Museum on Monday and it was an entertaining and informative visit. The boys had read a variety of novels and poetry about the war so were excited to see history come to life.

The museum provided us with an up close and personal look at the history of war and the impact it has had on the world. The exhibitions are always fantastic at the Imperial war museum and the students were quite moved by the exhibits. Thank you to Mr Farrah for organising.



*Loving the scarf*



*A great day out!*

## Stamford Bridge Visit

The Business department had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 10 and 11 Business students to learn about the business side of Chelsea Football Club. They had the privilege of gaining exclusive access behind the scenes including the men's changing rooms, press room and corporate boxes.

The boys had the opportunity to learn about the streams of revenue, marketing and sponsorship and the club's operations and even got the chance to put their football skills to the test! Thanks to Ms Ampah for organising.



*Blue is the colour...*



*Making robots!*

## Year 13 Social Enterprise Event

On Friday the 3rd February, a group of Year 13 students hosted a games afternoon as part of their Social Enterprise assessment. Year 7 students took part in a series of games including, spelling bee and 'build a robot' designed to raise money for the African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust. The group of Year 13 students raised £70 in total!



*Raising money for a great cause*

# BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Some of our Year 11 and 12 aspiring scientists were lucky enough to visit the Biomedical Engineering department at Kings College London and Guys Hospital.

The department is at the forefront of cutting-edge use of computer technology and medical imaging to transform medical techniques. Led by Professor Kawal Rhode, students were able to see fascinating projects including using augmented reality to train Doctors and asking whether 3D printers can create human organs. We also got a taste of life as a student of healthcare sciences at Kings College.

Thank you to our partners at Association for Black and Minority Ethnic Engineers for organising this incredible workshop for us.



***Excited Year 11 Students***



## YEAR 9 OPTIONS



***A full house for the information evening***



This has been a very exciting week for Year 9 as they are finally able to start choosing what options they will be studying in Year 10 and 11 for their GCSEs. This is a big decision for the boys, for many it will be the biggest decision they have had to make in their education and therefore it has been fantastic to see everyone taking it so seriously and putting so much thought into these choices.

To help out the students, throughout the week Heads of Department have been explaining to students all about the courses they would be studying next year.

Students have been given information packs and instructions have been sent home on the next steps.

# STUDY CLUB

## Introducing SJC Study Club

After half term we are launching the SJC Study Club. Students will be able to go to S23 after school every day between 2.45pm-3.30pm where they can catch up on Extended Learning, or find a quiet space to work.

There are laptops available, and some of our Year 12 students will be on site every day to help!

Excitingly the new House competition will be designing the new SJC Study Club poster!

Details will be officially announced after the half term break but you could start thinking of ideas now!



**SJC  
STUDY  
CLUB**

**DAILY | S23 | 2.45-3.30PM**

Do you need a quiet place to work after school?  
**ACCESS TO LAPTOPS?**

Head to S23 after school every day for help with Extended Learning  
(There will be 6th Formers and Staff there to support you!)

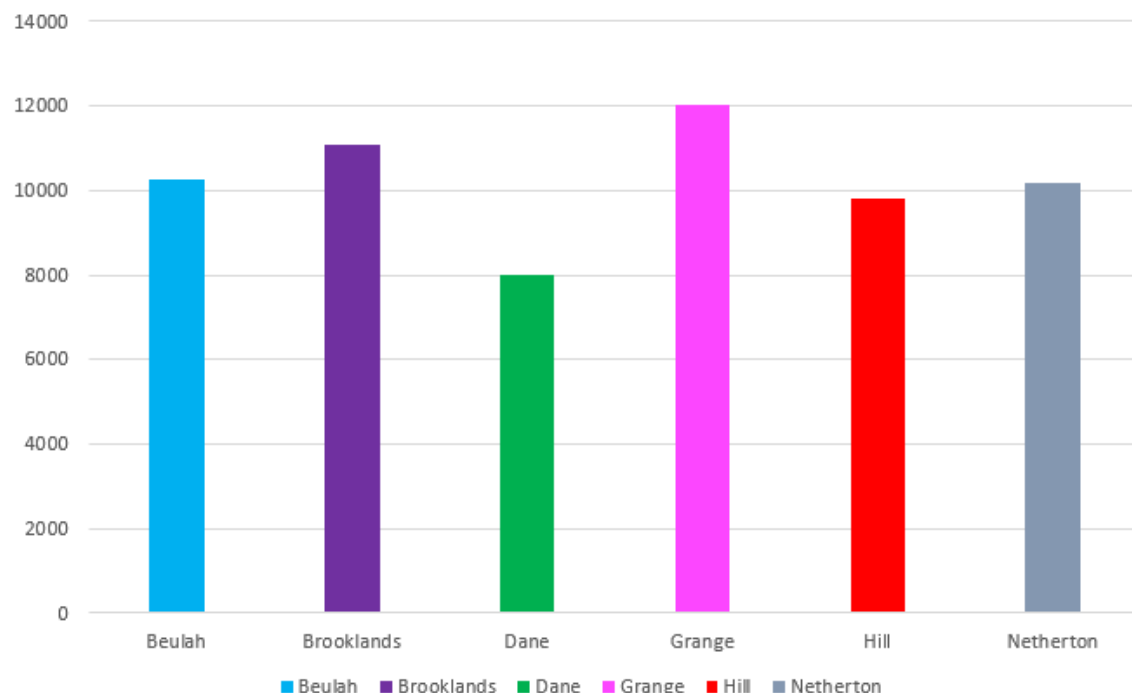
# HOUSE NEWS

## House point update

As the half term reaches its end, Grange still maintain their overall lead!

However will this be the case for much longer? There is still loads of time for other Houses to catch up and loads of fantastic House competitions to look forward to next term!

House points including competitions 07/02/23



It was back to business for the P.E department, with 3 fixtures and clubs in full flow. A special shoutout to everyone that has attended swimming club this half term, you have all been brilliant!

## Football

Our U13 footballers were very unlucky this week as they lost in the cup . We started the game well, going in at the break 2-1, but the opposition were too strong, they really showed why they are one of the best teams in the borough. We lost the game 3-2, a great effort. Well done to Kamari Anderson-Barrett and Javarn Graham-White for the goals.



***Our U13 footballers***

## Rugby

Our U14s played their first game of term 2 against a strong Kingsdale. Our performance was much improved on the last time we played them but unfortunately we lost 30-15. Well done lads!



***Well done U14s on a great performance***

## Handball

Our Handball campaign was kicked off by our U16s, who travelled to Carshalton. It was a tough night against the best team in the borough, but our boys defended immensely to keep the score down, and score some good goals ourselves. 12-5 was the final score, well done boys for your great effort!



***The Year 11 Handball team***

## Results

Date	Fixture	Score	Goalscorers	MOM
07/02/2023	U13 Croydon Cup vs Trinity	3-2	Anderson x 2	Anderson
	U16 Handball vs Carshalton	12-5	Seizer x 2 Douiri x 2 Gayle x 1	Douiri
	U14 Rugby vs Kingsdale	30-15	Hinds – Mcpherson x 2 Dixon x 1	Dixon

# 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

# TRIBUTES TO BURT BACHARACH

We were sad to hear about the death of the Burt Bacharach yesterday. In English, 7XEN1 celebrated his memory by writing some thoughts and ideas based on his music. Here is some of their work:

**If you see me walking down the street**, listen to the birds whistling, and they will be your companion. They will support you in every way, every time.

*Ayyan Ahmad*

**Raindrops keep falling on my head but** they land gracefully, each one like a beautiful angel singing while flying down from heaven. Each one calming me down, like my mother stroking my head...

*Preston Onobhayedo*

**Raindrops keep falling on my head but** the sun's out, I talk and I walk yet the rain still comes down.

*I run and I run and I run* but it won't go away.

It's as if the clouds are crying.

*I dance and I dance and I dance* but it just won't stop crying. Until it stopped. How strange.

*I walk and I walk and I walk* but it's just a normal cloud.

*I run and I run and I run* but still it's just a cloud.

*I dance and I dance* and I dance but still it's just a cloud.

*Then it laughs and laughs and laughs* and drifts away.

And I'm back in English class.

*Isaac Sackey*

## GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 Denis Furculita
- 2 Nyron Bryan-Simmonds
- 3 Charlie Pratt

Year 11

- 1 Alvin Kodjo Baafi Okyere
- 2 Jacob Laurent-Cummins
- 3 Temesgen Medhane

## UPCOMING DATES

**Monday 20.02** Students return to school from half term break.

**Wednesday 22.02** Ash Wednesday service for Year 10

**Friday 24.02** RSE sessions for Year 10

Year 11 will have PPE exams throughout the first week back.

