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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

The weather this week did not resemble the spring weather we were anticipating entering the month of March, with snow falling across the college on Wednesday morning. Nevertheless, the snow and rain has not prevented activities taking place.

On Monday a selection of Year 7 and 8 students attended an educational visit to the British Museum, where they enjoyed learning about Ancient Greek Civilisations. On Wednesday, in the snow, Year 11 and Sixth Form Art students explored the Victoria and Albert Museum. The House Competition also took place this week in the form of a swimming gala. Well done to all the students who represented their house by participating or supporting their fellow house members.

Year 9 students have now all selected their options - we will be busy scheduling these over coming weeks and will update parents once complete.

This Tuesday is Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening. Parents/ Carers should ensure appointments are booked as soon as possible if not already done so.

Due to unforeseen circumstances with the hall this week we have sadly had to postpone the College Pantomime. We are still very much looking forward to seeing our cast shine on stage and will keep you updated on a new date once confirmed.

God Bless

Mrs C Kane

## Our Lenten journey

We are approaching the 3rd Sunday of Lent and continuing with our Lenten journey can be a challenge. Here are some tips to help you continue with Lent:

1. Remember why you started: It's essential to remind yourself of the reasons why you started observing Lent in the first place. This could be to develop a deeper connection with God, to break a sinful habit, or to make a positive change in your life. Keeping your purpose in mind will help motivate you to continue.
2. Take it one day at a time: Lent is a 40-day observance, which can feel like a long time. However, it's helpful to break it down into smaller, more manageable chunks. Focus on getting through one day at a time, and before you know it, you'll have reached the end of Lent.
3. Reassess your goals: If you find yourself struggling to keep up with your Lenten observance, it may be time to reassess your goals. Perhaps you set the bar too high, or your approach isn't working for you. Consider adjusting your goals to make them more realistic and achievable.
4. Find support: Having a support system can make a big difference when it comes to sticking with Lent. Talk to family, friends, or members of your church about your Lenten observance. They can offer encouragement, hold you accountable, and share their own experiences.
5. Embrace the journey: Lent is a time of reflection, introspection, and growth. It's not always easy, but it can be a transformative experience. Embrace the journey and be open to the lessons that come your way.

Remember, Lent is a personal observance, and it's important to find an approach that works for you. Don't be too hard on yourself if you stumble along the way and remember that every day is an opportunity to start anew.



***Together we are stronger***

## ***CAFOD appeal***

*Thank you for your generous donations to our Turkey and Syria appeal. Your contributions to CAFOD's efforts can make a real difference in helping those in need. Our collection boxes will remain in the tutor rooms for students to donate.*

# BRITISH MUSEUM TRIP

On Monday a group of Year 7 and 8 boys visited the British Museum. They had a full day of learning about Ancient Greek civilisations, their temples, and the Greek Gods.



***The real Elgin marbles***

The students were able to enjoy interactive sessions including creating a soundscape to sound like Zeus controlling the weather and learning all about Athena and the Parthenon, before exploring the galleries on a scavenger hunt for different images in the friezes. After lunch, they got to use a green screen and some technology to pose like they were Greek Gods and then overlap them on top of the carvings. It was great!



***The much improved SJC Marbles***

## YOUNG LEADERS CROYDON

Have your say on Croydon's art and culture scene and use your voice to bring about change!

As Croydon prepares for London Borough of Culture (LBoC) starting next month, here is an opportunity at Croydon Music and Arts on our Young Leaders programme.

This group will be working with a production company to plan and co-produce a Youth Festival in July 2023. It is a great opportunity for young people to gain transferable skills, gain digital badges, have an insight into some different roles within the creative sector and take on roles in branding and marketing, hosting and front of house skills and backstage support.

[Here is a link](#) for further information.

**YOUNG LEADERS** 

Croydon Town Hall, CR0 1NX

Have your say on Croydon's arts and culture scene and use your voice to bring change!

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# MATHS UPDATE



## **Winning Groups:**

Michal, Veer, Abdulaziz  
Ronal, Samuel, Emmanuel

## **Shoutout group:**

Tirae, Casey, Zarar

## **Probability in Two-Way Tables - Relay Race**

Year 8 had fun in Maths this week in a competitive Maths race!

8Y1 put themselves into groups of 3 and they allocated themselves a role each; the scribe, the calculator, and the runner.

Each team was provided with a challenge card. They then had to complete the card and the runner then came to the front to check they were correct, if they were wrong they had to return to the group to find their error and only if/when they were correct could they move onto the next card! The first group to complete all 8 cards were the winners!

This was a great activity and the boys were really excited to work together, the healthy competition kept them focused and motivated throughout!

# SCIENCE HOUSE COMPETITION

On Wednesday, Science held the latest House competition, in which students had to design parachutes for eggs to ensure that they stayed intact after being dropped from the roof of the school! After an hour of frantic team work and construction, students took to the Sixth Form centre to test each house's inventions.

In the end, it was close and the top 2 places were decided by one egg being slightly less cracked than the other.

**1st place** - Hill

**2nd place** - Dane

**3rd place** - Beulah

Congratulations to Hill and to all of the students who showed up and took part.



***POV of a falling egg***

# HOUSE POINT COMPETITION



## Riddle time

In the newsletter we are going to start having Spanish riddles every fortnight!

**Can you guess what animal this riddle is referring to?**

Work out the correct answer and then go and speak to Ms Wilson in S04 to show off your Spanish knowledge and win 5 house points!

*¡Buena suerte!*

# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of their careers programme year 10 will be doing two days work experience on the 12th and 13th July. This is an opportunity for them to find out more about the world of work, it will help them develop their transferable skills and may help them decide on a pathway after year 11.

**If you would like to host a year 10 student for work experience please email our careers lead at [rcashmore@sjc.ac](mailto:rcashmore@sjc.ac)**

We will do our best to support but most students will be expected to find their own places, in fact most companies prefer to hear directly from the young person. Competition for placements is strong and we strongly recommend that you start looking as early as possible. Students will get knock backs but they need to persevere!

Students can think about jobs they would like to do in the future, if they want to be a dentist they should write to local dental practices. Some workplaces will not allow students under 16 or 18 to work there, so students should think about where they can get transferable skills. Students who enjoy History or English can try local libraries, museums and archive collections. Good luck year 10!

It has been a busy week topped with absolutely terrible weather, which saw 2 games postponed. But we still managed to get in 2 fixtures, record numbers at our Extracurricular clubs this half term and the annual swimming gala!

## Football

It was a disappointing week of football results. Unfortunately our U15s lost 3-1 against a strong Thomas More side, and our U12s lost 3-0 at home to Coombe Wood in the freezing rain. Well done on competing lads, the focus now turns to a Croydon Cup Quarter Final in the coming weeks.



*The U12s braving the cold weather*

## Swimming Gala

What a week we have had with our swimming galas. There was great participation and enthusiasm shown by all competitors and spectators. The winners for each year group were as follows:

Year Group	Winners
Year 7	7 Beulah
Year 8	8 Beulah
Year 9	9 Beulah
Year 10	10 Dane
Year 11	11 Netheron

A stand out performer was Rico Smith for 9 Beulah, who single-handedly won it for his tutor group as he was the only competitive swimmer! Congratulations also go to Mohamed Khalifa from 11 Netherton, who was unbelievable winning the Medley Relay all by himself.

### Results

Date	Fixture	Result	Goal Scorers	MOM
07/03/23	U15 Football vs Thomas More - Croydon League	3-1	Sitsi x 1	Sitsi
08/03/23	U12 Football vs Coombe Wood - Croydon League	3-0	N/A	Gniewek

### Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Time back at SJC
13/03/23	U15 Football vs Woodcote - Croydon League	3pm KO (H)

# 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 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 N25  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 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  Y7-10 Debate mate S14
<b>Wednesday</b>		Y7-13 Music Open House HD2  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 HD1  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 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  Code Club S22	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
<b>Friday</b>	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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Cake Sale

There is a PTA cake sale on Friday 17th March at 2.45pm in the canteen. Cakes are £0.50p each. This promises to be a very popular event so make sure you head down straight after school to grab a cake and raise money for the PTA!

## Quiz night

Our PTA have announced that there will be a quiz night open to all parents. Friday 28th April 2023, 5:30 – 7:30. Entry £3 per person. 7/8 people per team. Tickets will be available on Parent pay and from the school office.

The Friends Of St Joseph's College

# CAKE SALE

**When: 17/03/23**  
**Where: Canteen**  
**Time: 2.45pm**



## GCSE PODs

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

### Year 10

1. Sir John-Lewis Mohet
2. Cris Lawrence Villeza
3. Alex Milton

### Year 11

1. Hussain Malida
2. Bartosz Cyganek
3. Rhys Evans

# UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday 14th March** - Year 12 virtual parents evening

**Friday 17th March** - PTA Cake Sale - 2:45pm in the canteen

**Friday 28th April** - PTA Quiz night

