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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a peaceful half-term break. It has been wonderful to be back at school again, regardless of the storms!

As the days become colder and hours of sunlight begin to shorten, please support the college by ensuring students are wearing full uniform and appropriate outdoor clothing. Winter coats should be black or navy and plain in appearance.

Our unwavering mission to educate and inspire, does not occur solely through the classroom curriculum. To support broad cultural experiences, a group of students were fortunate to attend a half-term trip to Amsterdam on a football tour. A huge thank you to Mr Jones, Mr Curwen, Mr Bradley and Mr Delaney, for giving up their half-term holiday to enrich the lives of our students.

Monday 13th November marks the beginning of 'Anti-bullying week'. All students will be receiving assemblies and tutor period workshops from the Anti-bullying alliance, raising awareness of the devastating impact bullying can cause.

The first phase of Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) is underway. Please encourage your sons to study in their own time and be well-prepared with necessary equipment – positive habits now will stand them in good stead come the final public examinations in May 2024.

An advance notice for your calendar - our annual Christmas Carol Service is being held in the College Chapel, from 5pm on Wednesday 20th December. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

A prayer of remembrance and peace:

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Amen.'

St. John Baptist De La Salle, pray for us.'

God bless,

Mr G Mantillas

As we step into the month of November, we find ourselves in a time of reflection and remembrance. This month carries special significance with observances like All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and the broader Month of Remembrance.

All Saints' Day (November 1st):

All Saints' Day, often called the Feast of All Saints, is a day to honour and remember all the saints, both known and unknown, who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and virtue. It reminds us of the countless individuals who have made a lasting impact on the world through their dedication to their beliefs. It is a day for us to reflect on their examples and find inspiration in their stories.

All Souls' Day (November 2nd):

All Souls' Day is a time to remember and pray for our departed loved ones. It's an opportunity to reflect on the souls who have gone before us, offering our prayers and thoughts for their eternal peace. It reminds us of the interconnection of all souls and the importance of prayer for the deceased.

Month of Remembrance:

Throughout November, we observe the Month of Remembrance. It's a time to remember not only the saints and our departed loved ones but also to reflect on the value of compassion and remembrance for all those who have touched our lives. A period of silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars around the world.

Remembrance Day - is on Saturday this year - and marks the actual day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Remembrance Sunday is also marked each year, and usually falls on the second Sunday in November.

The Royal family will lay wreaths at the Cenotaph and the country will have a moment of silence at 11 o'clock on that day as part of the commemorations. Let's reflect on the lessons and wisdom we've gained from those who have passed away and carry their legacy in our hearts.

Prayer for Eternal rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



MATHS CHALLENGE

This week saw the return of the Maths Challenge for Years 7 - 10. This is always a hotly contested event that showcases SJC's excellent mathematical ability.

Year 7 and 8 competed on Tuesday whilst 9 and 10 battled it out on Wednesday. Students worked together in their house groups to solve challenging Maths puzzles.

All forms took different approaches some choosing to work collectively to take on the question pack of 15, with others thinking more about using the 45 mins strategically by distributing each question and some even thinking more in a supportive way to also verify each other's attempt.

Extra shout out to Year 9 Dane & Netherton who took on the challenge without their year 10 team mates due to the TMFs!



Team photo



Hard at work

MFL COMPETITION



Finding out this week's riddle

You snooze.... You lose

Everybody is doing it! Be one of the in-crowd!

Don't miss out on the amazing MFL Competition which takes place every fortnight. Give Ms Wilson the answer to the riddle displayed in the notice board at the lower school next to LS01 and you will earn 5 achievement points!

Umar Chaudhry (Year 8 Netherton) has already earned 10 achievement points and has also learned about the Chinese Terracotta Warriors.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

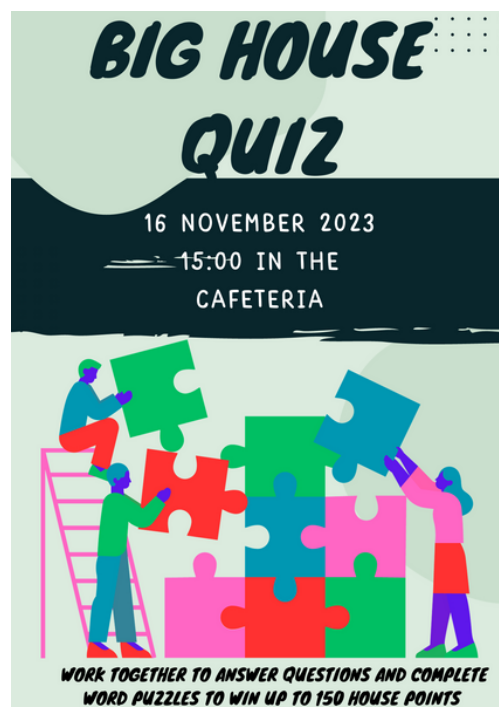
The Big House Quiz

The house team are excited to announce the next big upcoming house event, "The Big Quiz" event, we promise it will be engaging and fun for our students. To make this event a success, we are inviting each form to select one representative to participate in the quiz.

The "Big Quiz" will provide an opportunity for students show off their knowledge and teamwork. In addition, please let me know if other students who would like to attend the event as spectators, which will be held in the hall/Cafeteria (TBC) at 15:00 on Thursday, 16th November. We aim to have one member from each year group and form, including sixth form, participates. The quiz is expected to last approximately 30 minutes.

While students will be competing under their house names but encourage them to have a think about potential team names. We will ask each team to produce a creative team name. The name should be respectful and not offensive, and the most inventive team name will receive a small prize.

There will be 150 house points awarded to the winning team, 100 for second place, and 50 for third place, providing a real chance to increase house points. It would be nice to see house captains and form tutors there to support.



Spooky Story competition

1st. Mohammad Miah - A PLACE TO BE AFRAID OF

Mohammad wins for his Hitchcock inspired story about bird attacks. Very impressive effort.

2nd. Mohammed Esa Mohammed Kassim - Pizza Delivery.

A close second for last year's champion with a creepy tale about an unwanted visitor.

3rd. Raees Auzine - Haunted Mansion

Well done Raees for a classic spooky tale about a haunted mansion!



Inspiration for the winning story

Well done to everyone who competed, there were loads of fantastic spooky entries!

Prizes will be sent round to the winning students on Monday.

ALLEYNS TRIP



Using digital software



Learning about the Metaverse

This week Year 9 and 10 students headed to Alleyn's School in Dulwich to take part in their Digital Academy.

They started Block One which is a 7 week course:

Block 1 - Weeks 1 to 7: Beyond the Metaverse
A crash course in ideation, design, and future-focused thinking based on the emerging technology of the Metaverse. Pupils will work in groups to gain experience of the design thinking process, mocking up ideas using Canva or Figma, designing the project using SketchUp and we will judge their final 3D models as a competition.

The first session was a huge success and we wish them luck for the rest of their course.

ALUMNI UPDATE

So many of our students graduate and go on to achieve fantastic things. It is always a joy when we hear back from our alumni who share how important SJC was for them. This week **Richard Willis** got in contact to tell us the lessons that SJC taught him.

Richard has had a glittering career which can serve as an inspiration to all of our students. He was at the college from 1969 - 1977 and after graduating has had a long and varied career in academia. He has held several positions as a professor in leading universities around the world as well as being a hugely successful writer with over 100 articles published in various publications. In addition to this he has interviewed former cabinet members and has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

We can all strive to follow in Richard's footsteps. Here are some of his key successes and his advice for our students:

Successes:

- Advisor on the teaching profession to Baroness Pauline Perry, House of Lords
- Professorship at Oxford University

Impact:

SJC taught me that whatever is thrown at you, then simply keep on going. Also have faith in God.

Advice:

Be strong in adversity. Have faith.

CODING CLUB



Is your child interested in computers and coding? Then tell them to come along to our weekly Coding Clubs at SJC. For Years 8 and 9 it is at Thursday Lunch time in S21 from 13:15-13:45. For Years 7, 10 and 11 it is also on Thursday but in S22 from 12:45 - 13:15. Speak to Ms Carvalho Pais for more information, as there are also other competitions you can take part in.

Training the next generation of coders



Erastus on coding work experience

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMPETITIONS/EVENTS/ CODING CLUBS

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Mrs Carvalho Pais
Head of IT & Computer Science

SAFEGUARDING



An inspiring speech

Prior to the half term break, we hosted St Giles Trust at our college, where they presented an informative assembly for our Year 9 and 10 students.

This session aimed to raise awareness among our boys about the risks associated with county lines involvement

This was a hugely important and informative assembly, thank you St Giles Trust.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Please find attached our supplement newsletter, "Spotlight on Safeguarding" which is packed with invaluable insights and essential guidance on key safeguarding topics. Within it you will find information to help you stay informed and proactive in safeguarding your child.

We are excited to introduce this year our Careers Super Curriculum, which will offer students a comprehensive and holistic approach to career development.

The Careers Super Curriculum is a structured programme designed to help our students explore and prepare for their future careers, through in school as well extra curricular opportunities. We understand that the choices students make during their academic journey have a significant impact on their future opportunities, and it is our responsibility to support them in making informed decisions.



Through our delivery partners, we encourage both parents and students to actively participate in the Careers Super Curriculum. Here are some ways you can get involved:

Years 7-9 STEM in action

STEM in Action is for young people aged 11–14, although if you are younger or older you will also find something interesting!

Each module contains themed videos and activities that can be done at home or in school. There are researcher and student profiles so you can learn more about the people working in these areas, fun talks to help you learn more about the topic, and short hands-on activities that are linked to the subject areas.

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/be-inspired/schools-outreach/secondary-schools/stem-in-action/>

University of Surrey- Y9 Family Futures

Family Futures is a 3-month extracurricular programme for Year 9 students and their parents/carers.

Through weekly live webinars, exclusive access to our Online Resource Portal and two special oncampus events, families will:

- 1) discover the range of available pathways.
- 2) develop their research and reflective skills.
- 3) gain the confidence to pursue aspirations.

<https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/family-futures/>



Year 10 -11**Big thinking with real-world impact**

The University of Oxford have put together a range of resources to get students thinking in new and exciting ways about the subjects they like the best.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources/students12-16>

University of Surrey - Year 11 GCSE Masterclass

The Masterclasses are both an Autumn and Spring series of virtual GCSE revision and preparation sessions in English, Maths and Science. Led by educational consultants with a wealth of experience within teaching and assessment, the masterclasses will cover common topics and themes which are applicable to all exam boards. This will include revision tips and techniques as well as further direction towards applying your learning and understanding within exams. All masterclasses are 60 minutes and content is designed to complement revision support as provided within school.

<https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/gcse-revision-masterclass/>

Year 12-13**University of Oxford - History Skills Workshop: Thinking Big: concepts and historiography**

This workshop is designed to encourage students to engage critically with historiography and different concepts. Students will explore why engaging with how we write history is an essential and exciting part of being a historian and discuss what we mean by conceptual clarity.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/visiting-and-outreach/outreach-events/historyskills-workshop-thinking-4>

University of Oxford -History Skills Workshop: Primary Sources

In this workshop we explore the different kinds of sources that Historians use in their research. Students will then have the chance to put their analysis skills into practice with a variety of sources currently being used by our Graduate Outreach Tutors in their research.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/visiting-and-outreach/outreach-events/historyskills-workshop-primary-4>

COLLEGE CATERING

It is all change in the canteen and cafeteria this term as we have a new food supplier. Scan the QR code on the right to get all of the information or check out the menus for the next couple of weeks below. We have a 3 week rolling menu. Week 2 will begin 13/11 and Week 3 begins on 20/11.



WEEK 2

STREET	Spicy Chicken Dhansak	Tex Mex Burrito Bar Chipotle Chicken or Spicy Beef	Beef Cottage Pie Chive Mash	Meatballs in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Battered Fish Chicken Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
VEGGIE	Indian Street Food Vada Pav Bhaji	Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese BBQ Drizzle & Crispy Onion	Veggie Bangers Cheesy Chive Mash	Cumin Chickpea & Vegetable Bake in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
SIDES	Wholegrain Rice & Kachumber Salad	Chunky Tomato Salsa Mexican Slaw	Carrots & Peas	Moorish Cous Cous & Green Salad	Minty Peas or Baked Beans
Extras additional to Main Dish	Naan Bread	Tortilla Chips	Cauliflower Cheese	Garlic Flatbread	Frickles

WEEK 3

STREET	NY Deli Open Chicken Bagel American Mustard Slaw	Turkey Laab Moo (Spicy Thai Turkey) Lime Wholegrain Rice	Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chicken Ruby Murray Yellow Rice	Choose from: Battered Fish Chicken Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
VEGGIE	Tex Mex Chipotle Sweet Potato & Lime Taco	Veggie Thai Style Noodles	Lentil & Onion Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chana Masala Yellow Rice	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
SIDES	Hand Cut Wedges & Mustard Slaw	Wok Fried Oriental Veggies	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables	Kachumber Salad	Minty Peas or Baked Beans
Extras additional to Main Dish	Cajun Onion Rings	Prawn Crackers	Cauliflower Cheese	Naan Bread	Garlic Mayo Dip Pot

Day One - "Man's in Belgium, bro!"

We began our journey to Holland on a cold October morning as we prepared for our first international sports tour in 5 years. The boys were excited to be on the way, despite the photo showing otherwise, the coach was loaded, and we were headed for Dover. A quiet journey and a quick stop before crossing the English Channel where the boys were asking, "Are we at the airport yet?" - we were in a service station in Hythe. A relatively quick crossing and we were in Calais and on our way through Europe; we were making good time before approaching the dreaded Antwerp.

The boys were in great spirits and enjoying the opportunity to travel through the Belgian countryside to which Jeremiah Bbosa proudly proclaimed to the coach and his Snapchat story, "Man's in Belgium, bro!". After hitting traffic in Antwerp for two hours, we finally arrived at our accommodation at 10:00pm. A long day of travelling but the boys were ready for the following morning and their first fixtures.



Raring to go



Dinner time



Outside the Cruyff Arena

Day Two - "Is that apple juice?"

It was an early start for the SJC party, followed by a hearty breakfast, as the group took a stroll around the beautiful Dutch countryside before heading off to our fixtures. As the boys took in the picturesque views, they must have still had breakfast on their minds as they questioned, "Is that apple juice?" - it was a stream flowing through the fields of Gorssel. The first game of the tour, and quite possibly the best game, was a fiercely competitive game for our Year 10 side and local opposition - SV Schalkhaar. Despite a superb goal from Hayden Adus, the boys couldn't hold onto their lead as the game finished 2-1 to our opposition. However, they walked off the pitch with their heads held high with applause from all spectators.

Our second round of fixtures came against Dutch giants, FC Zutphen for our Year 9 & Year 11 teams. This was one of the best venues the country has to offer which was a pleasure for the boys to play on, where the likes of Manchester United, Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Barcelona have all played. Both sides won their games comfortably, winning 8-0 and 9-1 respectively.

Day Three – “How can we breathe if the roof is on!”

Another action-packed day on the cards as we headed to the city of Utrecht to face the biggest youth club in the city, SV Kampong. It was three wins for the SJC sides as they put on football masterclasses for the local residents. After the fixtures, we headed back onto the coach and made our way to the world-famous Johan Cruyff Arena. The boys were able to take a sneak peak into the home of the four-time European champions, Ajax. The boys were able to take a look around the changing rooms, media areas, museum and the hallowed turf.

With the miserable conditions outside, the stadium roof was closed so we could enjoy it's beauty. Some of the boys were surprised that we could still stand as they were puzzled, “How can we breathe if the roof is on!”, they proclaimed. The day finished with Mr Curwen's Big Quiz as we drew the curtains on a fantastic day.

Day Four – “These man are bare serious”

Finally, we had reached the conclusion of our tour and headed back home. After what was a busy few days, the boys managed to get some rest and buy a few presents along our way back to Calais.

It was there that we were met by the French Police before we boarded the ferry which the boys recognised that “These man are bare serious”. As we reached Dover, we were able to reflect on what had been a fantastic tour.

For so many of our students, their dream is to become a professional footballer, this was an opportunity for them to enjoy an insight of what professionals do when playing internationally. We hope to travel aboard again in the near future on another sports tour and who knows where we will end up...



The winning team



Facing the press



Squad goals

CAROL SERVICE



It is that time of year again! It is already time to start thinking about the SJC Carol service. All welcome!

We encourage all students and their families to join us for the carol service as we come together to celebrate and reflect on the significance of Christmas. We look forward to your presence and participation in this event as we strengthen our faith and sense of community. Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to be part of the carol service in anyway, please contact Ms Bogui through email mbogui@sjc.ac.

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

1. Shayden Gareave
2. Mikhail Hana
3. Keynan Ahiman

Year 11

1. Daved Awad
2. Nimdee Boampong
3. Ayaan Haji Asmat

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 14.11

- Year 12 Personal Statement Workshop

Thursday 16.11

- Engineering trip to South Bank

Monday 20.11

- KPMG Trip
- Year 13 Geography Juniper Hall trip

