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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy week at the College this week, both in academic and sporting events. Our Year 11 and 13 Art students commenced their Art examinations, enduring many hours of focus and precision to produce their very best work.

Congratulations to our promising KS3 mathematicians for completing their Maths Award Exam this week.

House competitions have been in full throttle, with a KS3 football competition bringing together our students across Year 7 and 8 for a very successful event. We are very proud of all our students who participated and gained house points - a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

We thank all the parents/carers who attended the Year 11 and Year 13 Parents Exam Information evening last week - we hope you found it an informative event.

Next week sees the official start of the exam season, with the first GCSE written exam on Monday 15th May. We wish our students the very best of luck during this period and very much hope they all achieve excellent results they can be proud of.

'Dear Lord of body, mind and soul. We think of those about to take school exams and we ask you to give them your guidance and peace. We think also of those who invigilate and mark the exams, may you give them wisdom and compassion'.

God Bless,

Mr G Mantillas.

Founder's Week

Who was St John Baptiste de La Salle?

St. John Baptiste de La Salle (1651-1719) was a French priest and educational reformer. He is known for founding the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, also known as the De La Salle Brothers or Christian Brothers. La Salle dedicated himself to providing education to poor children, developing innovative teaching methods, and training teachers. St. John Baptiste de La Salle is considered a pioneer in the field of modern education and is recognized as the patron saint of teachers.



St John Baptist De La Salle

The Lasallian Brothers Today

The De La Salle Brothers, also known as the Christian Brothers or Lasallian Brothers, continue to be an international religious congregation dedicated to education. They follow the teachings and mission of St. John Baptiste de La Salle. Today, the Brothers operate schools, colleges, and universities around the world, providing education to students of all backgrounds, particularly those who are economically disadvantaged.



Pope Francis with a Lasallian Brother

The Lasallian educational institutions prioritise quality education, holistic development, and the formation of responsible citizens. The Brothers also engage in various social and community development projects in line with their commitment to social justice and service to others

What are we doing to celebrate Founder's Week?

1. We have been taking part in the Lasallian Award. Whereby students have been showcasing the many ways that they live out our 5 Respects. We will hear the results later in the week.
2. Special Prayers and Reflections during form time.
3. KS3 classes will have one Lasallian lesson based on the Lasallian ethos.
4. On Friday, 19th May, a group of students from KS3 will go to St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury on the Retreat trip.

Y13 Leavers assembly – Wednesday 3rd May 2023

On Wednesday, Year 13 students, the Sixth Form Team and teachers met in the chapel for a leaving assembly. Awards were presented for academic excellence, along with student social awards and exam preparation gift bags. Students took great delight in a game of “Guess the staff member” from the baby photos and a video montage of images of the pupils over the years was created to allow them to look back and celebrate their journey at St Joseph’s. Finally, staff messages of support were shared in a good luck video from staff both present and past.

We wish all our students well over the coming exam season and look forward to celebrating with them on results day on 17th August.

Sixth Form Culture Event – Thursday 4th May 2023

On Thursday 4th May, the Sixth Form Student Union organised a Culture Event for all Year 12 and 13 students. The event took place in the Sixth Form centre and students brought in food and decorations representative of their culture for all to enjoy and share. Students were encouraged to wear their cultural dress and the union created a diverse and inclusive playlist. The event was ticketed to raise money for charity and the celebrations and festivities were enjoyed by both staff and students.



Looking smart

Croywall Year 8 Rewards Trip

Yesterday some of our top House point achievers in Year 8 enjoyed a trip to the Croywall climbing centre in Croydon! The boys had a fantastic time seeing who could climb the highest!



Learning how it is done

Sky Academy trip

Last week 14 Year 9 boys went to Sky studios for an educational trip for a career in media.

During the day the Year 9s worked in small teams, taking on different media roles to create their own feature film trailer to a tight 45 minute deadline.

The visit also gave them a sneak peek behind the scenes at Sky News and at Sky Sports! All the boys were engaged throughout the day working together as a team and it was a fantastic experience for all involved.

STUDENT VOICE - AI RESEARCH

This week we invited students to submit their own work and reflections on a topical question. The question was:

Is AI our liberator or our downfall? Will it help us in the future or cause our destruction?

We were very impressed with all the submissions! These are just some of the poems, pictures and articles that students made.

Throughout history, human beings have always wanted to enhance technology and expand on the ideas that others have already had, which has led to both astonishing and intellectual inventions that have changed humanity as we know it and terrible ideas that destroyed natural areas, killed thousands of people and caused wars between nations; we still are trying to find out which side artificial intelligence falls.

Chidubem Chime 7YEN1



Drawing by Jayansh Sharma 7XEN1

There were loads of poems, drawings and articles that we unfortunately did not have space for. But we are very grateful for all your submissions and it was fantastic to read them all!

We will be asking for submissions for a different topic later this month. If you have any ideas for our next topic please give your ideas to Mr Russell in N25.

The Pros and Cons.

PROS.

- 1.Automation: AI can automate repetitive and mundane tasks, freeing up time and resources for more creative and complex work. This can lead to increased efficiency and productivity in various industries.
- 2.Decision-making: AI can analyze vast amounts of data and provide insights that can inform better decision-making in areas such as business strategy, healthcare, and financial planning.
- Personalization: AI can be used to create personalized experiences for individuals, such as recommending products or services based on their preferences and past behaviors.
- 4.Prediction: AI can be used to predict future trends and outcomes based on historical data, allowing businesses and organizations to plan and prepare accordingly.
- 5.Innovation: AI can lead to the development of new products and services that were previously not possible, self-driving cars, virtual assistants, and personalized medicine. This can drive economic growth and improve quality of life such as.

CONS.

- 1.Job loss: AI can automate many jobs, leading to unemployment and widening economic inequality.
- 2.Bias in decision-making: AI systems can be biased if trained on biased data, leading to unfair and discriminatory decisions.
- 3.Lack of transparency: AI systems can be difficult to understand, making it difficult to know how decisions are being made.
- 4.Security threats: As AI becomes more prevalent, there is a risk that it could be used for malicious purposes, such as cyberattacks or surveillance.
- 5.Ethical concerns: There are various ethical issues associated with the use of AI, such as the potential for AI to be used for harmful purposes, violate privacy rights, or create autonomous weapons.

Erastus Bedlow made a great presentation

The impact of AI on society is still uncertain, and it can have both positive and negative consequences depending on how it's used. While AI has the potential to revolutionise our world and help solve many of our problems, it can also lead to job loss, privacy violations, bias, and other negative outcomes if not developed and deployed responsibly. Therefore, it's important to approach AI with caution and ensure that it's used to benefit humanity and not cause harm.

Lemar Stanley 8XEN1

Maybe in the nearby future, AI robots will be able to do normal and simple jobs that people do like delivering parcels and other simple jobs which will lead to many unemployed people. And that will escalate to homelessness and people won't be able to pay their bills.

Noor Zaheen Sheikh 7YEN2

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 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 Y7-10 Debate mate S14
Wednesday		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
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 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
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

Athletics

It was a quiet week last week due to a bank holiday and a strike day but there was still time for an athletics competition. There was fantastic news as the Year 10s were able to compete in the Croydon Athletics meet which saw us attain a 3rd place position out of 16 different schools. A brilliant achievement. Praise goes to everyone who participated, you all did St Joseph's proud but a special congratulations must go to Joseph Johnson-Cole who won the 100m final comfortably.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the Year 9s. Mr Delaney took the Y9 Athletics team to the Croydon Schools meet which saw some positive results and good representation of the schools team. The students had a fantastic day and were proud of their achievements.

Cricket

This week saw the PE department hold the Year 7 cricket trials which saw 13 students take part and show their cricketing skills; from this the squad will be picked for our fixtures up ahead. We are looking forward to reporting from their upcoming matches!

Football

On Thursday the house football competition was held down on the fields, with Mr Jones and Mr Delaney, Year 7 saw Brooklands win and in Year 8 Netherton were victorious.

Unfortunately there was disappointment this evening as Mr Jones' Year 11's lost in the final of the Croydon Schools Cup. They lost to Coombe Wood 4-2. It was a spirited performance and they can hold their heads high after a great game and a wonderful season. Well done to Rushaun Daniels for scoring both goals for St Joseph's.

Their next challenge is their GCSEs, we wish them every success as they continue their exams next week.



Romario with his medal



Our athletic Year 9s



Warming up

YEAR 10 APPRENTICESHIPS

On Monday during their Tutor sessions, Year 10 will be hearing about the range of apprenticeships leading to professional careers offered at London South Bank University.

This is part of our commitment to making sure students are clear about all of the routes open to them. If you want to find out more use this link:

www.lsbu.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships.



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GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 David Kabangu
- 2 Dylan Ntim
- 3 Dan Soji

Year 11

- 1 Rhys Evans
- 2 Darryl Asante-Yeboah
- 3 Bartosz Cyganek

UPCOMING DATES

Next week

Founders week - All week

GCSE Examinations continue all week

