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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed families at the Year 11 and Year 13 'Strive for Success' evening this week. Parental events such as these are invaluable for building positive relationships, and informing parents of additional curriculum literature which can support students as they prepare for examinations.

As part of our personal development curriculum, students in Year 7 received a first aid workshop on Monday, and our Year 11 students participated in workshop on positive masculinity – thank you to all who supported in the delivery of these events. Next week, we will be welcoming the St Giles Trust, who will be delivering workshops on peer pressure and glamorisation of gangs.

I would like to thank everyone in our community who supported the college in our annual open evening last Thursday - a great success for all involved. It was heartwarming to speak in our chapel full of prospective families. I very much hope to welcome them all back in September 2024.

You may be aware of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), a frequently updated document which provides schools with key safeguarding guidance. The latest revision of KCSIE (Sept 2023) highlights the need for effective internet filtering and monitoring in schools - a timely and sensible shift.

There is a body of research which links excessive time spent online with poorer mental health. Now that there is greater awareness of the problem, I hope that we can start to find solutions so that young people can benefit fully from technology in a way that protects them from some of its downsides.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Mr G Mantillas

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God – And let us adore him

As we continue to journey in the Lasallian Month of Peace, we find ourselves enveloped in a world marked by sorrow and strife. The recent tragic murder of Elianne Andam in our local community, the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the distressing situation in The Holy Land remind us of the fragility of peace. In times like these, our Mission Statement professing a 'united community' and 'faith, service, and respect' serve as guiding lights, illuminating our path and infusing hope in the face of adversity.

Pope Francis once remarked, "Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time." In the wake of the heart-wrenching loss of Elianne Andam, these words resonate profoundly. As we mourn, let us remember that it is through unity, understanding, and the unwavering pursuit of peace that we can heal the wounds that afflict our community.

In the Lasallian Month of Peace, let us recommit ourselves to fostering understanding, dialogue, and reconciliation. Let us encourage our children to be ambassadors of peace, carrying the torch of hope and love wherever they go. Together, as a community, we can create ripples of positive change that extend far beyond our immediate surroundings. Let us teach our children that it is through acts of kindness, empathy, and compassion that we can make a difference, no matter how small it may seem. Each gesture, each word of understanding contributes to the culture of peace that defines our College.

At St Joseph's College, our mission is firmly rooted in the Lasallian Catholic values of faith, service, and respect. In the heart of our institution, where over 30 different languages are spoken, we witness the beauty of diversity and the strength that comes from embracing multiculturalism. We stand united, acknowledging that our differences are threads that weave a rich tapestry of understanding and acceptance.

St Joseph's College is not merely an educational institution; it is a sanctuary of peace, a safe space where people from diverse backgrounds come together in harmony. Within these walls, hope thrives, and the flame of peace burns brightly. With the help of God, let us harness the peace in our College, allowing it to spill over into our community and, from there, into the wider world.

As parents and carers, your support and encouragement play a vital role in shaping the future leaders of peace. Let us join hands, inspired by the teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and Pope Francis, to sow the seeds of peace in our hearts, our community, and ultimately, the world.

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

Prayer

Loving Creator,

We pray for peace in our community, Ukraine, and in the Holy Land.
Grant comfort to the grieving, strength to the peacemakers, and wisdom to leaders.
May understanding replace strife and compassion triumph over conflict.
In hope and unity, we seek a world of enduring peace.
Amen.

St Joseph – Pray for us

St John Baptiste de La Salle – Pray for us

Live Jesus in our Hearts – Forever!

Harvest drive update

We have an amazing amount of food in the parlour! We have arranged with the Trussell Trust to drop it down Monday at 12.

However, there is still time to donate as we will be doing another delivery on Friday! It's been an incredible competition so far!

Thank you for your generosity and donations, it is much appreciated.



Excellent effort

Altar Servers

If your son is an altar server in the Catholic Church, please email me:
tarthur@sjc.ac

As we launch our Mass/Service program, we need a sufficient number of altar servers to assist us.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

May I introduce the Governing Board of St Joseph's College. We are made up of a group of volunteers who have strategic oversight of all aspects of the College. We meet regularly to review, explore, and discuss many aspects of the College and take decisions to ensure the College continues to grow from strength to strength. The Governing Board is comprised of Foundation Governors, who are appointed by the De La Salle Brothers, the headteacher, staff governors, parent governors and co-opted governors. Our background covers a broad skill base in education, law, finance, estate, among others. Some governors are former students at the College. We are supported in our work by a Governance professional. You may see us coming around the College from time to time, please do come and say hello.

St Joseph's College has a tremendous history in this country, dating back to 1855, when it was founded in Clapham. The College is an amazing place to work and to study; it is a place where everyone can strive to be the best they can be, to grow in faith, whatever that may be and it is a real joy for us, as the Governing Board, to play a part in this.

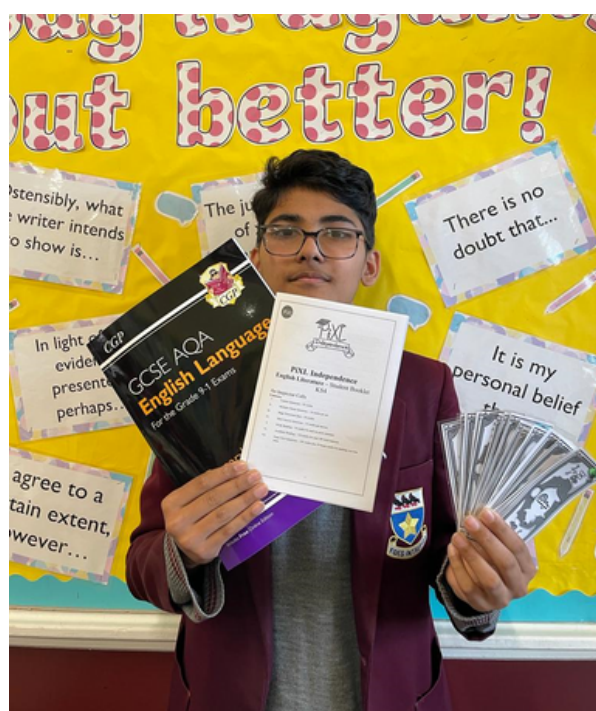
God bless you all on your journey through life at St Joseph's College.

Mr S. C. Horsman
Chair of the Governing Board

ENGLISH LITERATURE CHALLENGE

The English Department is on a mission to make all of our students excellent independent learners. To support you with this, we are pleased and proud to launch our PiXL Independence Challenge.

Congratulations go to Umair who earned a whopping 1000 points in his first week and earned himself a brand new revision guide!



Well done Umair!



Tightening the tourniquet



Learning vital skills



How to save a life

Year 7 First Aid Course

On the 9th October, our Year 7 students completed a First Aid Course, equipping them with the skills to make a real difference in emergency situations. From what to do when faced with a major bleed situation to performing CPR, they are now prepared to be true heroes when needed.

Mr Chester grilled his form to find out just what they had learnt during their action-packed training.

Riyad said he learnt how "If someone has a cut we can tie something around their arm and then use anything, like a phone or a hammer to tighten it, and this can stop someone bleeding and save their life."

Victor learnt how to check if someone was still breathing. He told Mr Chester, "We had to make sure that there was nothing in their mouth and if there was we had to take it out. We also learnt the recovery position."

Ky'Jah told Mr Chester that "The instructors were a police officer and the other was an army medic. She was really cool and taught us lots of interesting things."

Overall, the boys loved their first aid training describing it as "fun, exciting and cooperative".

RSE - Relationships and Sex Education

Today's young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, our students need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. Therefore, the Department for Education (DfE) made Relationships and Sex Education compulsory in all secondary schools from September 2020. Relationships and Sex Education at St Joseph's College is delivered in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church and the Lasallian tradition, providing students with an understanding of the values of the Catholic faith in line with statutory requirements.

All parents have been sent a letter outlining our RSE provision for the year.

RE UPDATE

Year 8 students participated in a memorable Bar/Bat Mitzvah lesson, where they learned about the significance of this Jewish ceremony.

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah marks the transition from childhood to adulthood in the Jewish faith. During the lesson, they had the unique opportunity to experience a hands-on connection to Jewish culture and tradition by trying Challah bread, a sacred and braided bread traditionally baked for Shabbat and special occasions.



Challah bread



Mazel tov!

The students not only enjoyed the delicious taste of the Challah but also gained a deeper understanding of its importance in Jewish rituals, spirituality, and the blessings of the Shabbat.

Thanks Ms Gozubuyuk for this fascinating lesson!

SPOOKY STORY COMPETITION

It is almost Halloween and that means the return of the annual Spooky Story Competition. If you want to join in write the spookiest story you can in 500 words and give it to Mr Russell before half term. Enter if you dare.

Enter If You Dare

Spooky story house competition

Write the spookiest story you can in 500 words

Deadline is next Friday 20th October

We will judge them and tell you the winners after half term

Send any entries to Mr Russell
Lots more info on [Satchelone](#).

MASCULINITY WORKSHOP

Today our Year 11s took part in a masculinity workshop delivered by Voicebox. In the session they explored the impact of masculinity on their lives in order to improve their relationships, wellbeing, and opportunities. The workshop allowed the students to reflect on masculinity & gender stereotypes. The boys now feel empowered to embody healthy masculinity! Well done Year 11 for participating.



Important discussions



Sharing our views

ANIME CLUB

Anime club has started again. This has quickly turned into a very popular club at school, especially with the KS3 students. Sessions will be every Friday after school from 2:45 - 3:45.

As well as discussions and watching Anime it is also a chance to draw and share the pictures you have made. This week Reuben in Year 7 shared this excellent picture of a gear 5 transformation from One Piece! Well done Reuben, this is a fantastic piece of artwork.



Luffy from One Piece

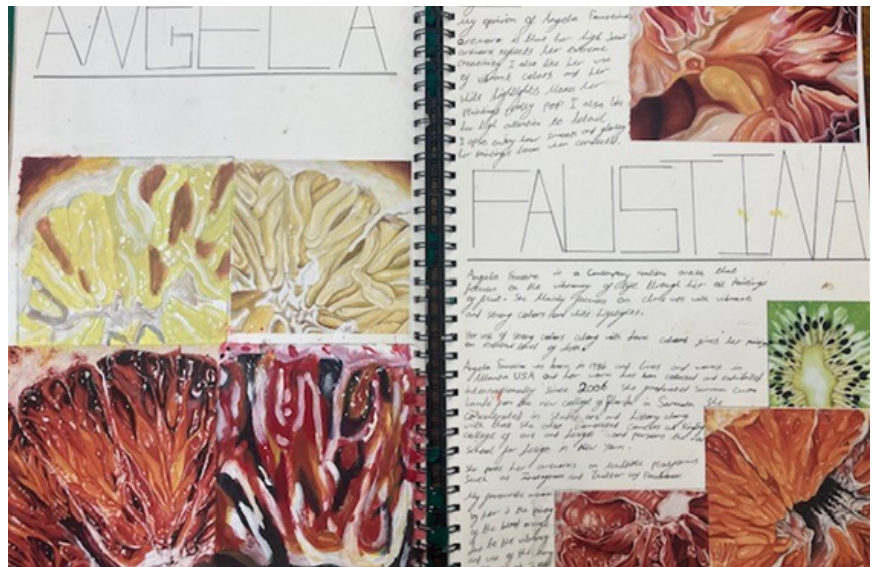


EXCELLENT WORK



A Fantastic drawing

It has been another exciting fortnight in Art. Y11 Fine Art have been exploring the work of Angela Faustina and looking at the topic Natural Forms. We have been really impressed by the high quality of student work. Particular praise goes to Keano and Noman for your beautiful efforts. Well done also to Reuben for your fantastic anime drawings!



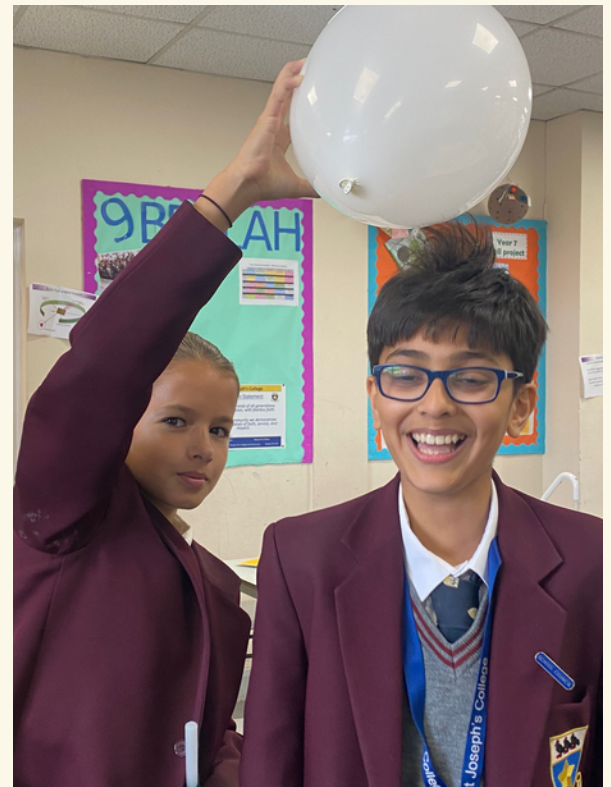
Beautiful work



Bending water

Science

Year 8 have been learning about static electricity in their science lessons and using it to make fun hairstyles and "bend" water!



A hair raising experience

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 1 will begin 16/10 and Week 3 begins on 30/10, the first week back after the half term break.



WEEK 1

WEEK 1	STREET	Curried Coconut Chilli Chicken Wholegrain Rice n Peas	Homemade Spicy Falafel Flatbread	Roast Lemon & Thyme Chicken, Roast Spuds & Gravy	Low Salt & Chilli Chicken Firecracker Rice	Choose from: Battered Fish Chicken Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
	VEGGIE	Jamaican Black Eyed Peas Stew Wholegrain Rice n Peas	Plant Based Creamy Green Pea & Spinach Pasta	Root Vegetable & Bean Stew Roast Spuds	Japanese Yakisoba (Japanese Stir Fried Noodles)	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (battered or plain) Chips, Gravy or Curry Sauce
	SIDES	Lime Dressed Slaw	Mixed Salad	Roast Carrots & Parsnip	Sweet Chilli Sticky Greens	Minty Peas or Baked Beans
	Extras additional to Main Dish	Flatbread Wedge	Hummus Pot	Cauliflower Cheese	Prawn Crackers	Onion Rings

WEEK 3

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

OPEN EVENING



Fabulous baking boys

Last Tuesday was Open Evening at the college. This is always a fantastic event where the College is at its best and we get to show it off to hundreds of prospective students. This year was no difference, with the school full of excited Year 6s and every department welcoming them round.

The highlight of the evening was the Headmaster's speech in the chapel. It was a full house for the speech in which parents were told about all about our fantastic College.



Live demonstrations

This was followed up by speeches from the Head Boy and Head Girl as well as speeches from new Year 7 students who had only been here a few weeks but were hugely complimentary and passionate about the College.

Thanks to all the Students and Prefects who did such an excellent job volunteering on the night.



The Headmaster's address

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Calling all Year 11s! Our Sixth Form Open Evening is next Tuesday 17th October. This is an important evening for learning all about our Sixth Form Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

6th Form OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 17th October 2023

4.00pm—5.00pm

St Joseph's College is a caring and vibrant community with a strong sense of Gospel values. Committed to realising the potential of each and every student in our care, we pride ourselves on providing the highest quality education for every child, every day.

There are students of many denominations in our mixed sixth form. As a College we recognise that every young person is different and we all have our own dreams and aspirations for our future. Our broad Curriculum offers many different routes for our students to achieve these aspirations.

We look forward to seeing you soon

Acting Headteacher: Mr George Mantillas

Associate Assistant Headteacher - Director of Sixth Form: Miss Lauren Williams

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Another fortnight of sports kept the PE department busy.

We have begun our English Schools cup fixtures, alongside our Surrey Cup games. Below is how they fared:

Mr Curwen's Year 7s went down 5-2 against the travelling London Nautical Academy. On the same evening his Year 8's came off worse in a game against Glyn school losing 7-1, having taken the lead in the game. Our Year 9s took on Sacred Heart School and came out triumphant in a 7-0 win, having led by six at half time. Year 10 took on London Enterprise Academy and won 7-1 and our Year 11s head through in the 1st Round of the ESFA Cup having won 4-2 against Harris Crown Wood.

Unfortunately, our Year 10s came out second place on penalties in the first round of the Surrey Cup away at Cheam High. Having led 2-0 at half time, the game ended 3-3 and despite their efforts we lost 5-4 on penalties – not the best way to go out after dominating large portions of the game – but we live and learn.

As we head into half term, we have regular attendees at Basketball club on Monday and Wednesday evening with Mr Delaney, alongside his Thursday night Badminton club, which we would love to see more students to attend. This week will see Mr Curwens Rugby training start – with the hope of getting some fixtures in, in the New Year.

Our Year 12/13 Chelsea Foundation programme started again this week, which is great news for our Futsal and Football players; they have been entered into a 6th Form league this year and it will be interesting to see how they fare in games within the London Borough.

Year 10 and 11 will begin to choose their options for practical PE next term – so stay tuned for that. Make sure you get your sport entry in early to avoid disappointment!



A PE sports demonstration

Thanks to all the students who helped out during the Open Evening, we really showed the best of our department!

LASALLIANS AROUND THE WORLD

At SJC we are part of a worldwide Lasallian community. This week we have all been concerned about our school communities in the Middle East and they have been in our prayers.

Here is an update from our Jerusalem Lasallian Communities to say that all the Lasallian schools in the area and their entire educational community are safe. They will remain in our thoughts as we pray for peace.

Missiles struck Jerusalem, and the entire country experienced a sense of terror. Following the initial bombings, Israel had to close the checkpoints between Palestine and Israel, leaving many of our teachers and staff stranded without the necessary permits to cross.

Due to this, **we are providing online education to those who cannot get to school.** We currently manage reasonably well despite fear and anxiety pervading our surroundings.

The situation remains highly complex.

Your solidarity, despite the physical distance, provides us with tremendous support.

A message from the Lasallian Community

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 17.10

- Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19.10

- Careers Fair
- South Bank trip for selected Year 7s and 8s

Friday 20.10

- INSET Day - Students not on the school site

