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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of so many students this week. On Wednesday, students from Year 7 to 6th Form were rewarded with a feast of treats for their exceptional progress across all subjects this year. Having the opportunity to hear from students of all ages on why they enjoy coming to St Joseph's College, is a testament to the wonderful work our staff do every lesson, every day.

The last half term is always a very busy one, with many wonderful opportunities for students to experience and perform. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to engage with industry placements, providing invaluable experiences into the world of careers.

Next week, all students will be involved in a variety of cultural and developmental activities over a 4-day period - attendance is compulsory during activities week. I would like to thank all parents for their contributions to these events - your support has ensured we make it a week to remember.

End of term academic reports will be sent to families by next week. Please take some time to discuss progress and areas for improvement across subjects. It is important we review and prepare, to ensure students are reflective and constantly moving forwards in their learning.

Before we close for the summer break, I will be sending home an end of year letter. Please take the time to read through, as it will outline plans for the beginning of the new term and expectations regarding students' uniform and learning equipment.

Final Prayer: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. 'O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us. Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by their constant protection protect your people. Through Christ our Lord.' **Amen.**

God bless,
Mr G Mantillas

The year in RE

As we approach the end of this year, we should take a moment to reflect on the journey we have undertaken together as a Catholic Lasallian school community. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and faith, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have partnered with you in the education and spiritual formation of your children.

This includes:

- The Masses/Services taken place this year, including the Headteacher's Inauguration Mass,
- The Carol Service,
- Advent foodbank appeal,
- Lent CAFOD Appeal,
- The Lasallian Awards, including winning the Platinum Award,
- Y7 in-school Retreat,
- KS3 St Cassian's Retreat.

As we look ahead to the new year, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to the College ethos. Let us continue to collaborate, support one another, and strive for excellence in all that we do. Our partnership is vital to the success and spiritual growth of our students, and we are grateful for your trust and dedication.

Dear God, as we approach the end of the academic year,
we thank you for your faithfulness and provision.
We are grateful for the lessons we have learned,
the challenges we have overcome,
and the blessings that you have bestowed upon us.
We pray that you would guide us in the coming year
and help us to continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and character.
May your love and grace be with us always.
In your holy name we pray,
Amen

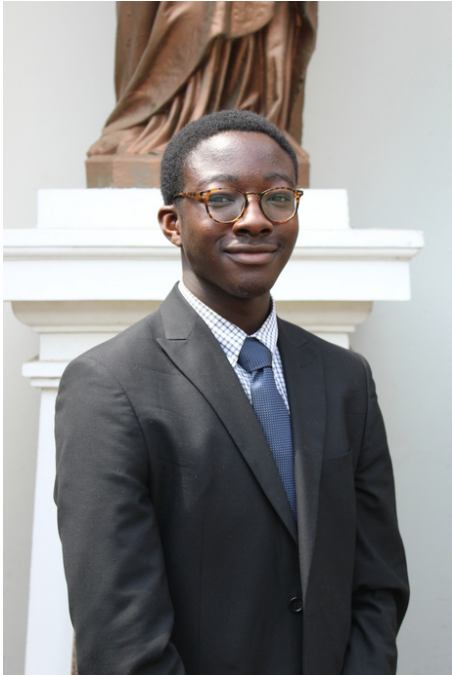
St Joseph – **Pray for us**

St John Baptiste de La Salle – **Pray for us**

Live Jesus in our Hearts – **Forever!**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Starting from this term we will be having a monthly message from a member of our Student Leadership team. This will be a way for the Head students to introduce exciting initiatives and share advice that has helped them become successful students. This is our first message from our Head Boy Ayo Adesida.



Ayo Adesida

Dear Students,

As we draw closer to the end of the year, it's a great time to reflect and think about our experiences and what lies ahead. Whether you're relaxing after your GCSEs or enjoying the summer break, in KS3 here are a few things to think about:

While sitting back and relaxing during the summer break, let's not forget to use the summer as a chance to explore new things. Read a book, try a new hobby or learn something new. There is an endless number of new activities to try out.

During the holiday, make sure you set new goals for the next academic year. Do you want to improve in a certain subject? Do you want to stay focused? Better behaviour? Setting goals will help you to stay focused and motivated.

Celebrate your achievements. As we say goodbye to another academic year, take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate your achievements. Whether that is making new friends, gaining new leadership roles or getting better grades, be proud of what you achieved.

So, make sure you make the most out of your summer holiday and celebrate all the amazing things you've done this year

Enjoy your summer and get ready for an incredible year ahead!

Yours cheerfully,

Ayo Adesida
Your Head Boy

Congratulations to our new prefects! We really enjoyed reading through all the applications and seeing how many passionate and inspiring young leaders we have at the school. The good news was announced in the Year 10 assembly yesterday and we are looking forward to seeing you representing the school next year.

The 2022-23 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group completed their assessment expedition between Friday 7th - Saturday 8th July. Two groups of Year 9 students were involved as we ventured to the wild wilderness of Box Hill, Surrey.

Day 1 saw both groups begin at Dorking Station, passing through 5 checkpoints on their way to the campsite, Day 1's endpoint. Noodles, rice, pasta and Lucozade were on the menu for a well-earned dinner after both groups walked over 10km (including wrong turns...)!

Day 2 began at 7.30am as the groups took down their tents, cooked breakfast, shared the camping load between bags before setting off for checkpoint 1 by 9.45am. A shorter route on Day 2 saw both groups finished by 4pm, back at Dorking Station.

A massive congratulations to all participants who took part and are on course to complete the award after some excellent reflections on the positive and negatives of their expedition experience. Thank you to Mr Daly, Miss Williams and Mr Henry for organising and facilitating the trip.



Congratulations to Oliver Arkoh, Qais Afghan, Ali Hasan, Eesa Rahiman, Jayden Da Costa, Mohammad Butt, James Okunola, Samuel Little, Ilyas Abdi, Shayden Gareave, Pratham Patel, Umair Begani and Ryszard Loi who all completed the expedition.

Good luck on the next stage of your Duke of Edinburgh award!

Happy campers



First checkpoint done!



Ilyas navigating



Mr Daly helping out

Year 10 Geography: PGL Residential Trip to Preston Montford Field Centre

Year 10 Geography students recently took part in a 4 day trip to North Shropshire. They stayed at Preston Montford Hall, a Queen Anne country house, close to the River Severn. The Centre is set in 12 hectares of grassland and woodland and provided many opportunities for fieldwork and other fun activities. The aim of the course was to make real world observations, to ask geographical questions and to conduct physical and human enquiry, in preparation for their GCSE exam. Students investigated river processes and human pressures in Carding Mill Valley, where they were required to collate primary quantitative data, using geographical equipment, to identify flood risk. This was a bit of a shock to the system, as it meant we were out hiking all day, and they had to actually get in the river to measure width and depth!



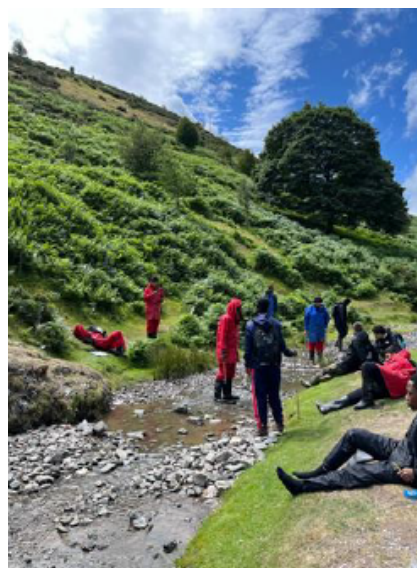
Exploring the country

Students also explored dynamic urban areas, where they collected primary qualitative data to measure the quality of life in contrasting areas. Lastly the students considered surface runoff, plotting storm hydrographs and assessed the impact of flooding on the local area.

On the last night we had a bonfire and roasted marshmallows!! We were very lucky with the weather and despite being in the classroom till 20:00 each evening, an amazing time was had.



Round the campfire



Researching rivers



A deserved break

This year we have been very excited about bringing back year 10 work experience. We believe it is so valuable in developing students understanding of the workplace and helping them to make informed decisions about their next steps.

Year 10 and their parents worked really hard to find places and what amazing places they found! We have had students in city banks, hospitals, real estate and transport. The feedback from employers has been delightful and we can't wait to hear all about it.

So that they didn't miss out, students without placements did virtual work experience on the Springpod website, which we would recommend you explore with your child. Peter Jones Foundation and our coach from Chelsea ran sessions to develop students' skills and our fantastic Engineering team led some inspiring workshops.

Congratulations Year 10 on making this a success!



A successful workshop



Great work Billy

HOUSE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Brooklands who are this year's winners of the House Cup!

It was a close run battle with Hill winning loads of points after triumphing at Sports Day but in the end it was a two way battle between Brooklands and Grange. There were only about 120 points in it, a reminder that every House point counts for next year!



Well done Brooklands!

As a reward students from Brooklands enjoyed a pizza party in the canteen and took turns hoisting the famous SJC house cup! Well done Brooklands.



Time to celebrate!

Year 9 MEP Virtual China Trip

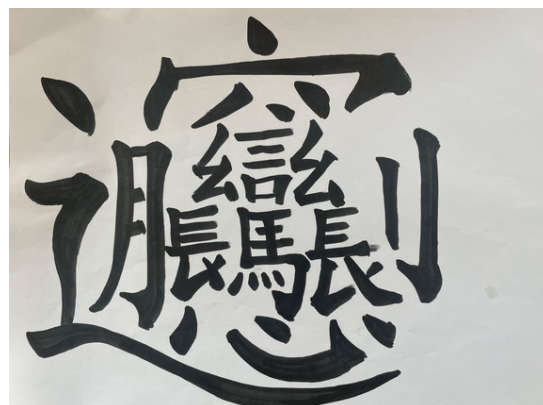
Over the course of the week, our students were able to enjoy online lessons hosted by Tianjin Normal University where they were able to build their speaking and listening skills across a range of topics.

The boys were also able to enjoy martial arts and calligraphy lessons (which included learning how to write the most complex Chinese character – try to work out what it means!), as well as taking part in virtual tours of Beijing, Shanghai and Xian.

We were also able to enjoy a trip to London's Chinatown, where we enjoyed a traditional Chinese banquet, putting our chopstick skills to the test, before heading off into Chinatown to practice speaking Mandarin and taking in the Chinese culture. A great week, which allowed our students to put a lot of their hard work into practice.



In Chinatown



Can you work out what this means?

Spanish Gazpacho

In the summer heat, there are few meals more refreshing than the incredibly tasty, chilled soup known as gazpacho. Our Y7 and Y8 students had the opportunity to taste this unique traditional Spanish dish in class.

With temperatures in London resembling those down in the south of Spain, where the weather can get very hot, this cold soup cools you down when you drink it. It is perfect for hot weather!

Some of our students raised to the challenge and made it at home. Francesco certainly seems to have enjoyed it:

"I managed to complete the gazpacho. It was very easy to soup/drink to make. I enjoyed making it as it was an experience, and I may redo it in the future."

Ask Mrs Wilson for the recipe!



Compliments of the chef

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

On the back of a successful sports day held at Croydon Sports Arena, the PE department have been preparing for the sport activities week. Four days of competition that will see each house compete against each other in numerous sports such as football, frisbee, vortex and capture the flag amongst others.

Pitches have been marked out this week so that students have a great experience and enjoy their last few days at SJC prior to breaking up for the summer term.

And on that note, with the summer term coming up, it gives students ample time to prepare themselves for the next academic year. Standards need to be high, and the department wants to see every child kitted out in SJC kit, coming to class ready to learn, and ultimately, enjoy learning new skills and developing old.

Year 10 and Year 11 will see a change in their usual academic lesson set up as three classes will be on at the same time. This will allow for more options available to them every six weeks, where they can participate in one of three options. PE staff will be discussing this with the year groups.

Finally, back to my original comment regarding the sports day. I was delighted to have support from Mr Steve Knight who kindly led on all our track events. I was greatly appreciative of his final comments which were 'the kids were a credit to the school and themselves'.

So, from myself and the PE team, we hope you have a restful summer and return back ready to partake in our extracurricular sports clubs and represent our school team home and away.



Sports Day - fantastic memories



Athletics

Congratulations to Joseph Johnson-Cole and Rikaion Smith who won gold for Surrey schools in the relay at the National schools championship. A truly brilliant achievement, well done.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On Wednesday 12th of July some pupils were invited for afternoon tea with the headteacher to celebrate their success in the end of year exams. All pupils invited made above expected progress across all their subjects and ranged from year 7 all the way up to year 12. It was wonderful to see these pupils share their success together, and for the younger pupils to see the older pupils as their role models.

Well done to everyone who sat end of year exams, the hard work and dedication all pupils had was exceptional.

Congratulations also to Triston Connell who won a special award for his hard work and dedication this year.

As a reward for his achievement and his motivation this year Mr Black awarded him with a Progression & Achievement certificate. Well done Triston!



Afternoon tea in the parlour



Well done Triston!

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 Dan Soji
- 2 Lucas Asres
- 3 Mohammad Afnan

UPCOMING DATES

Activities week 17.07 – 20.07

20.07 Yr 7 trip to BRIT school

21.07 Last Day of Term

Normal Tutor, P1 and P2 lessons

After break students go back to their Tutor for period P3 –

Staggered finish times:

- Y10 – 11.10
- Y9 – 11.25
- Y8 – 11.35
- Y7 – 11.45

