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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

Over the past two weeks we have had many tours of the college as parents and carers of Year 6 students visited to see the school in action. All the guests left highly impressed with the impeccable behaviour of our students in lessons, as well as their engagement in learning. We are very proud of the positive attitudes our students demonstrate each and every day.

Sixth Form Open Evening took place on Tuesday afternoon this week. We welcomed many St Joseph's boys to the event, as well as many students from a wide range of local schools. There was a fantastic turn out at the event and high levels of interest for our already, oversubscribed Sixth Form. We hope to see many of our students and visitors return next year. Next Tuesday is school photo day for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. For Year 11 this will be their final photo in school uniform. Finally, just a reminder that next week is the final week of this half term.

God bless, Mrs C Kane

LASALLIAN MONTH OF PEACE

As we are now in the Lasallian month of peace, here is a Lasallian prayer for peace from the RE department.

International

Lasallian Days

We pray to You, Lard, God of life and God of those who hope!

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Listen to our prayer for the whole world: for peace among all peoples, for prosperity in all lands. We pray to You that evil may be overcome and that all wars may end.

We pray to You especially for the members of our Lasallian Family, who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance, and for the children and young people who are poor and neglected.

We pray too, God, for peace in our lives; in our towns, in our schools, in our families and in our own hearts. We pray for a peace that the world cannot give us. We pray for a peace that will make us whole and transform us into ambassadors of justice for Your sake.

Lord, give us Your peace!



Amen.



MATHS UPDATE

A big congratulations to Nauman SAQIB (8 Dane) and James OKUNOLA (9 Brooklands) who scored 80 out of 80 marks!!



Edexcel Maths Awards in Number and Measure Level 1 and 2 Results

We extended our entry for the Edexcel Maths Awards exams from our KS4 learning groups to the KS3 accelerated learning groups in Year 7 and 8 during the 2022 summer exam series.

There were a total of 136 pupils who were entered for this exam. They were all very enthusiastic and well-motivated and worked really hard for their very first external mini-GCSE exams.

I am very pleased to say 90% of these pupils excelled in the exams!

The following boys in Year 8 and 9 were just one mark short of achieving the full marks, earning 79 out of 80 marks.

Year 8s - Jaiden Mosengo, Micah Ojo, Kenechukwu Okolo, Hashir Irsathibrahim and Abdullah Ahmadi (Year 9)

It was so lovely to hear these boys ask nearly the same question at different times they received their results -"Can I see the paper to know where I lost the mark?" because they were one mark away! The cut-off mark for the Level 1 exam was 49 out of 80, whilst the Level 2 was 50 out of 80 marks.

The very few who couldn't make the cut-off mark were off by 7 marks or less!!

All the boys have done themselves proud and we look forward to more success stories as they continue their academic journey whilst in SJC!

There will be an opportunity this academic year for all pupils currently on this programme to take the next level exam. So, it means if your son was successful on this exam, they will be taking the next level later in the year!

Thanks Mrs Nanna for the update!

Sixth form Open Evening



On Tuesday we hosted our open day for prospective Sixth Form students. As the first inperson Sixth Form event since 2019, it was an absolutely delightful evening, the Sixth Form Centre was filled with eager pupils and their families excited to plan their futures! We look forward to seeing everybody again in September.



Our head girl helping out

CLUBS UPDATE

Drama club

Last Wednesday saw the return of Drama club run by Mr Goodair. It will be in H01 every Wednesday from 2:45 - 3:45. These will be really fun sessions filled with 'get to know you' activities and interactive games but most importantly joining Drama club is a condition of being in the school play. The school pantomime was such a roaring success last year, don't miss the opportunity to be part of the next one!

Pokemon Club

Last week year 7 Pokemon club met for the first time! There was a big turnout for week 1 and this promises to be a very popular club. Thank you Mr Theophilou for organising and hosting!





Excited Year sevens at Pokemon club!

Trips and Events

"You are the generation who can fix things..."

> Baroness Shami Chakrabarti



Duke of Edinburgh update

The Duke of Edinburgh award is starting for year 9s! We believe the current year 9 cohort will be a great year to get involved and set a great example for the younger students.

There will be a meeting next **Monday 17th October** at 14:45 in SC12. Mr Henry and Mr Daly will meet with any students who are interested and explain what is required in further detail.

Model United Nations

On Saturday five of our pupils attended the Model United Nations Conference at Alleyn's school.

It was a fantastic day, eight separate schools participated over 8 hours and it was presided over by Baroness Shami Chakrabarti. SJC embodied the nation of South Africa, and we debated various topical issues including the question of Private Military Contractors, the Israel-Palestine conflict and Climate Refugees.

The delegates were as follows; **Peace Sower**- Historical Committee **Malik Sawyer**- Security Council **Iker Solis**- Human Rights Council **Mohamed Khalifa**- World Health Committee **Gabriel Okunbor**- Special Political Committee.

Despite this being our first conference our pupils shone and they each delivered amazing points of information throughout the long day!

Thank you Ms McConnell and Mr Austin for organising.



This Week In PE

There were several thrilling football matches this week. On Wednesday our U16s cruised through to the second round of the national cup. It was a 4-0 win with goals from Douiri, Neizer Ashun and a first career goal for the keeper Ezra Addo who scored from 90 yards out!

The U13s crashed out of the Surrey Cup with a 4-3 defeat away at Oakwood. This was a very tight affair going in 3-3 at the end of normal time. Losing out in extra time was heart breaking for the boys. They had the chance to turn things around straight away with a game the next day. They bounced back with a 7-2 thrashing over Coombe Wood. They were up against some very suspect goalkeeping, however a win is very much a win!

Our U12s also played CWS Croydon in the week, they picked up their first points of the season with a 1-1 draw. Well done to Gniewek for getting the goal! Our U12s also progressed to the next round of the ESFA National Cup by way of Harris Garrard not being able to field a team... very unusual, but a welcome bonus for us! Well done to all!

Well done to Khalil and Yousef who represented the school this week in the Croydon school sports partnership U16 table tennis competition. It was a great afternoon hosted by Harris Crystal Palace. Our boys came up against some tough opposition but loved every minute! Well done boys!



Next Weeks Fixtures

17/10/2022 U14 Football vs Coombe Wood – Croydon League 4pm KO @ SJC
18/10/2022 U14 Rugby vs Southborough Kingston – South London League 2.40
KO Expected back at 4.30pm
18/10/2022 U12 Football vs Greenshaw – Surrey Cup 2.30 KO @ SJC
20/10/2022 U15 Football vs Coombe Wood – Croydon League 4pm KO Expected
back at 5.30pm

House Update

House Basketball competition

Another week, another house basketball competition. This time it was the turn of Year 9 and 10 who competed on Thursday for more house points. This was a hotly contested event with 9 Netherton and 10 Beulah eventually emerging as winners. These are the full results:

Year 9

Year 10

1st Netherton 2nd Grange 3rd Dane 1st Beulah 2nd Hill 3rd Grange





GCSE PODs

Well done to the top achievers on GCSE POD this week! Year 10

Year 11

1 Michael Oyeneye 2 Ilyas Yiadom Boakye 3 Kareem Keen 1 Jeremy Allotey-Babington 2 Zain Mir 3 Stephen Getu

UPCOMING DATES

<u>October 17 - 23 - Week 1</u>

Monday 17.10 - D of E meeting after school for year 9s Tuesday 18.10 - School photo day Wednesday 19.10 - Character trip to city hall Thursday 20.10 - Careers day

