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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a pleasant and restful summer. It is great to welcome students back in our first assemblies of the year and wonderful to have the College back to life - students happy to see their peers, fully energised and prepared for the learning journey ahead. Students have responded so positively to our high expectations and to the launch of our Mission Statement – To inspire the minds of all generations through education, with fearless faith.

At the end of our newsletter, you will find details of our Open Evening, taking place on Thursday 5th October, from 4.30-7.30pm. I would appreciate if you would 'spread the word' in the community, as we do our very best to showcase the brilliance of St Joseph's College.

One of the greatest strengths of St Joseph's College is its commitment to holistic development. Our aim is to help the students in our care to become the best adults that they can be: intellectually, spiritually, morally and socially. If we get this right, success in one area will help to bring about success in other areas. The more we can help them to develop self-discipline, the better equipped they will be to fulfil their potential in academic and other areas. During the nearly twenty years that I have spent in teaching, I have come to see more and more that close partnership with parents and carers is crucial to achieving this aim. As we begin a new year together, one of my greatest wishes is that your child will benefit from that positive and fruitful collaboration between home and College.

Lord our God, we thank you that we have often felt you close to us. Remember us and give each one the help needed to be true to his calling. Remember all humankind and grant that we may go forward in spirit and in truth.

God bless,

Mr G C Mantillas

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as Ms. Marie-France Bogui, the newly appointed Chaplain of the College. As we embark on the academic year 2023/2024, I extend a warm welcome to each one of you.

Recently, a friend asked me to describe my role in detail, and after much contemplation, she aptly referred to me as "the spiritual heartbeat" of our college community. I wholeheartedly embrace this description, as my mission here is to provide support to all, regardless of their faith, and to accompany each of you on your individual faith journeys. Part of this mission involves engaging you in the planning, leadership, and delivery of our chaplaincy efforts within the school. As a chaplain, I am here to serve you in three distinct roles, each of which holds a unique significance:

1. Priestly Role (Liturgy and Worship):

2. Pastoral Role (Support):

3. Prophetic Role (Mission):

- Serving as a role model for prayer and spirituality.
- Spreading the message of faith through words, thoughts, and actions.
- Sharing the message of love with all members of our college community.

You can find my office on the other side of AR, and I encourage you to reach out to me via email at mbogui@sjc.ac for any questions, concerns, or support you may need.

I look forward to serving our college community and being a source of guidance, comfort, and spiritual enrichment for your children during their academic journey.

Warm regards and God bless,

Ms. Marie-France Bogui

College Chaplain



Our new College Chaplain

Exciting times lie ahead as we launch our new College Mission Statement for the academic year 2023/2024.

To inspire the minds of all generations through education, with fearless faith.

As a united community we demonstrate our Lasallian values of faith, service, and respect.

These values are not just words; they are the guiding principles that define our Catholic Lasallian identity. We, as a College, are deeply invested in the growth of your child, beyond just their academic progress. Our mission extends to nurturing holistic development, fostering spiritual and moral growth, and promoting human flourishing.

You will find our College Mission Statement prominently displayed in every classroom and office, ensuring that it serves as a constant reminder of our shared commitment. Additionally, you will encounter it within every exercise book and in all new College policies, reaffirming its role in shaping our interactions, decisions, and aspirations. All staff were presented with our Mission Statement on the first INSET Day, on 1st September, and all students have received an assembly whereby the Mission Statement and the theology behind it was explained to them.

As we embark on this new academic year, let us all unite in our pursuit of these values, allowing them to illuminate our path and guide our actions. Together, we will inspire, educate, and uplift the minds of our students while instilling in them fearless faith, service, and respect.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and development. We look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and fearless faith.



The poster features a central blue banner with the text "All Faiths and Beliefs Welcome!" and "Interfaith Dialogue Club". Below the banner, it lists the club's details: "Day: Week 1 Thursday", "Time: 2:45-3:30", "Year groups: Year 10 to 13 welcome", and "Location: S11". The poster is decorated with various religious symbols including a Yin-Yang, a cross, a crescent moon, a Star of David, a wheel, a dove, and a tree with religious icons on its branches.

All Faiths and Beliefs Welcome!

Interfaith Dialogue Club

Day: Week 1 Thursday
Time: 2:45-3:30
Year groups: Year 10 to 13 welcome
Location: S11

Interfaith Dialogue Club

We have a hugely diverse student body here at St Joseph's and therefore we are thrilled to announce a new club that is aimed at strengthening the bond and increasing the dialogue between different faiths at the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

It has been an exciting start to the year for members of our student leadership teams. Our Sixth Form team are already planning fantastic new initiatives and there are some motivational words from our Head Girl below. In addition to this our Year 11 Prefect team are now up and running. They have their badges and are ready to shine!



Duaa Sahi

Dear Students,

As we begin a new school year, I'm filled with anticipation for the exciting journey ahead. This year is filled with chances for us to learn and discover, not just for ourselves but also as a school family. I believe that all of us, no matter our grade or age, can inspire and make a positive impact.

Let me share a bit about my journey. I'm passionately working toward a future in dentistry because I want to help people through healthcare and education, and I want to inspire younger students with their dreams. As we kick off this new year, remember that every day offers a chance for personal growth and making a difference in the lives of others.

Duaa Sahi
Your Head Girl

Year 11 Prefects

Welcome to our new batch of Prefects! They were awarded their badges on Wednesday and by Thursday they were already out on Prefect duty, and making a positive difference around the school.

The Newsletter went out and spoke to some of the proud students to find out how they felt about their new responsibilities. **Marlys Tshiswaka** was already on duty in the playground. He spoke about how proud he was to take on this responsibility and was looking forward to offering guidance and assistance to the younger years. We also spoke to **Sebastian Rodriguez**. He stated that he felt like he was born for the role. We agree Sebastian, it has been an honour to watch these young men grow during their time at SJC and we look forward to seeing you become brilliant leaders in Year 11.



Respect the badge

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Big Friendly Giant

Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday the corridors of SJC were filled with Big Friendly Giants, Witches and Oompa Loompahs for the return of Roald Dahl Day! There was a 'spot the character' event for Year 7 all day as they had to work out who their teachers were dressed up as. The English department read some fantastic lesser known Roald Dahl stories with their KS3 classes but the real fun was after school at the annual peach eating contest. Congratulations to Hill for winning and getting the first House points of the year!



Guess the characters



Another win for Hill

Functional Skills

At the end of last year some of our Year 10 students took the first part of their English functional skills exam. Well done to all of you who passed and are moving on to your Functional skills stage 2!

Functional Skills qualifications are key to building foundations for learners to progress into their specialist skillsets.



Well done Boys

This year Ms Ampah is the new Careers Advisor here at SJC. To welcome her into the post Bryant and Jayden asked her some questions about Careers guidance.

How can SJC help me with careers?

SJC can help you to plan, research and develop a marketable profile for yourself whether you are going on to university or an apprenticeship, the role of the careers department this year will be to provide you with all the tools to stand out in a competitive environment.

How do I access the career guidance here at SJC?

There are many ways you can access careers guidance at SJC.

Firstly, student can schedule a meeting with me as the careers lead, whereby I can provide information, advice and guidance on career choices. You can also attend a number of onsite events including our Careers fair coming up on the 19th October, open to students from KS4 and KS5. We also offer workshops with a number of industry partners, where you can also receive industry guidance and information. Finally, we have an Alumni network of former SJC students who have pursued careers you may be interested in. They can provide valuable insights and advice also.


What opportunities are currently available for us in sixth form?

At present there a wide range of opportunities to help prepare you for the next stage of your career pathway including work experience, networking opportunities to connect with industry leaders, skills workshops and many more, over the coming year we will be promoting key events and opportunities in the newsletter.


How early is too early to think about careers?

It's never too early to start thinking about careers. In fact, career exploration can begin as early as primary school, you can start now to build an idea of what you would like to do in the future by having conversations with your family, speak to your teachers at SJC as many would have had careers in industry before becoming a teacher and also come in to see where I can help you to get started with your career research.

Careers Advisor



Ms J Ampah
**Director of Careers, Business Studies,
Economics and Enterprise.**



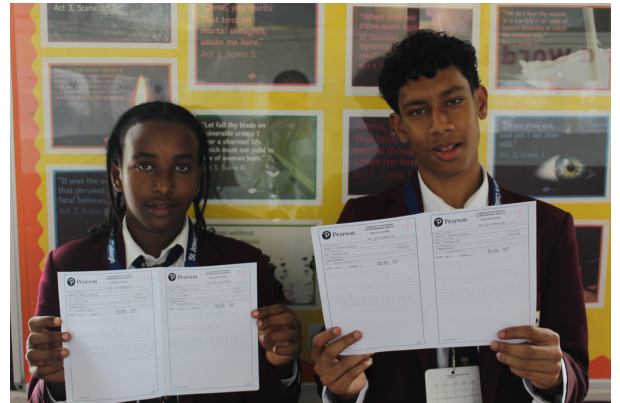
To arrange a meeting or discuss matters.
Please email: jampah@sjc.ac

Your new Careers Advisor

EDEXCEL MATHS AWARD

Edexcel Awards are stand-alone qualifications designed to help students build their confidence and skills in different areas of maths. Year 9 (current year 10) took their Edexcel award (Algebra Level 2) in June, 2023 and we are delighted to report the remarkable success of some of our students!

There were many pass grades and these results are a testament to their hard work and perseverance. Many students achieved not only outstanding scores but also demonstrated a deep understanding of algebraic concepts. Their ability to solve complex equations, work with variables, and apply algebraic principles to real-world problems has been nothing short of impressive and will stand them in good stead for their GCSE exams for which they are currently studying.



Well done Eesa and Samuel



PTA INFORMATION

Hello to all the new Year 7 parents/ carers and welcome back to Year 8 - 13 parents/ carers, we hope you have had a lovely summer holiday.

My name is Miss Badchkam and I am the Chair of the P.T.A. at St Joseph's. This letter is an invitation for all of the parents/ carers of boys at St Joseph's to join our P.T.A.

We will be having a meet and greet **Coffee morning** in the coming weeks so that parents/ carers can come and find out what we are about and what we have planned for the coming year.

I do hope a lot of parents/ carers will become a part of our wonderful P.T.A. and help us raise funds for our boys and our school.

Any enquiries please leave a message for me at reception. We hope to see you all at the coffee morning, the date of which will be announced soon.

Regards,

Miss Badchkam



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.



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 Meal Deal	Cajun Onion Rings	Prawn Crackers	Cauliflower Cheese	Naan Bread	Garlic Mayo Dip Pot

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 Meal Deal	Flatbread Wedge	Hummus Pot	Cauliflower Cheese	Prawn Crackers	Onion Rings

Welcome back to another year at SJC from the Sport Department. We have overthrown the curriculum which will see students study a sport for a whole six weeks, allowing for skill development, game knowledge, and challenge to really develop our pupils sporting prowess!

KS4 students now have options each half term that they are can choose from. There are three different sports that allow for students to use the knowledge learnt in KS3 and apply in gameplay using tactical awareness.

We have now regained the Gymnasium and the Fitness suite, which means we are now able to offer a wider variety of sports. The Sports Hall has had new lines put in to allow for us to run basketball, futsal and badminton fixtures! Many thanks to Clare Tellam and Michelle Sheen for doing this work!



The hall mid renovation

Our extracurricular provision will start on the 11th September. Sport clubs including football, rugby, basketball and badminton will be on offer in the first half term; we expect to progress well in the Croydon FA and National football fixtures and will endeavour to offer fixtures in all the sports that we can offer as a department! It's up to the students to get down to after school clubs and show teaching staff their commitment to the cause.

As a department we expect students to attend both lessons and sports clubs in their SJC sports kit, and where applicable, our 6th form team to attend in their Chelsea FC kits (if 6th formers need more kit, please speak to a member of the sports department). Expectations are high for the 2023-24 year within the PE department; full kit is a necessity especially as we head towards the winter months. On that note, students shouldn't be wearing school jumpers, school shoes or their coats to partake in sports in lesson. If it is cold, students need to bring appropriate SJC clothing and appropriate footwear for adverse weather.

Football trials

There was excitement on the meadow as the first football trials of the school year began on Thursday. Year 7 impressed the department with their skills and techniques, it looks like it could be a very successful season!



Live at the football trials



Impressive skills

UPCOMING ACADEMIC DATES

With this term now fully up and running, it is time to look forward at the many dates in the school year. Here are some important dates for your diary for the upcoming months.

Key Events Coming Up	Who	Date
Year 7 Introduction Evening	Year 7 Parents and Pupils	Thursday 21 st September 2023
Year 10/12 Information Evening	Year 10 & 12 Parents and Pupils	Tuesday 26 th September 2023
Year 7 Team Building Day	Year 7 Pupils	Thursday 28 th September 2023
Year 7 Open Evening	Year 6 Parents and Pupils	Thursday 5 th October 2023
Year 11/13 Strive for Success	Year 11 & 13 Parents and Pupils	Tuesday 10 th October 2023
Year 12 TMF 1	Year 12 pupils	WB 16 th October 2023
6th Form Open Evening	Year 11 Parents and Pupils	Tuesday 17 th October 2023
Year 10 TMF 1	Year 10 Pupils	WB 30 th October 2023
Year 11 Pre Public Exams 1	Year 11 Pupils	6 th -17 th November 2023
Year 13 Pre Public Exams 1	Year 13 Pupils	13 th -24 th November 2023
Year 12 TMF 2	Year 12 Pupils	WB 27 th November 2023
KS3 End of Term Exams	Years 7/8/9 Pupils	WB 6 th November 2023
Year 13 Parents Evening	Year 13 Parents and Pupils	19 th December 2023

OPEN DAYS 2023

The College will be running Open Days in October for prospective students. Please visit the website or scan the QR code if you are interested in attending either the Open evening or Open mornings.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 5th October 4.30-7.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS - TOURS
Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th, Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October

SIGN UP AT
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2023 OPEN DAYS
COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

