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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the sun finally emerges, it is wonderful to see the students enjoying their PE lessons outside. With the sunshine comes a change of sports, and it has been pleasing to see students enjoy our sports facilities to practice and develop their skills. With consistent dry weather conditions, we were able to welcome the entire school community on to the Meadow during break times to participate in sporting games.

On Monday, Year 10 Mandarin students took part in a Tourism Activity Day. Well done to everyone who participated in this event – it is fundamental in deepening our students' learning that we immerse them into cultural capital experiences across subjects.

As the exam season for our Year 11 and 13 students begins to come to a close, I would like to thank all members of our community who have been involved in ensuring the entire process has run smoothly.

In preparation for next summer, Year 10 end-of-year exams are being held under public exam conditions in the exam hall - the importance of preparation cannot be underestimated. Please reiterate the key message of readiness and the importance of using every lesson to build knowledge.

Wishing all our students and families a joyful weekend, with an opportunity to relax and enjoy some favourable weather.

Lord God,** we thank you that you have upheld us and brought us to the Saviour. Help us to remember this truth through your Holy Spirit, and constantly remind us while still on earth, to live in heaven with all your angels. Your Spirit alone can overcome our sinful nature so that we never forget to be in heaven with the Saviour now and in eternity. **Amen.

God Bless,

Mr G Mantillas.

As Y11 and Y13 continue to sit their external exams, they are joined by the rest of the College cohort who are completing their End of Years exams.

This prayer is a parent/carers prayer for their children.

O Heavenly Father,
 I commend my children unto Thee.
 Be Thou their God and Father;
 and mercifully supply whatever is wanting in me
 through frailty or negligence.
 Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world,
 to resist all solicitations to evil,
 whether from within or without;
 and deliver them from the secret snares of the enemy.
 Pour Thy grace into their hearts,
 and confirm and multiply in them the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit,
 that they may daily grow in grace
 and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 and so, faithfully serving Thee here,
 may come to rejoice in Thy presence hereafter.

Amen



Big Green Week

“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”

That’s the question Pope Francis is asking us. The Holy Father is challenging us to reflect on the ways we’re treating our common home and consider how what we do today will affect the lives of our sisters and brothers tomorrow.

With this in mind, let’s pray to reflect on what role each of us can play to care for our common home.

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 first message to the students is from Duaa Sahi, our Head Girl.



Head Girl Duaa Sahi

Dear Students,

As the end of your GCSE exams approaches, I want to remind you to stay resilient and focused. Keep pushing forward, and remember that the end is within reach.

In addition to the excitement of completing your exams, I am thrilled to share an exciting initiative that we have planned for the upcoming year. We will be launching a mentorship program aimed at fostering support and guidance among students. This program will offer invaluable opportunities to connect with older students who can provide guidance and support as you progress through your academic journey.

These speakers will share their unique perspectives and experiences, exposing you to diverse career paths. Their stories will broaden your perspectives and inspire you to explore new possibilities.

As you approach the end of your exams, remember to take care of yourselves and maintain a positive mindset. Your hardwork and dedication have brought you to this point, and there are even greater achievements awaiting you.

Best of luck in your remaining exams, and get ready to embark on an exciting journey of growth and discovery.

**Duaa Sahi,
Head Girl**

Prefect Applications

The deadline for Prefect applications closed earlier today. Well done to everyone for taking an interest, it has been so encouraging and exciting to see so many students keen to take up the responsibility of being a Prefect. We are looking forward to going through all your applications, good luck to everyone who applied!

NURTURE GARDEN

There are exciting things happening in our School Garden! Connolly's Corner is a fantastic green space that struggled a bit during the school closures in the pandemic. Lots of different departments have now come together with the aim of rescuing it and creating a beautiful community space.

The plan is for the Year 7 and Year 8 Nurture groups to eventually use the space for their sessions. They will also be learning all about gardening so that they can help with the upkeep and renovation of the area. It is hoped that through working together students will improve their resilience, independence and social communication skills and they may even gain a new love for gardening!



Connolly's Corner Garden

We are really grateful for all the work that different staff have done to help. The first job for the Nurture groups is to paint the brand new bench which has kindly been made by our amazing DT team. Watch this space, we are looking forward on updating you on our exciting progress!

WORK EXPERIENCE

MRS R CASHMORE

We have a long established relationship with HMRC and our year 12 students have had the opportunity to do work experience there for a number of years. This year, for the first time, five year 10 students went there for a week. The programme helps students develop skills for their future working lives, enterprise skills and to understand the role the civil service plays in society. Thank you to Sam Shelley at HMRC and our partners at the Careers Cluster for giving our students this opportunity.

Some of our year 10 students are sadly without work experience places on the 12th and 13th July. If you can help us by offering a placement, helping our students to develop skills and stand out from the crowd, please email rcashmore@sjc.ac. Thank you!



Here is a review of the week from Courtney Cooper:

I would really recommend doing work experience at HMRC if you are really serious about getting a well-paid job with a good work life balance. I've made friends with everyone there which made working much easier. I have learnt a lot about the business side of the Government and would love to work there in the future!

Biology Olympiad

On Tuesday 13th June, a small group of year 12 biologists took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. The competition is open to students in the first year of post-16 education anywhere in the world.

The competition consisted of a one-hour multiple choice paper, taken online. Questions were set on topics students were likely to have covered at GCSE and in their first year of A level. Some additional ideas were also introduced requiring their problem-solving skills and understanding of core principals. We look forward to finding out how they got on when the results are published in the coming weeks.

El Dia de los Muertos

Our amazing Y7 students Farhan Ali, Connor Keane and Muhammad Ali Mughal have been doing some independent Spanish work finding out about the Mexican festival "El día de los muertos". Inspired by this festival, they drew a wonderfully colourful and enigmatic skull. AMAZING!



Day of the dead

Anime Club

We have a new anime club! It will be every Friday in the LRC after school. Last week we watched Bleach! We will be watching loads of other exciting shows and movies this term, come along!



Debate Club

After a half term of our debating programme, 6 boys from our College represented us in a debate tournament with 7 other schools in the local area. While fielding the youngest team in a tournament filled with Year 9/10s, our Year 7/8s represented our College really well. Unfortunately, they didn't win, but they learnt a lot from the process of the debate.

Model UN

This week our Model United Nations Delegates have been busy preparing for their second conference of the year which will take place on the 17th of June at Wimbledon High school. Wishing all of our delegates the very best of luck tomorrow!

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

As the summer season is in full swing, we are having fixtures galore amongst our summer PE curriculum – on that note, make sure we are bringing water to lessons, and where applicable, use sunscreen as Mr Monk is already burnt!

Cricket

Fixtures have been ongoing and we have had numerous cricket matches. On Monday our Year 10 county cricket team narrowly lost to Charter on the Duckworth Lewis Method, due to a torrential rain-storm that made the game become a 10-over match. Unlucky boys. On Tuesday our Year 10 team lost to Riddlesdown after posting a score of 75 in 16 overs. Next weeks we also have a busy list of fixtures that will see two more Year 7 games and a Year 9 & 10 game against Cedar and Riddlesdown school as well.

Croydon Schools Athletics

Firstly, a huge congratulations must go to Rikiaon Smith (Year 11) and Joseph Johnson-Cole (Year 10) who both competed in the Croydon Schools Athletics competition last Saturday. Rikiaon smashed the 100m in 10.7 seconds and will go on to represent Surrey in the ESAA National competition.



Nakai Jones

Added to this Joseph also will head to represent Croydon in the Intermediate category running the 100m and relay. We wish them every success!

Wednesday saw our Year 7 Athletics team head out to compete in the Croydon Athletics District competition. There was success for Nakai Jones who won the 100m sprint and Bronze in the discus and Abishek Srirooban who won Silver in his discus event. Well done boys!



The Year 7 Squad

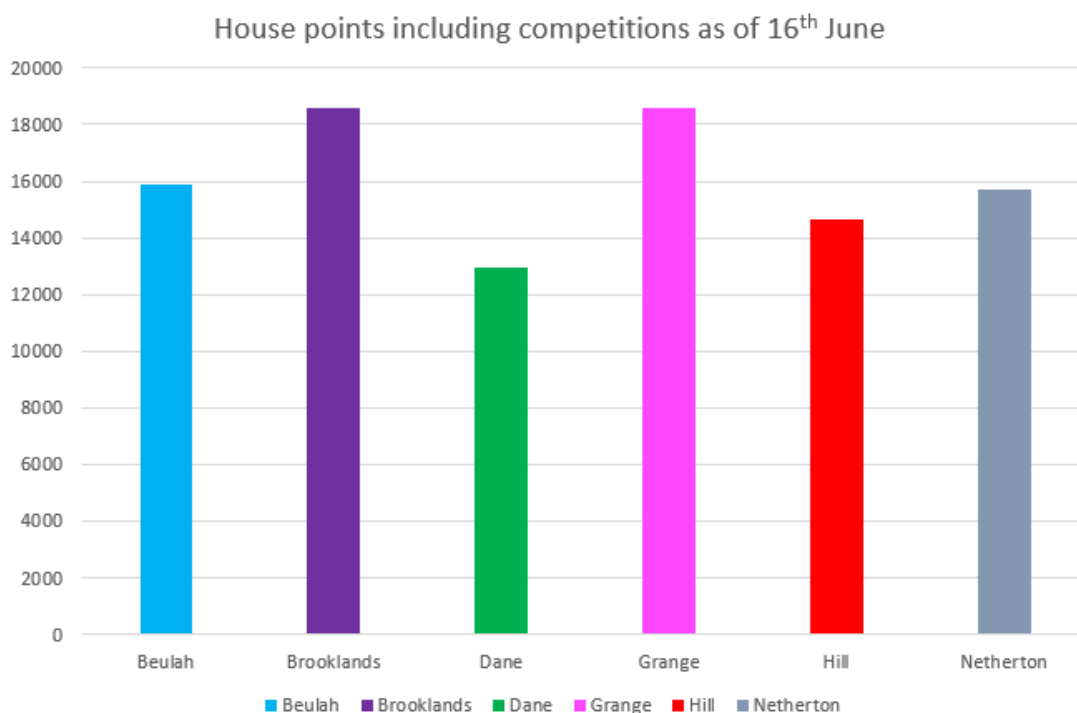
So it is all "GO" in the PE department!

Students need to start preparing themselves for Sports Day @ Croydon Arena on the 30th June.

Again, make sure to have water, food and sunscreen available for the day and help your House score the most points possible with your participation and support!

HOUSE POINT UPDATE

We are into the home straight! With the end of term fast approaching Grange and Brooklands are neck and neck in the race to the most House points. However there are still loads of points to play for. Sports day is only two weeks away and that could change everything. Keep working hard, there is everything to play for!



GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

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

Year 11

- 1 Jelani Okonkwo
- 2 Adam Effendi
- 3 Alvin Kodjo Baafi Okyere

UPCOMING DATES

19.06.23 - 23.06.23 - Week 1

19.06 Year 9 End of Year Exams begin. They will continue all week.

Year 10 exams continue all week.

30.06 - Sports day

