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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week, Year 9 Chapel assembly was planned and delivered by 9 Hill on the topic of Respect for Faith. It was a very impressive assembly, reminding us of the importance of faith in our lives and respecting the faith of others in our local and global community. Well done to 9 Hill, especially the boys that delivered the assembly. We have a new member of staff join the college this week.

The news this week has been largely dominated by public sector strikes. The NEU (the largest teacher's union within the college) has confirmed their intention for industrial action on Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. We are currently reviewing the offer we will be able to provide to students on these days and will notify parents next week of our plans. Please be assured we will take all reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many students as possible, whilst considering the potential staff to student ratio on these days.

Next week, Wednesday, the college has planned a wellbeing day for students in Years 7 to 11. Students in Years 7 to 11 will have an opportunity to engage in a range of activities and tasks to support their wellbeing. External speakers will also be visiting the college to present to each year group. We hope students find the day useful and utilise many of the strategies explored in their everyday life.

A reminder to Year 10 parents that Virtual Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday 31st January. If not, already done so please ensure to book your appointments on School Cloud. This is an extremely important event as Year 10 students have now started their GCSE studies.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

This week our Chapel assemblies have been led by Hill House on the topic of Respect for Faith. I was heartened to hear the assembly by 7 Hill, who had Hindu, Muslim and Christian students briefly explain their faith to the Year group! This is most in keeping with our 5 fundamental Respects as well as the College motto 'fides intrepida' (or fearless faith).

In honour of Martin Luther King Day (in the USA), our prayer for this week was written by him.

Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God, and let us adore him.

O God, we thank you for the fact that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures.

We call you different names:

some call you Allah;

some call you Elohim;

some call you Jehovah;

some call you Brahma;

some call you the Unmoved Mover.

But we know that these are all names for one and the same God.

Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus.

Amen

St Joseph – Pray for us

St John Baptiste de La Salle – Pray for us

Live Jesus in our Hearts – Forever!

MATHS AWARDS

Well done to all our Year 8 and 9 pupils who took this awards exam. Certificates have now been given to pupils who passed the exams.

A special well done goes out to James Okunola who achieved a very impressive 100%.

The certificates can be used as supporting evidence when applying to sixth form colleges or any other institution.

Entries are now about to begin for May/June 2023. Letters will be sent out in due course to all pupils who will be taking the exams.



Some of the highest scoring students



Well done everyone!

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to 6th Form student James Weller Henry on winning a Silver medal at the 2022 World Junior Judo Championships. Following on from this medal winning performance, James has been selected to represent GB in the 2023 Junior Championships.

You should be proud of all the hard work and dedication it took to reach this level of success. Your success is a reminder that no matter how hard the journey may be, it is possible to reach our goals if we put in the necessary effort. We are all very proud of you and your achievement. Congratulations once again and we wish you the best of luck in future competitions.



A well deserved medal

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Our Model United Nations Club started back up this week.

The latest session was chaired by the one and only Mr. Iker Solis who did a fantastic job making sure all delegates were in line.

We had some great points of information put forward by the Kingdom of Spain (Tobi Oladejo), the Russian Federation (Dylan Pintor), the Republic of Azerbaijan (Reggie Nyarko) and the Republic of France (Khalie Barnes- Leacock), ultimately leading to the resolution put forward by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Harman Signh) being passed.

Well done to all involved!



Iker chairing the meeting



The hardworking delegates

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 8 students have been busy in the kitchen this week, making quiches in their Food Technology classes.

The students worked in teams to make the quiches from start to finish. Ayyan and Lucas used methods such as rubbing in, forming a dough, blind bake, bridge hold, claw grip & grating to create their wonderful & delicious quiches.

The students have gained a range of valuable skills, such as following a recipe, measuring ingredients, and safely using kitchen utensils.



Lucas' finished quiche



Ayyan's sliced quiche

It has been a very quiet week in PE, with the cold weather postponing games all week long. Despite this, our extracurricular clubs have been going strong, especially with an exciting addition to the timetable.

Basketball

There were two basketball fixtures this week, with our ever-improving Year 7 squad travelling to Harris Invictus Academy Croydon and our Year 11 squad hosting Harris Academy Purley. It was a narrow defeat for the Year 7s, losing 12-9 against a very good side. These boys are improving all the time and we can't wait to see how much they will grow and develop in the years to come! On Thursday afternoon, the Year 11s locked horns with a well drilled Harris Purley side. However, it wasn't meant to be with the visitors winning by a scoreline of 51-34.



The Year 7 basketball players



Our Year 11 basketball team

Girls Sport at SJC!

This Monday we shall see a historic day in PE with a new addition to the extracurricular timetable - our first ever all girls sports team! 12 of our 6th form students have joined together to form our netball team who will have their first training session this week. Good luck girls!

Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Expected Arrival Back at SJC
23/01/23	U12 Basketball vs OASP - Croydon League	(H)
24/01/23	U13 Basketball vs OAC - Croydon League	Expected back at 5.15pm
25/01/23	U18 Futsal vs Newham	(H)
25/01/23	U18 Futsal vs United Colleges	(H)
25/01/23	U14 vs Woodcote - Croydon League	(H)
26/01/23	U14 vs OASP - Croydon League	Expected back at 5.15pm

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
Monday	Y7-9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4 Y8, 9 Band Practice Week 1 MU01 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 2) LRC2/V002	Y7 STEM Club (October – Christmas and February – Easter) SC04 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 LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4 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) LSD2 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 LSD4 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
Wednesday		Y7-13 Music Open House H02 Y10 and 11 Mandarin Speaking Club S16 Y7-13 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4	Y7,10,11 Well-being Club LSD4 Y7-13 Pokémon club S14 Y7 Mandarin Speaking Club (1.00- 1.30pm) S16	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LSD4 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 H01 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 LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4 Year 11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LSD4 Code Club S22	Y7-9 Fantasy Football League S13 Y7-9 MFL Quiz Time S04 and Virtual Y7-13 Chess Club N02 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 LSD4	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LSD4 Y7,10 and 11 Singing Club MU01 Y7,10 and 11 Model United Nations (Week 2) LSD2	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club LSD4 Y8,9,12 and 13 Scrabble Club N14	Y7 and 12 Peter Jones Club H21/22

HOUSE NEWS

Dodgeball house competition

On Monday 23rd January, we will be holding our Year 7 and Year 8 House Dodgeball tournament. Year 7 will be at 12.45pm – 1.15pm and Year 8 – 1.15pm – 1.45pm. On Thursday 26th January, we will be holding our Year 9 and Year 10 House Dodgeball tournament. Year 10 will be from 12.45pm – 1.15pm and Year 9 will be from 1.15pm – 1.45pm



Spelling Bee

Later this term there will be a Spelling house competition, and you can choose the rounds!



[Here is a link to a vote on different categories.](#)

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

*1 Kareem Keen
2 Iyasu Alabi
3 Sam Walton*

Year 11

*1 Jelani Okonkwo
2 Mohammed-Safwaan Lakhani
3 Jacob Laurent-Cummins*

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 31/01 - Year 10 Parents evening - appointments will go live for parents today. Emails have been sent out to parents.

Advance notice that Year 9 parents evening is on 7th February.

