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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. In just three weeks Year 11 and 13 will start their examinations. We will also welcome our new Year 6 into 7 cohort into the College this term for transition days. This summer term is always a nice term for students as the weather gets brighter and warmer. As a result of the warmer weather, we encourage students to start to leave their coats at home.

Over the past few months, the College has been exploring a variety of Catering companies with the potential of having new caterers in place for September 2023. Members of the Student Leadership Team had the opportunity to ask questions to potential new companies and many students and staff enjoyed a food tasting session. We are very excited about what the companies can offer our students and will update you once a decision has been reached.

We congratulate our Year 11 Football Team who won their semi-final match against Riddlesdown on Thursday. The College has successfully now secured a place in the Year 11 Croydon Cup Final. Congratulations to the team on their success. We are very proud of you! Also, on Thursday students in Year 9 and 10 enjoyed a Rewards Trip to the Cinema. Well done to all the students who were selected to attend, and we are pleased they had a good time.

Over the Easter break the NEU announced two more dates of industrial action- April 27th and May 2nd. The College has sent out separate Communications regarding plans for these days.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

Happy St George's Day!

St. George is an important figure in English history and culture, and is the patron saint of England. He is celebrated annually on April 23rd, which is known as St. George's Day.

The legend of St. George dates back to the 3rd century AD, and tells of a brave Christian soldier who defeated a fierce dragon to save a princess and her kingdom. The story of St. George's bravery and selflessness has made him an enduring symbol of English courage and patriotism.

St. George's flag, a red cross on a white background, is widely recognized as a symbol of England and is often flown on St. George's Day and other occasions. It is also incorporated into the Union Jack, the national flag of the United Kingdom.

Prayer of the week

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God

Let us adore him!

Heavenly Father,
You gave us St George,

Please grant us his strength and constancy, so that there is no room for doubt and
insecurity.

Fill our hearts with love, so that there is no room for hate.

Fill our minds with understanding, so that there is no room for fear.

Fill our eyes with wonder so that we may see only uniqueness, and not strangeness.
So that we may love, understand and enjoy our fellow brothers and sisters to your glory.

Amen.

St Joseph – **Pray for us**

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

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

Lasallian Award

The Lasallian Awards are open to all students in the College. We have received a dozen or so completed Lasallian Award entries. If you'd like to take part please complete the information on the table and email or share your evidence with Mr Arthur. [Click this link for more information.](#)

EASTER SKI TRIP

After a very long journey (45 hours long...) the SJC ski group arrived in the beautiful mountains of Saalbach, Austria ready to learn a new skill and try to look cool on a pair of skis. The first morning was more like bambi on ice, but the boys showed resilience and kept getting up after each fall to try again. Some were annoyingly good at staying up (Ms McConnell was not one of them!)



Team photo

By the second day, having used the gondola to go up the mountain giving us some epic views, a number of boys were really starting to shine and on the third day, our first groups were taken further up on a lift accompanied by Ms Wilkins to show them the ropes. Her main advice: "if you fall, don't grab onto me because I don't want to fall with you."



Learning the basics

The boys started gaining confidence and it wasn't long before all groups were heading up the mountain via the lift; Mr Black and Mr Nelson enjoyed skiing alongside the groups as they picked up pace and insisted they try the boxes in the Ski Park!

Evenings were spent playing table tennis at the youth hostel and generally just recuperating after a tiring day on the slopes, but a particular highlight was the dinner at the pizza restaurant where the boys continued their impeccable behaviour.



The Donkey of the day!

A particularly shout out to all our "Donkey of the Day" winners who wore their high-vis vest with pride both for skiing and social events, awarded for accomplishments, such as asking if they would take pounds while still in Dover, to taking Mr Nelson' (massive) ski boots by accident, and having to get picked up after a fall by the girls from the school we were sharing our youth hostel with! Asad, Jamal, Jayden, Omari, Hussain and Christophe, you were brilliant Donkeys. And a big WELL DONE to Joshua who the instructors unanimously decided was the best skier of the group, and won a well-deserved prize!

A big thank you to Ms McConnell, Mr Black and Ms Wilkins for using some of their Easter holidays to ensure the boys had the best experience possible and to Mr Nelson for organising such a fantastic trip.

We are already looking forward to the next one!

FAST MATHS

This week the Maths department made the most of some sunny weather by doing some fast Maths equations in the playground! The year 10s have been doing calculations with speed, distance and time this week and went outside to collect some practical data to support their learning. Students measured a distance in the yard and then timed each other running this distance in order to work out their speed.

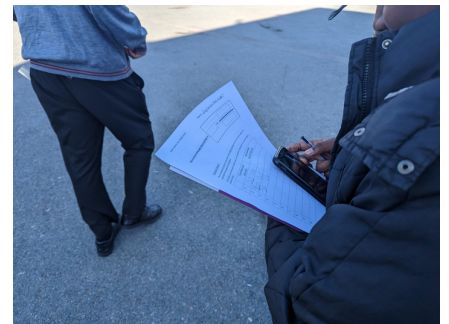
Congratulations to Michael Trivino Cabanilla who clocked in his speed of 6.51 metres per second, officially the fastest in the class!

$$\text{SPEED (m/s)} = \frac{\text{DISTANCE (m)}}{\text{TIME (s)}}$$

This is the formula that the students used in class. Try calculating your running speed at home!



On your marks...



Doing the calculations

NEW CATERING



A great range of options



Judging the food

Over the past few months, the College has been exploring a variety of Catering companies with the potential of having new caterers in place for September 2023.

This week several companies came in to the school and we enjoyed tasting what was on offer! Members of the Student Leadership Team had the opportunity to ask questions to potential new companies and many students and staff enjoyed a food tasting session. We were all very impressed by the huge range of choices which included vegetarian and Halal options.

We are very excited about what the companies can offer our students and will update you once a decision has been reached.

CHESS COMPETITION

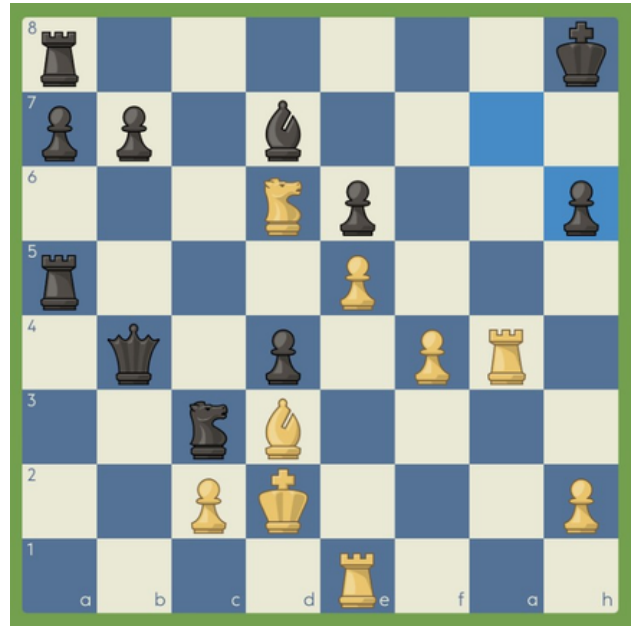
This week the Maths department hosted an intense Chess tournament for both students and staff. In the end, Miki Zmudzinski (12 Grange) was victorious against Cris Lawrence Villeza (10 Netherton) – but it was touch and go for a minute!

Our staff champion was none other than Mr Delaney, who, while being a great PE teacher, is also a fantastic chess player!



An intense battle

If you want to learn or improve your chess, chess club is on every week after school on Thursdays in N04.



Can you solve this chess puzzle and get a check mate? Its white's move.

THIS WEEK IN PE

MR A MONK

Football

Firstly, having started in my first week at SJC, I was extremely impressed to have the opportunity to watch Mr Jones' Year 11's take on Riddlesdown in the Semi-Final of the Croydon School Cup. Having gone 1-0 down after dominating much of the first half, the boys worked tirelessly to overturn the deficit. Having missed a penalty to go level, the boys showed resilience and teamwork to get over the line. Goals coming from Year 10 Loic Elijah Mosengo (making his Year 11 debut) and the winning goal coming from a superb free kick from Malachi Mullings means that they go into a Yr11 cup final with the opposition yet to be decided.



MOTM - Mishael Konan

As we move into the summer term, we will shortly release a new and updated extracurricular timetable. It will include summer sports which will tie into the fixtures that we will be playing in the up-and-coming weeks.

I look forward to working with all students at SJC and look forward to students attending class in SJC PE kit alongside a desire to develop and progress in the numerous sports that are on offer.

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

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

Tomorrow marks the 30th anniversary of Stephen Lawrence's tragic death, the goal of Stephen Lawrence Day is to ensure that the next 30 years look different from the last. We believe that meaningful change starts with tangible actions. If we each commit to taking one action on Stephen Lawrence Day that will positively impact the lives of young people from marginalised backgrounds, together we can honour Stephen's life and legacy, and build a fairer, kinder and more equitable society in his name.

In tutor sessions 9 Hill and 9 Netherton worked to write their own pledge for Stephen Lawrence Day.



"This Stephen Lawrence Day we pledge to call out racism wherever we see it to make sure the next 30 years look different from the last."

What will your Stephen Lawrence Day pledge be?

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 David Kabangu
- 2 Dylan Ntim
- 3 Dan Soji

Year 11

- 1 Rhys Evans
- 2 Darryl Asante-Yeboah
- 3 Bartosz Cyganek

UPCOMING DATES

All next week - Language GCSE speaking exams

These are individual exams for each student - students have been told when they are.

Thursday 27.04 - NEU Industrial action

The school site will be closed to students in Years 7 to 10. Some work will be set for these year groups remotely on Satchel One.

Year 11 students will be expected to attend school on both days.

Year 11 should arrive for 8.15am and will finish at 12.45pm.

