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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we return from the half-term break, one of our areas of focus is to improve punctuality and standards of behaviour around the college. This is because positive behaviour is essential to all areas of success in college life. A respectful and orderly atmosphere in which high expectations are clear and habitual, creates a pleasant environment in which opportunities for learning are maximised. Thank you for your ongoing support of staff in ensuring we work together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 9 families to our GCSE options evening recently. In-person parent events are invaluable in forging positive relationships, working together to support students as they prepare for the future. Feedback from families I spoke with was overwhelmingly positive about the information provided. A reminder that the deadline for making subject choices for next year is March 4th. For any queries about the process or pathways, please email [ks4options@sjc.ac](mailto:ks4options@sjc.ac)

This week saw a very special guest visit the college - Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Canon Victor Darlington. It was encouraging to spend time talking about the local challenges and how we plan to work together to develop community relations. We look forward to Canon Victor Darlington returning in the summer term where he plans to deliver assemblies to our students on diversity and inclusion.

Over the past 2 days, our students have been involved in engaging PSHE workshops delivered by HSBC, a global financial services company. An inspirational opportunity for our students to gain an insight into the corporate world of finance.

I would like to commend our Year 11 students on how they have approached their final round of pre-public examinations this week - well done all. Please ensure that students are well-rested the night before exams and are beginning their day hydrated and nourished with a healthy breakfast. A free nutritious breakfast is provided in our café every morning from 07.45. Best of luck to Year 11 in your exams as they continue into next week.

**Almighty God**, may our hearts be strengthened through your goodness and through the saving power of your nature. Protect and bless us this day. May your Spirit help us find your ever-present kindness and mercy. **Amen**

With all good wishes,

Mr G Mantillas

We were delighted to welcome Canon Victor Darlington to our College on Tuesday, 20th February. Canon Victor is the Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, and he also works for Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion in the Archdiocese, as well as being one of the Deans of the South East area. He met with members of our staff members and expressed his gratitude for their work within Catholic education. He also listened attentively to the views and concerns of our college community.

During the College tour he was thoroughly impressed with the behaviour in lessons and the calmness he felt during these observations. Like many others, he was impressed by our college Chapel, remarking that it's bigger and grander than many parish churches! He had a lively Q&A session with students from all year groups in the Chapel.

Canon Victor encouraged our students to do everything for God's glory, whether it is communicating with others, studying in lessons, or playing in the fields. Give everything to God. He urged the students to let their light shine and spread it to others. He listened to the students' wishes and suggestions for the Church, such as having more groups for teenage Catholics, making homilies more relevant to the real world and to have priest appear more joyful and happy. He agreed with these, took notes, and has said that he will feedback to priests.

Canon Victor's joy and laughter were contagious, and he inspired us with his spirit of God. We are very grateful for his visit and hope to see him again soon.



**Meeting Mr Mantillas**



**An inspiring voice**

## **Beginning of Lent**

Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter, and it began on Shrove Tuesday, during the half term break.

Lots of us will choose to give up something for lent and therefore we have included a prayer that will help us focus during this time .

*Look with favour, Lord,  
on your household.  
Grant that,  
though our flesh be humbled  
by abstinence from food,  
our souls, hungering after you,  
may be resplendent in your sight*

*Amen*

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Over the half term break, representatives of the St Joseph's Model United Nations Club were invited to take part in the Inaugural International Model United Nations Conference, hosted at Alleyn's School.

Representing Iran and Brazil on Councils including Security, WHO, History, and Sweden on the Arctic Council, the students spent three days emulating the United Nations. They lobbied, discussed, debated a range of resolutions covering a range of topical and often controversial events.

The students were phenomenal over the entire event, and their personal development over the three days were clear to see. They were wonderful in representing their nations, and they were true SJC ambassadors.



***Looking smart***

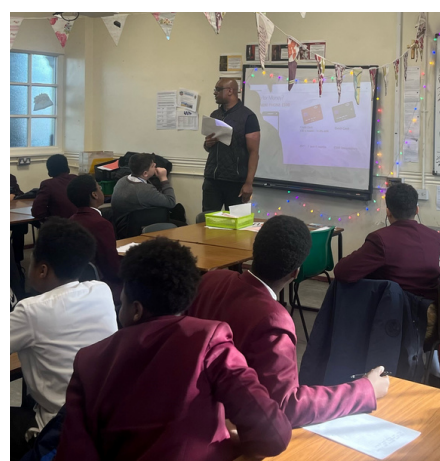


***Future UN ambassadors***

# HSBC VISIT

On Thursday and Friday, Year 9 attended workshops delivered by HSBC on making smart choices with money. Students learned about how to avoid falling into debt with schemes such as Buy Now Pay Later, the difference between debit and credit cards, and what it means to pay something off with interest. This knowledge is particularly important given the current economic climate, and we hope the sessions promote fiscal responsibility amongst our students. Students were engaged and the facilitators have commented on their excellent contributions.

St Joseph's College has a longstanding relationship with the education department at HSBC, and they will be coming in again later in the term to deliver sessions to Year 7, 8 and 10.



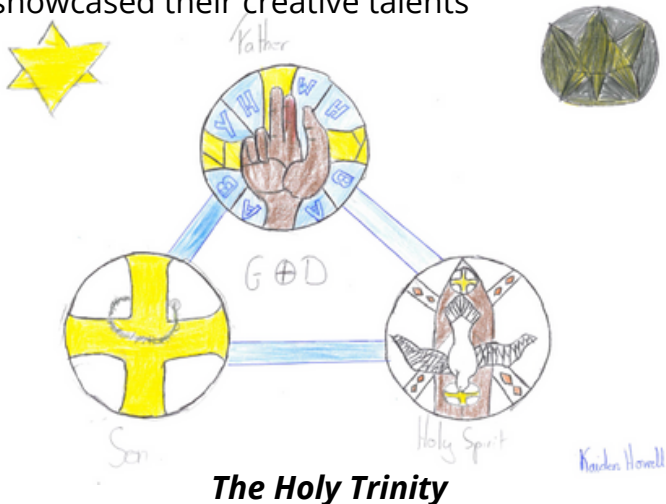
***Learning about money***



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## RE Artwork

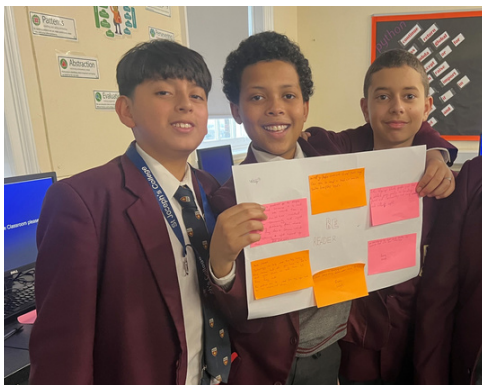
In RE this week the Year 7 students delved into the concept of the Trinity combining discussion with artistic expression, students were tasked with visually representing their interpretations. Among the standout pieces, Rahem and Kaiden's artworks were celebrated for their depth and creativity. Congratulations to Rahem, Kaiden, and the entire 7y/Re2 class for their imaginative explorations. Their artwork not only deepened their understanding but also showcased their creative talents



**The Holy Trinity**

## App design in IT

In Computer Science this week, our Year 8 pupils were getting creative with their App Design. Teamwork makes the dream work!



**Great teamwork!**

## Amazing work in Art

We are obsessed with the incredible work that KS3 students are creating in their Art classes. Here is a small selection of work from our talented Year 7s and 8s!



**Inspired by Françoise Nielly**



**Architecture drawings by Year 8**



**Clay tiles created from their designs**

### Bedrock Learning: a tool to help improve Key Stage 3 students' literacy



Our English Department use an online vocabulary programme called Bedrock to help improve students' vocabulary and reading skills. All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are set a Bedrock Extended Learning task to complete each week. The programme includes a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, and the tasks adapt to suit each student's learning needs.

You can monitor your child's progress by logging on to the system yourself. If you wish to monitor the progress of your child on Bedrock, please contact their English teacher who will be able to provide you with the access code you need and give you further advice.

### Parents and Carers Literacy and Numeracy Support Evening 7th March

We would love to see you at the college's first Literacy and Numeracy Support event. The event aims to offer strategies and advice on how you can support your child's learning at home. Expect to be given hints on reading strategies, easy-win tasks, and guidance on what the student is currently engaging with in school.

It would also be great to hear any ideas or feedback that you have. We truly want to work together with parents and carers to provide the best support for our students.

### Word of the Week Deadlines:

Don't miss the chance to win 50 achievement points for your house!

WOTW Omniscience: No later than 28th February, 300 words on:

Would true omniscience be a blessing or a curse? Imagine you knew what everyone was thinking, even just for a moment. How would you use this information? Would it make you powerful or paranoid?

**WOTW Flaw: No later than 6th March, 300 words on:**

So many characters in fiction have a flaw. What if that flaw proved to be fatal? Write a short story about a character who had one flaw that proved to be his downfall.

 A graphic for the 'Word of the Week' featuring the word 'flaw'. It includes a 'word of the week' logo, the word 'flaw' in a box, a school crest with 'FIDES INTREPIDA', a definition of 'Flaw', a section on the etymology of 'flaw', and a 'FLAWLESS' diamond graphic.
 

**word of the week**

**flaw**

**FIDES INTREPIDA**

*Flaw, Noun: "defect, fault" first recorded 1580s. First of character, later (c.1600) of material things.*

**Where does the word 'flaw' come from?**  
 The word 'flaw' comes from an Old Norse word, *flaga*, which was used to mean 'a part of something'. Later, during the 15th century, people started to use the word to mean a negative part of something, or a weakness.

If something is perfect, we can describe it as 'flawless'. Can you name anyone or anything that you might consider flawless?

**FLAWLESS**





The NHS Careers Untapped Team are pleased to announce our final webinar of this series will focus on mental health careers in the NHS. Careers covered will be from acute hospitals, as well as within the community.

Roles we will be spotlighting include:

Mental Health Nurse

Psychologist

Youth Worker

Peer Support Worker

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Team

[Click here to register to attend this free event](#)

## YEAR 10 BATTLEFIELD TRIP



**Year 10 Trip: World War One Battlefields, Northern France, 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024**

**REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DEPOSIT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!** *If you face any financial difficulties, please talk to your teacher about support the school might provide!*

Thankfully, half term was slap in between busy weeks for the PE department. The House Futsal competition was completed in the sports hall and Sixth Form BTEC sport students ran the competitions which saw the matches tightly contested. Thanks to the house team for their support and staff who attended to watch.

With it being a new term, year groups have rotated the sports they are being taught. They are ranging from table tennis, to football, to swimming to multi sports! Our options for our Year 10s are Badminton, Table Tennis, Football and Year 11s Football, Basketball and Table Tennis. Some sports are affected for two weeks owing to the Year 11 PPEs.

Fixtures wise prior to half term the department saw;

## **Football**

Year 8 – 3-1 Win Vs Coombe Wood (League)

Year 9 – 3-2 Loss vs Archbishop Tennysons (League)

Year 9 – 8-0 Win vs Woodcote (League)

Year 11 – 2-1 Loss Vs Richmond Park Academy (Surrey Cup)

## **Basketball**

Year 10/11 combined – 52-36 Win Vs Coombe Wood

After returning from half term, Mr Delaney was straight into a basketball fixture Vs Harris Crystal Palace Academy. Unfortunately despite our best efforts we finished 2nd in both games.

Year 9 – 50-30 Loss Vs HCP

Year 10 – 48-32 Loss Vs HCP

After half term we had an exciting match. Our Chelsea Foundation travelled to Bromley to play in the Under 18- CSFA fixture. Despite starting well and being 2-0 up at half time, unfortunately we suffered a 3-2 loss. Well done to the boys, an excellent effort under difficult conditions.



***A wet and windy Bromley evening***



# SPRING ENRICHMENT



## ***Getting stuck in***

The new Spring Enrichment activity timetable has arrived! This term there are loads of fun activities to participate in. There is one in every classroom. This week the focus is on our new Puzzle Club.

We are currently tackling a 500 piece puzzle based on Olympic posters and a 1000 piece puzzle on the O2 arena (Millenium Dome).

It's been a great opportunity for students to work collaboratively and develop problem solving skills (and patience!), at the same time as spending time unwinding and stretching their brains in different ways. A brilliant study break option for Year 11s and Year 13s.

A big thank you to Miss Wilkins' grandad for donating his old puzzles to the club to get us started. Our next challenge is a 2000 piece puzzle of Tower Bridge! So any willing extra hands would be very helpful.

Puzzle clubs runs during Lunch 1 and Lunch 2 every Friday in SC01.

## ***GCSE PODs***

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

### Year 10

1. Daniel Odongo
2. Mikhail Hana
3. Shayden Gareave

### Year 11

1. Benicio Paredes Rojas
2. Hasan Aftab
3. Mohammed Miah

# UPCOMING DATES

## **Monday 26.02**

Student council trip to Houses of Parliament

## **Tuesday 27.02**

Year 10 parents' evening is in our main hall on Tuesday 27th February. Please ensure appointments are booked via the online platform. For queries, please contact [scabrera@sjc.ac](mailto:scabrera@sjc.ac)

## **Friday 01.03**

Year 7 History trip

