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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all had a restful break over the half-term. The first week back at school has been a busy week for the College. Year 11 students have started their final set of Pre-Public examinations. These Pre-Public Examinations continue for Year 11 next week and Year 13 start their final set. We wish both year groups luck and hope the revision they have undertaken in preparation for these examinations is fruitful.

Year 10 have also had two events this week. The College celebrated Ash Wednesday with a service for Year 10 students on Wednesday in the Chapel. Fr Celestine reminded students of the importance of lent as a season of penance and reflection in preparation for Easter. Today, Year 10 students also had a session delivered by the NHS on RSE. We thank Year 10 for their contributions to both events and hope they found them valuable.

The Friends of St Joseph's (PTA) are currently organising three events for the College. The first one being refreshments during the College Pantomime on March 10th, followed by a Cake Sale at 2.45pm on March 17th and finally a Quiz Night for all students, staff and parents of the College on April 28th at 5.30pm. We encourage students and parents to get involved as much as possible in these events.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs C Kane

Wednesday, 22nd February saw the start of Lent.

Lent is a period of fasting, repentance, and spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. During Lent, Catholics engage in a variety of practices that help them reflect on their spiritual lives, seek forgiveness for their sins, and prepare for the celebration of Easter.

On Wednesday, we held our Ash Wednesday Service with Year 10s. They behaved impeccably and were fantastic ambassadors of the College.

Some of the key practices associated with Lent for Catholics include:

1. **Fasting:** We are called to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which means abstaining from food for a certain period (usually one full meal) and eating only one small meal or snack during the day. Fasting is a way of expressing solidarity with those who are hungry and in need, and of focusing on one's spiritual life rather than material things.
2. **Abstinence:** We are also called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. This is a way of showing respect for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and of recognizing our own need for sacrifice and self-discipline.
3. **Prayer:** Lent is a time for us to deepen their prayer life and seek a closer relationship with God. Many Catholics choose to attend daily Mass, participate the Stations of the Cross, or spend time in personal prayer and reflection.
4. **Almsgiving:** We are encouraged to give to those in need during Lent. This is a way of putting our faith into action and sharing God's love with others. During Lent, the College will be raising money for CAFOD. CAFOD is a member of the DEC which is currently in Turkey and Syria supporting the people there. Please give generously.

Overall, Lent is a time for us to focus on their spiritual lives, seek forgiveness for their sins, and grow in love and service to others. It is a time of renewal and transformation, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.



Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday

"Let us not grow tired of doing good"

Pope Francis was inspired by the following verses from Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians for his 2022 Lenten message: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

This is a beautiful and timely message. As Christians we must remember the importance of helping others and not grow tired of active charity towards our neighbours.

TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The College is fundraising money for CAFOD. Every form class has a collection box. If you are able to support, please give your son your donation to pass to the collection box.

CAFOD is an international development charity that works with local partners and communities to tackle poverty and promote justice worldwide.

The situation in Syria and Turkey remains complex and challenging. CAFOD is actively working to provide emergency relief and longer-term support to those affected, including providing food, water, shelter, and medical assistance.



Together we are stronger

Your contribution to CAFOD's efforts can make a real difference in helping those in need. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to helping those in need.

PRIZE WINNER



We are very proud of Year 8 student Ade Adelekan, photographed here accepting his prize for his art work at the Black Creatives Award 2023 ceremony held by our partner University Royal Holloway. Ade and his family attended the ceremony at the beautiful campus during half term where his model formed part of an exhibition of work from students around the country.

In the words of Ade - *I had an excellent experience at the Black Creative Competition. I was able to be shortlisted because I made an Iron man armour only using cardboard, paint and glue guns. The two arms took 4 days to make and the chest piece took 3 days so in total it took 1 week to make. I was the only one that made something 3D, everyone else did poems. I won a gift bag and went on stage to collect my award. Everyone was congratulating me in the lobby and I left feeling very proud.*

SHROVE TUESDAY



Shamari and his pancakes

Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday, an important day for Catholics as it is the last day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

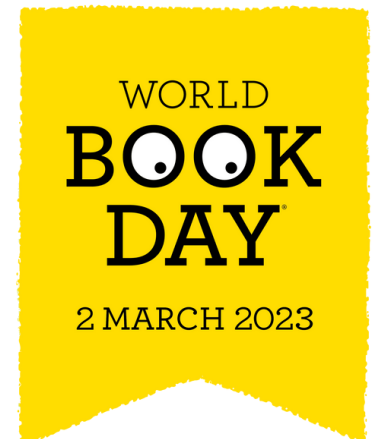
Therefore on Tuesday students learnt how to make pancakes in their food technology lessons! Pictured is Shamari in Year 8 who made some pancakes for his sister at home. He brought some in and Ms Clarke can confirm that they were fantastic!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday is World Book Day! There will be loads of fun activities happening around the English department including creative writing workshops, interviews with authors and a readathon! To kick off the fun here is a link to a free one pound book voucher! You can use it to get a special World Book Day one pound book for free or to get money off a more expensive book.

They are valid from 16th February - 23rd March so use them quickly! Ask your English teacher if you want any advice on any exciting books to choose, there are loads of fantastic limited edition 2023 One pound books. Here is the link below:

https://worldbookclone.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WBD23-digital-1-book-token_UK_secondary.pdf



HOUSE COMPETITIONS

There are several exciting house competitions happening in the near future.

Protect the egg!

The house team will be running our science competition for KS3 classes on Wednesday, March 8th. You will have to design and make a parachute to protect an egg when it is dropped off the roof of the school! Make sure you sign up with your tutor!

Study Club Poster

Study Club is up and running! But can you design a better poster? Please email your designs to Miss Canavan or drop them off in S15.

Students will be able to go to S23 after school every day between 2.45pm-3.30pm where they can catch up on Extended Learning, or find a quiet space to work.



**SJC
STUDY
CLUB**

DAILY | S23 | 2.45-3.30PM

Do you need a quiet place to work after school?
ACCESS TO LAPTOPS?

Head to S23 after school every day for help with Extended Learning
(There will be 6th Formers and Staff there to support you!)

Study Club is up and running everyday after school in S23. But can you design a better poster?

SCHOOL DINNERS



Members of our fantastic kitchen team with our new reusable plates

There have been some big changes in the canteen this half term! In a bid to make the school more Eco friendly and reduce litter we have made an effort to only use reusable plates and cutlery during lunch. Gone are the one use plastic knives and forks! They have been replaced with stainless-steel cutlery and dining plates. These are sustainable, reusable and long lasting.

The students feel a sense of importance and are motivated to arrive at the dining hall everyday to eat a healthy lunch.

Welcome to this weeks edition of "This week in P.E". A chance for everyone to see what has happened in the P.E department this week. It has been a quiet one to ease us back in after the half term, with just one fixture but plenty of extracurricular clubs!

Football

It was our U12s who represented the college this week, and they did so in style. They faced off against the mighty Whitgift in the Croydon Cup. What a performance by our boys, who ran out 3-2 winners. A great battling performance against a brilliant side. Well done lads!



Our victorious Year 7s

Swimming Gala

The annual swimming gala is happening in two weeks time but you must get your names to your tutor as soon as possible if you want to participate! It is always a brilliant and competitive event and we are looking forward to seeing our strongest swimmers representing their houses and tutor groups.

Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Expected arrival back at SJC
28/02/23	U12 Football vs Riddlesdown (H) - Croydon League	3.15PM KO
28/02/23	U13 Basketball vs Orchard Park (A) - Croydon League	Expected back approximately 6PM
	U16 Football vs Riddlesdown (H) - Croydon League	3.15PM KO

Results

Date	Fixture	Result	Goal Scorers	MOM
22/02/23	U12 Football vs Whitgift - Croydon Cup	3-2	Amoisili x 1 Hassan x 1 Attobrah x 1	Attobrah

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

STARS OF SEVEN

The Stars Of Seven

Kaiden Terry (Beulah) For joining the form later than others however settling well and becoming a real member of Beulah. Kaiden has opened up more and showed a lot of resilience and is a big part of the form

Reece Sainsbury (Beulah) For always showing enthusiasm and making the form laugh with his incredible sarcasm. Not only has Reece flourished in form however many teachers have also pointed out their enjoyment of having Reece in their classes.

De'Andre Rose (Dane) for always being responsible and helpful- always!

Farhan Ali (Grange) Respectful towards others and is always following instructions.

Tomisin Olutayo (Hill) For taking on the role of line leader responsibly and making sure everyone in the form lines up sensibly.

Andre Anim (Brooklands) always happy to help at tutor time and he is so respectful to everybody. His contributions during PSHE time have been so interesting! Thank you Andre!

Mohammed Iqbal Ismail (Dane) for settling in well and taking part in all the form activities.

David Rodrigues (Grange) because of his respect for everyone and self. Always looking to help people in his form and is very organised and has his equipment with him. He always has a smile on his face and cheers up those around him.

Francesco Esposito (Hill) For making extra sure that his extended learning is complete and completing it to the best of his ability.

Adam Awan (Brooklands) Respectful and polite, always on time, with the right uniform and equipment. He has been the best at line up before assemblies this week. Thank you Adam!

Kingsley Imoisili (Netherton) for star of the week for finding out what a growth mindset was and taking a very proactive approach in his learning to try his hardest.

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

1 Tihomir Apostolov
2 Noman Ahmad
3 Sheik Abaan Abdool Ryman

Year 11

1 Rhys Evans
2 Irfan Ahmad
3 Sankoumba Cisse

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 27.02 KS3 Creative writing workshop

Tuesday 28.02 Year 7 parents evening

Wednesday 01.03 Year 10 Speakout workshop

Year 11 and Year 13 will continue to have PPE exams throughout the week.

