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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the past few weeks, the College has been working on updating our College Mission Statement. The Student Leadership Team have played an integral role in its development. We are now at a stage where we would value the feedback and input of parents and carers. Enclosed in this Newsletter is a copy of the new Mission Statement. All feedback and suggested adaptations can be sent to admin@sjc.ac. The current draft is not yet professionally designed. Can all feedback therefore focus on the content rather than the design.

This week a group of four Year 10 students presented at an event of over 200 people. They delivered a presentation on their visit to a law firm called Jones Day. We are very proud of the confidence demonstrated by these students. Year 11s wait for their PPE results finally came to an end on Tuesday. Students have made significant progress since their first set of Mock Examinations. A special mention to the students who have made the most significant progress since starting at St Joseph's College, Mohamed Khalifa, Muaaz Samad, Ugonna Ozuzu, Abdul Rehman Sadiq, Harman Singh and Bert Stapleton. Well done to all students! Year 13 students also received their results this week. Revision sessions will run for both year groups over the Easter break.

We thank all parents who attended the Virtual Work Experience webinar on Wednesday. The Easter break will provide students with a suitable time to start exploring potential placements. On Tuesday next week the College will run a PSHE morning for all students in Year 7 to 11. Normal lessons resume Period 3. In addition, Year 12 students are attending the UCAS fair for the day to start the process of thinking about their future pathways.

Next Friday is the end of the Spring term. Details on the College closure times can be found in this Newsletter. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Kane

Chapel Assemblies

This week's Chapel Assemblies were led by Grange House, on the topic of 'Respect for Others', one of our five fundamental respects. The assemblies have included references to the Bible, and other sacred texts, inspirational videos and even a Kahoot quiz!

The pupils who led the assemblies spoke well and most eloquently and have really developed their public speaking skills.

These Chapel Assemblies have been fantastic opportunities for students to share important messages from their different faiths and for us all to learn more about the 5 respects of the school.



9 Grange delivering their Chapel assembly

Prayer of the week

Love your neighbour

Jesus, friend and brother,

You know what it is like

to be hungry and thirsty.

You know the plight of the

stranger who is made unwelcome.

You know the suffering of all

who have lost everything.

We pray that by welcoming refugees

we may show love for our neighbour

and draw closer to you.

Amen.

Y8 Retreat to St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury, Hungerford, on 19th May 2023.

The RE and Chaplaincy Departments are planning a Y8 retreat to our Lasallian retreat called St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury, Hungerford. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the boys to explore their faith, relationship with God and vocation. If you would like your son in Year 8 to go on this retreat, please tell him to see me in room S12.

Finally, to all the Muslim members of our Lasallian community, I would like to wish you Ramadan Kareem!

MISSION STATEMENT

St Joseph's College Our Mission Statement



Fearless faith guides our values of:

We believe in all our community demonstrating our 5 Respects each and every day: Respect for Faith, Respect for Learning, Respect for Others, Respect for Community, Respect for Self.

We believe that education can change lives.

We believe in lifelong learning and creativity.

We believe in charity outreach and providing for the disadvantaged in society.

We believe in inclusion and equality for all.

We believe in the presence of God.

Our story:

St Joseph's College was founded in 1855 when six De La Salle Brothers came over from France to set up the first De La Salle school. The college moved to its current site in 1903 and has expanded in size and intake since this time.

We are a Lasallian family of students, staff, community, and partners.

We are inspired by the messages of the Gospel to care for all young people, especially the most disadvantaged. Our mission embodies the vision and innovative spirit of St John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers and founder of the De La Salle Brothers over 350 years ago.

Based on this legacy, our vocation is to advance horizons, touch hearts and inspire minds through an education that promotes the transformation of lives, persons, and societies.

Our mission: To inspire the minds of all generations through education, with fearless faith. As a united community we demonstrate our Lasallian values of faith, service, and respect.

YEAR 11 PPE RESULTS



Our excited Year 11s



Receiving results in the Chapel

The Year 11s had their results assembly this week, and were excited to receive the results from their recent PPE 2 exams. There was so much to be proud of with many students making good progress from their first set of PPE exams in November to now. The hard work does not stop here, there is plenty to build on for everybody. We are proud of everyone's achievements but a special mention goes to:

Our top 10 with the most positive progress

Mohamed Khalifa
Muaaz Samad
Ugonna Ozuzu
Abdul Rehman Sadiq
Harman Singh
Bert Stapleton
Kheiron Lucius Hurrynaran
Jacob Laurent-Cummins
Irfan Ahmad
Khuzefa Afzal

Our top 10 highest achievers

Abdul Rehman Sadiq
Mohamed Khalifa
Nathan Hadgu
Gurman Singh
Stanley Zheng
Muaaz Samad
Harman Singh
Muhammad Mustafa
Aadam Effendi
Youness Douiri

This is the last push towards the final GCSE exams. With just 8 weeks to go we are confident our Year 11s are all motivated to work hard towards the final hurdle.

Teachers from all subjects will be providing students with excellent revision resources, but here is another useful revision opportunity.

Black Men Teach is excited to invite you to Fuel4theJourney revision conference. This conference is designed to inspire and support young boys as they prepare for exams. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with subject specialists, hear from guest speakers, take a university tour, and receive 1-2-1 tuition in the form of subject clinics.

This event is in partnership with King's College London's widening participation department, and is a unique opportunity for young boys from underrepresented backgrounds to gain the skills and knowledge they need to excel academically. Register now to secure your spot: <https://lnkd.in/e84Z6guG>.

***Fuel4theJourney
Revision Conference***

YEAR 10 LAW FIRM SPEECHES

On Wednesday four of our Year 10 students spoke at a conference at a prominent law firm.

Congratulations to Kaelon Edwards, Keano Edwards, Dylan Ntim and Michael Antwi who were part of a group who visited the London office of a law firm called Jones Day in December. The partner-in-charge of the office was so impressed that he asked them to attend a conference and speak about their visit in support of the Jones Day Foundation and its Aspiring Professionals programme.

They delivered their presentation to an audience of over 200 really well and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Thanks also to Ayo who was one of our Year 12 volunteers who helped run the event.



Our aspiring lawyers from Year 10

SPANISH UPDATE



Well done to our winner!

Two weeks ago we published a riddle for the students to work out. Congratulations to our winner Mohammed Esa Kassim from 7 Brooklands. The answer was Leo + Pardo = Leopardo (or in English Leopard).

This week's question is slightly different. Both Mexico and China use masks, but Mexico for "Lucha Libre" (wrestling) whilst in China, they are used by actors for musical performances at the opera.



Can you tell which mask belongs to each country?

If you can work it out, come and see Ms Wilson in S04 to gain 5 house points.

Which are the Mexican masks and which are Chinese?

STUDENT MEETINGS

There have been lots of student meetings in the past couple of weeks, as students met with the Headteacher to discuss the College Mission Statement and also had Student Council meetings.

The Mission Statement meeting was a chance for students to share the values that are most important to them and help influence the direction of the school. The students had lots of great perspectives and the conversation revolved around how to encourage the values of fairness, equality and mutual respect.

Student Council meetings are always a fantastic way for students to propose their ideas for the College. There were lots of discussions about possible community events as well as ways to support different faiths.



Discussing the school mission statement

HOMEWORK CLUBS



The S4L club runs everyday after school in S22



Students working hard at the S4L club

Is your son struggling with homework? There are now two separate clubs to help them out, running every day of the week!

The SJC study club runs daily from 2.45-3.30pm in S23 and now there is the S4L club (Support for Learning) ran by the Inclusion Department and led by the Teaching Assistants for our students.

The club runs from Monday to Friday 2:45-3:45pm in S22.

Students are supported with their Extended Learning tasks and are taught or helped with any area of difficulty in all subjects. The TAs support them in the classrooms so are aware of their needs. Some teachers do support them by giving resources to assist them.

It has been back to business as usual this week, clubs in full flow, and 6 fixtures with only one cancellation! Well done to everyone that has participated this week.

Football

We started the week with our Chelsea Foundation squad travelling to Cobham to take part in a "Chelsea Foundation Cup" against fellow foundation colleges. The competition was fierce and competitive. We played three games and we were competitive throughout, well done. Our second Football fixture of the week saw our U15s travel to Coombe Wood in the quarter final of the U15 Croydon Cup. A tight game against good opposition saw us go 3-1 up, however they pegged us back to 3-3. It went to penalties... We lost 5-3. Great effort!

Futsal

Wednesday afternoon gave our Chelsea Foundation squad a chance of redemption as they played two games in the AOC league to round off a disruptive season. We won the first game 3-0 against United Colleges, and the second 1-0 against Newham. Well done boys.



Our unlucky U15s

Handball

Our U13s played in their first ever Handball game and achieved a truly extraordinary result! We were dominant from the first whistle. We won the game 23-2. Yes we scored 23 goals in 40 minutes! A great performance, particular praise goes to Jayden Renner Dapaa who scored a whopping 8 goals!



Our triumphant handball team

Netball



Our first SJC netball team

Thursday was a very important day in the history of St Joseph's College, our inaugural 6th Form netball match! This was a friendly against a strong Coloma side, the weather was against us but it was a fantastic day for everyone involved. The players were: Peace Sower, Natyla Small, Ismatu Yomba, Aishat Omotayo, Randa Bah, Queenie Etsey and Joyce Kabagnu. Particular praise goes to Ismatu Yomba as the player of the match and Randa Bah who scored our goal. A momentous day!

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

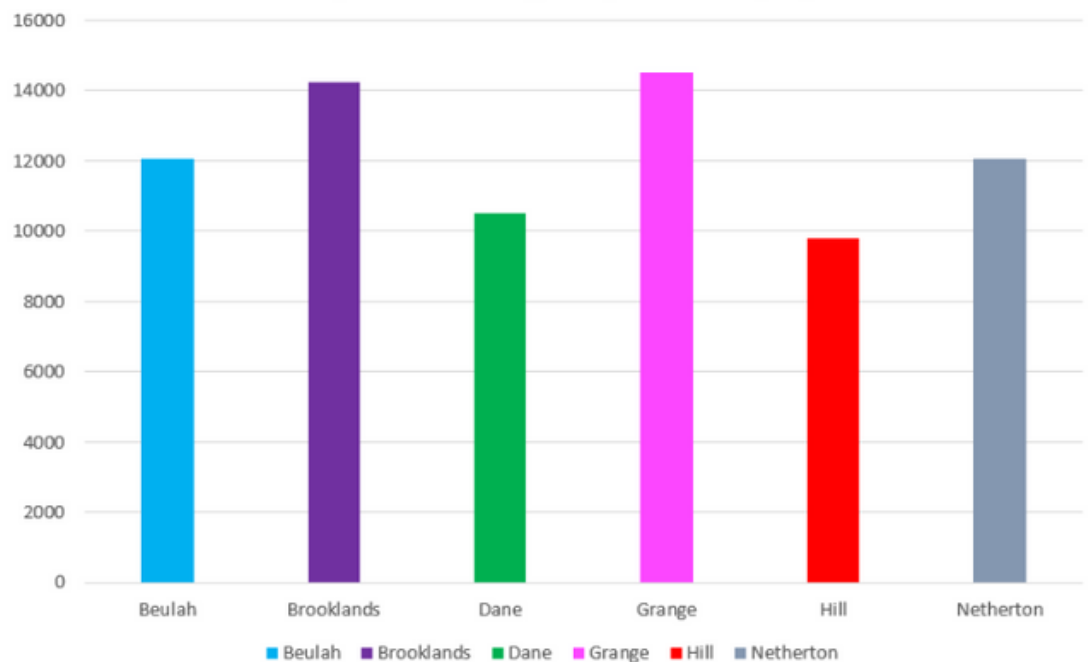
Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
Monday	Y7-9 Basketball Sports Hall	Y7-13 Well-being Club LS04	Y7,10 and 11 Well-being Club LS04 Y11 Chelsea FC Futsal Sports Hall	Y8 and 9 Well-being Club Week 1 only LS04 Y8, 9 Band Practice Week 1 MU01 Y12 Sport Masterclass Programme (Week 2) LRC2/V002	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

HOUSE POINT UPDATE

Here is this week's house point update.

It is very close at the top, with Grange having a slight lead over Brooklands in second place. Brooklands lead the way in points from lessons but Grange surge ahead due to their recent House competition victories! Remember, every point counts, there is still time for anyone to win!

House points including competitions 23/03/23



GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 Dylan Ntim
- 2 Michael Oyeneeye
- 3 Denis Furculita

Year 11

- 1 Adam Effendi
- 2 Rhys Evans
- 3 Jacob Laurent-Cummins

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 31st March - Last day of term

End of term plans

Lesson 1 & 2 as normal. Including 6th form.

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| 10.25am | Year 11, 12 and 13 dismissed |
| 11.00am | Year 10 dismissed |
| 11.10am | Year 9 dismissed |
| 11.20am | Years 7 & 8 dismissed |

