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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the college continues to evolve, it is fundamental that all stakeholders' views (particularly students) are considered in our ongoing positive development. As such, it was with great pleasure that the Senior Leadership Team met with our 6th Form Leaders last week to receive feedback and have discussion on the recent cross-year student council meeting. The Senior Leadership Team have listened, cogitated, and will be moving forward with some of their ideas.

As the first phase of pre-public examinations for Year 11 comes to a close, I would like to thank all our senior students who have conducted themselves with focus and respect throughout the process. I hope their preparation and effort prove fruitful in the results. I would also like to thank members of our community who have supported in ensuring the entire process ran smoothly.

Last Thursday saw our first House Quiz event led by Miss Kingston and supported by all our Heads of House. A wonderful event that brings together all year groups and staff for some healthy competition. I should add, some of the general knowledge questions were definitely of an advanced level – we aim to challenge!

Next week sees one of our major annual careers events for Year 11, with the 'Big Interview' – a formal occasion, where students get the opportunity to meet business leaders across the industry spectrum, providing invaluable careers guidance and preparation for the working world. I believe the experience will provide an additional impetus and motivation for renewed focus on academic study.

Earlier this week, members of the Business and Enterprise department accompanied a group of 6th Formers to an industry experience at KPMG - a leading global organisation of firms providing Audit, Tax and Advisory services. I would like to thank staff for taking the time to support students with this invaluable opportunity, and students for conducting themselves professionally throughout the visit.

A reminder of our virtual 'Meet the Form Tutor' event for all parents/carers, taking place next Tuesday 28th November. A relatively new initiative, where families and form tutors can discuss overall progress and supporting students' pastoral needs. Details on booking your appointment have been emailed.

Our updated admissions policy for 2025/26 is out for consultation. A copy can be found on our website:

<https://www.stjosephscollege.org.uk/admissions.html>

Wishing all our students and families a joyful weekend.

**Lord God, whose might is over all the world, over heaven and over earth, we want to find strength in you, for you have given us thousands of proofs that you are with us, helping in all that happens. And when we meet with difficulties, we want all the more to find strength in you, we want all the more to hope in you and await your victory. Let your light shine into everything, Amen.**

God bless,  
Mr G Mantillas

We trust this newsletter finds you well and in great spirits as we approach the festive season of Advent. In this edition, we are delighted to bring you important updates, highlighting our observance of International Men's Day, and a special invitation to our upcoming Carol Service.

## **Celebrating International Men's Day:**

During the week beginning November 20th, we took a moment to honour International Men's Day, celebrating the remarkable men in our community and reflecting on the rich history of the Church, including our school.



As we recognise the positive contributions of men, let's also reflect on the exemplary dedication of saints like St. John Baptist de La Salle, who have profoundly impacted the world of education, inspiring generations of educators and students. May his commitment motivate us to continue the noble pursuit of knowledge, embodying virtues of strength, compassion, and service that define the noble character of men.

In the Catholic tradition, St. Joseph stands as a shining example of fatherhood. On this special day, we reflect on the qualities of St. Joseph and express gratitude for the father figures among us who provide guidance, support, and love to their families and communities. Let us keep these saints in our prayers, seeking their intercession for all educators, students, institutions, and father figures dedicated to the pursuit of wisdom and truth.

## **Carol Service - Save the Date:**

Mark your calendars for a festive evening of joy and song at our annual Carol Service on December 20th, starting at 5:00 pm in the chapel. Come together to sing carols, share in the spirit of Christmas, and bask in the warmth of our chaplaincy fellowship.

We encourage you to extend the invitation to friends and family, fostering a sense of community, faith, and friendship during this special time of the year.

As we enter the Advent season, may our hearts be filled with hope, peace, joy, and love. We eagerly anticipate sharing these moments of celebration and reflection with you.

## St Joseph's Carol Service



**CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR WITH US**

Wednesday December 20th

5:00 pm

St Joseph's school chapel

Everyone welcome!

**20TH  
DECEMBER  
17:00**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

November is the month we in the Christian Church remember those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In the Chapel there is a place where the names of people who have died are recorded so that they can be remembered in prayer.

It is also the month of remembrance of those who gave their lives in conflict. St Joseph's College has a particular association with this. Outside the Chapel on the wall is a memorial board upon which are inscribed the names of students and staff who gave their lives during the world wars. Students and staff who studied and worked here at St Joseph's. Who sat in the pews in the Chapel where you sit for assemblies, Masses and times of prayer. Each person inscribed on the board gave their tomorrow so that we can have our today. Since then, each year the College has held a remembrance service. To begin with it was a Requiem Mass held on the Friday evening nearest Remembrance Sunday. The Mass took place in the College Chapel and many alumni attended to remember their former colleagues.

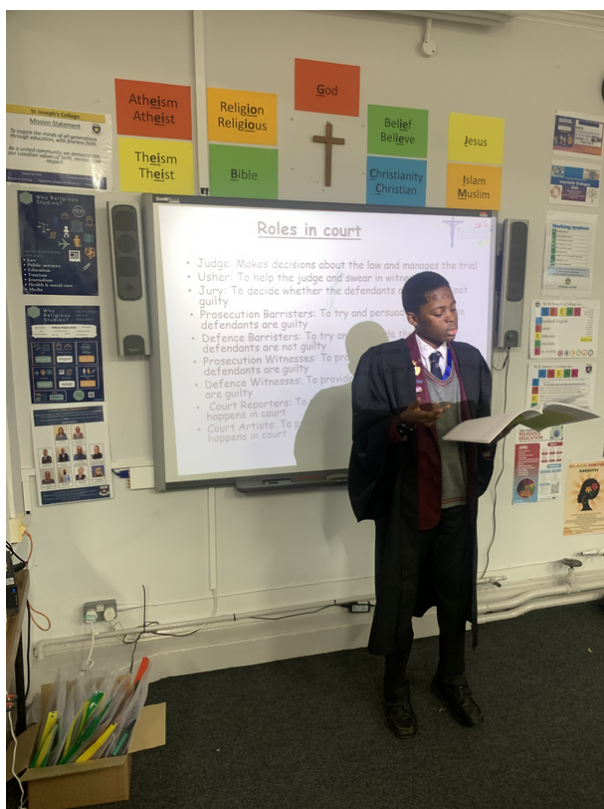
In the early 1990s the Mass was replaced by a Remembrance Service which continued the tradition of the nearest Friday to Remembrance Sunday. Each year it involved Year 10, the Combined Cadet Force, Staff and Governors. Visitors were also welcomed and, over the years the College welcomed veterans of the Second World War. One year I recall particularly a former Spitfire pilot who had fought in the Battle of Britain heard of our service and asked if he could attend. The College welcomed him and heard his story. When he was introduced to the then Year 10 and they were told about what he did, they all burst into applause – a very moving moment. It was very poignant that he also laid a wreath at the College memorial. In the quad you will have seen the shrine dedicated to St Joseph. The shrine is a memorial to those of the College who gave their lives in the wars, and after the Remembrance Service the wreaths would be left at the shrine.

The College link with the armed forces continues today as there are former students who continue to serve in our armed forces, one of whom was Lieutenant Colonel Nana Kofi Twumasi-Ankrah who leads the Blues and Royals regiment and who made history by becoming the first black equerry in the Royal Household to the late Queen Elizabeth. Nana is also a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Let us pray for those who gave their lives in conflict, that they will have eternal rest. We pray also for those who serve today, that they will be guided and strengthened by our prayers in the work they do to bring peace to our world.

**God bless you all**

**S. C. Horsman**  
**Chair of the Governing Board**



***Judge Enock Mulumba presiding***

This week Year 9 have been completing mock trials in RE to decide whether people have freewill or whether people are blameless as all actions are predetermined.

Students spent a lesson preparing and then acted out their roles in court. Well done to all the barristers, witnesses, jurors, ushers, defendants, reporters, and artists!

9xRe1 passed the verdict that we are responsible for our actions, as our court reporter writes:

**'This shows no matter who you are, what you are, and where you are, you still will be held accountable for your actions.'**

## SPANISH UPDATE

MS C WILSON

What better way to start the last term of the year than by enjoying a wonderful range of Latin American music? Our Y9 students were able to learn about, dance and sing the rhythm of latin pop, salsa, bachata, tango, reggaeton, etc. Most of what we know as Latin music comes from the melding of cultures that took place during the Spanish and Portuguese colonization of the Americas. Students were able to identify in the instruments used in the different songs we listened to - the European guitar, the African conga and tambora drums, native gaita flutes and maracas - the various races and cultures which came into contact with each other at that time.

By creating a "Eurovision" style context, students voted on their favourite song. Undoubtedly, the winner was "Systema Solar- Yo voy ganao".

Latin music is famous worldwide, and its addictive rhythms and bright, colourful scene make it one of the world's most distinctive musical cultures. It's also energetic, vibrant, seductive, and, most importantly, it draws people together. Our students could not stop tapping their feet and even some, such as Emmanuel Sitsi and Jaiden Mosengo took to the dance floor... Strictly Come Dancing judge Anton Du Beke is a beginner in comparison!



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at the Big Quiz House event, there was fierce competition, laughter and A LOT of screaming and shouting. As the tension mounted, it was Team Dane who clinched victory with not only their impressive knowledge but also the most inventive and funny team name yes they called themselves TEAM DANE, earning each member a sweet reward – a bag of chocolate!

## **The final standings:**

Netherton secured 6th place with 36 points

Grange claimed 5th place with 38 points

Brooklands took 4th place with 39 points

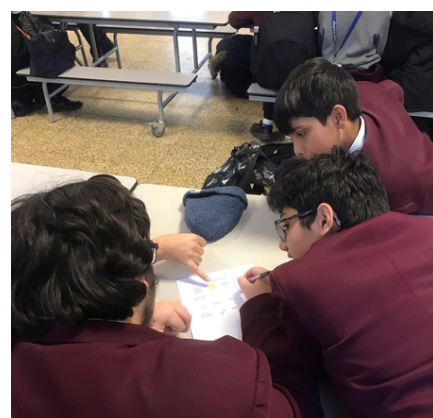
Beulah landed in 3rd place with 40 points

Hill secured 2nd place with 42 points

However, the ultimate champions were Team Dane, deserving winners of the Big Quiz, earning themselves a whopping 500 points. Congratulations to all the teams for making this event a success, and a special shout-out to Dane for their triumphant victory!



***Well done Team Dane***



***Working together***



## **Christmas Card Competition**

The theme for this year's competition is "The London Borough of Culture," and participants are encouraged to reflect the diverse cultural richness of Croydon in their designs. The winning student will not only receive tickets to a special London Borough of Culture event but will also have the honour of a class visit from Mayor Jason Perry. Additionally, the winning card will be shared with dignitaries nationwide, including the Prime Minister.

To participate, each school is required to submit a scanned copy of one card no later than Thursday, November 30th, 2023. We will be judging the entries in-house, to select the best entry to send and that student will also win 300 points for their house. Students should give their entries to Ms Kingston.

The announcement of the winning design will follow shortly after the submission deadline, and the original card must be sent to the Mayor if you win.

On Thursday 16th November our Year 12 students had the incredible opportunity to attend annual Routes into Engineering Careers Fair. The event was held at the South Bank University and provided a dynamic platform for our budding engineers to interact with industry professionals, gain insights into cutting-edge technologies, and explore potential career paths within the vast realm of engineering.

The Engineering Careers Fair served as a gateway for our students to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications. From civil and mechanical to electrical and aerospace, the diversity of engineering fields was on full display, showcasing the limitless opportunities awaiting these aspiring engineers.



## KPMG TRIP

MS A SALAAD

This week, in an exciting venture beyond the classroom, our Year 12 Business, Enterprise, Economics and Maths students embarked on a transformative trip to KPMG, delving into the dynamic world of consulting. The day unfolded with students eagerly immersing themselves in the intricacies of real-life problem-solving, as they tackled client briefs and crafted innovative solutions under the guidance of seasoned consultants.

The experience not only provided invaluable insights into the consulting realm but also offered a first hand look at the impressive tapestry of KPMG's offices. A captivating tour allowed students to explore the diverse job roles within the Big 4 firm, opening their eyes to the multitude of opportunities awaiting them in the professional landscape.

This immersive outing not only broadened their horizons but also fuelled their aspirations, setting the stage for a future where their academic prowess seamlessly integrates with the practical challenges of the corporate world



***Productive discussions***



***Big dreams***

Another busy few weeks in the PE Department! A full fixture list was ongoing even during the adverse weather! Added to this, we now have the sports hall back in action; so basketball extra-curricular is back on the cards (Monday and Wednesday) and Badminton club (Thursday) all with Mr Delaney.

Our Year 10s and 11s have chosen their options for the term which include Futsal, Gym and swimming. It will be great to get pupils back in the pool and use the facilities that we have on offer here at the College.

During the new term, students in Y7 have been working on their Rugby skills, enjoying the mud, and getting their knees dirty. Other curriculum lessons have included dodgeball, swimming, football, futsal, table tennis, health and fitness and many more! Students are reminded to have the appropriate kit for each lesson; mainly to keep warm if outside, and the correct footwear if they are then inside!

We have also been lucky to have a BTEC Y11 drop down day where Mr Delaney put his class through the latter stages of Component 2, which involved lots of practical video analysis alongside the students coaching ability, applying all the work they have been doing in lesson in its practical form.

Fixture wise the following has been played;

## **Year 7**

Win Vs Wimbledon College 4-2 in the Surrey Cup.

## **Year 9**

Lost Vs St. Andrews Catholic School 3-0 4th Rnd National

## **Year 10**

Lost Vs Carshalton Boys College 6-3 Surrey Cup

Win Vs Coombe Wood 2-1 League

## **Year 11**

Win Vs Riddlesdown 3-1 Surrey Cup

Win Vs Haberdashers 7-1 National Cup

## **Sixth Form**

Win Vs Bromley AFC 5-3 League

Loss Vs Borehamwood 6-1 League

We are excited to introduce this year our Careers Super Curriculum, which will offer students a comprehensive and holistic approach to career development.

The Careers Super Curriculum is a structured programme designed to help our students explore and prepare for their future careers, through in school as well extra curricular opportunities. We understand that the choices students make during their academic journey have a significant impact on their future opportunities, and it is our responsibility to support them in making informed decisions.



Through our delivery partners, we encourage both parents/ carers and students to actively participate in the Careers Super Curriculum. Here are some ways you can get involved:

## **Years 7-9 STEM in Action**

STEM in Action is for young people aged 11–14, although if you are younger or older you will also find something interesting!

Each module contains themed videos and activities that can be done at home or in school. There are researcher and student profiles so you can learn more about the people working in these areas, fun talks to help you learn more about the topic, and short hands-on activities that are linked to the subject areas.

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/be-inspired/schools-outreach/secondary-schools/stem-in-action/>

## **University of Surrey - Y9 Family Futures**

Family Futures is a 3-month extra curricular programme for Year 9 students and their parents/carers.

Through weekly live webinars, exclusive access to our Online Resource Portal and two special oncampus events, families will:

- 1) discover the range of available pathways.
- 2) develop their research and reflective skills.
- 3) gain the confidence to pursue aspirations.

<https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/family-futures/>





## Year 10 -11

### Big thinking with real-world impact

The University of Oxford have put together a range of resources to get students thinking in new and exciting ways about the subjects they like the best.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources/students12-16>

### University of Surrey - Year 11 GCSE Masterclass

The Masterclasses are both an Autumn and Spring series of virtual GCSE revision and preparation sessions in English, Maths and Science. Led by educational consultants with a wealth of experience within teaching and assessment, the masterclasses will cover common topics and themes which are applicable to all exam boards. This will include revision tips and techniques as well as further direction towards applying your learning and understanding within exams. All masterclasses are 60 minutes and content is designed to complement revision support as provided within school.

<https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/gcse-revision-masterclass/>

## Year 12-13

### University of Oxford - History Skills Workshop: Thinking Big: concepts and historiography

This workshop is designed to encourage students to engage critically with historiography and different concepts. Students will explore why engaging with how we write history is an essential and exciting part of being a historian and discuss what we mean by conceptual clarity.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/visiting-and-outreach/outreach-events/historyskills-workshop-thinking-4>

### University of Oxford - History Skills Workshop: Primary Sources

In this workshop we explore the different kinds of sources that Historians use in their research. Students will then have the chance to put their analysis skills into practice with a variety of sources currently being used by our Graduate Outreach Tutors in their research.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/visiting-and-outreach/outreach-events/historyskills-workshop-primary-4>

# COLLEGE CATERING

It is all change in the canteen and cafeteria this term as we have a new food supplier. Scan the QR code on the right to get all of the information or check out the menus for the next couple of weeks below. We have a 3 week rolling menu. Week 1 will begin 27/11 and Week 2 begins on 04/12.



|        |                                |  |  |   |  |   |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| WEEK 1 | STREET                         | Curried Coconut Chilli Chicken<br>Wholegrain Rice n Peas | Homemade Spicy Falafel Flatbread                         | Roast Lemon & Thyme Chicken,<br>Roast Spuds & Gravy | Low Salt & Chilli Chicken<br>Firecracker Rice              | Choose from:<br>Battered Fish<br>Chicken Sausage (battered or plain)<br>Margherita Pizza<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce |
|        | VEGGIE                         | Jamaican Black Eyed Peas Stew<br>Wholegrain Rice n Peas  | Plant Based Creamy Green Pea & Spinach Pasta             | Root Vegetable & Bean Stew<br>Roast Spuds           | Japanese Yakisoba<br>(Japanese Stir Fried Noodles)         | Choose from:<br>Margherita Pizza<br>Veggie Sausage (battered or plain)<br>Chips, Gravy or Curry Sauce                                       |
|        | SIDES                          | Lime Dressed Slaw  | Mixed Salad  | Roast Carrots & Parsnip                             | Sweet Chilli Sticky Greens                                 | Minty Peas or Baked Beans   |
|        | Extras additional to Main Deal | Flatbread Wedge  | Hummus Pot   | Cauliflower Cheese                                  | Prawn Crackers   | Onion Rings   |
|        | STREET                         | Spicy Chicken Dhansak                                    | Tex Mex Burrito Bar<br>Chipotle Chicken or Spicy Beef    | Beef Cottage Pie<br>Chive Mash                      | Meatballs in Baharat Tomato Sauce                          | Choose from:<br>Battered Fish<br>Chicken Sausage (battered or plain)<br>Margherita Pizza<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce |
| WEEK 2 | VEGGIE                         | Indian Street Food<br>Vada Pav Bhaji                     | Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese<br>BBQ Drizzle & Crispy Onion | Veggie Bangers<br>Cheesy Chive Mash                 | Cumin Chickpea & Vegetable Bake<br>in Baharat Tomato Sauce | Choose from:<br>Margherita Pizza<br>Veggie Sausage (plain or battered)<br>Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce                                      |
|        | SIDES                          | Wholegrain Rice & Kachumber Salad                        | Chunky Tomato Salsa Mexican Slaw                         | Carrots & Peas                                      | Moorish Cous Cous & Green Salad                            | Minty Peas or Baked Beans   |
|        | Extras additional to Main Deal | Naan Bread   | Tortilla Chips   | Cauliflower Cheese                                  | Garlic Flatbread   | Frickles  |

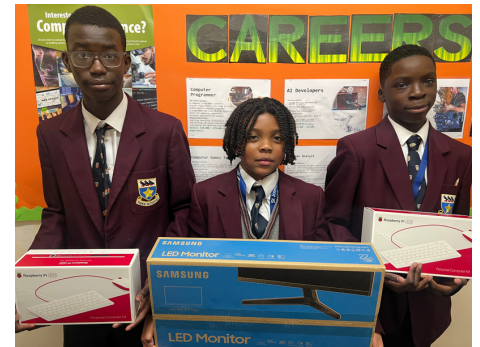
# BREBAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students.

It is organized in over 60 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

Congratulations to the Two Raspberry winners from last weeks Bebras Challenge:

- **Year 9 - Duke Mabaso**
- **Year 8 - Jayansh Sharma**
- **3rd Prize to Abdul Khalid Odus - 9 Netherton**
- **4th Prize - This will be announced during Assembly by Abdul Raheem and Saleh**



*Great prizes*

## GCSE PODs

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

### Year 10

1. Daniel Odongo
2. Zobair Khan
3. Musa Faisal

### Year 11

1. Samuel Quintero
2. Tihomir Apostolov
3. Hasan Aftab

## UPCOMING DATES

### Tuesday 28.11

- Meet the Tutor virtual event

### Thursday 30.11

- Y11 Big Interviews

### Monday 04.12

- Y11 - 13 Deutschebank brunch

### Friday 08.12

- Y9 Immaculate conception mass

