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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, students took part in a 'Diversity and Society' morning as part of our PSHE provision. Form Tutors delivered sessions celebrating diversity and the importance of tolerance and respect of everyone. We welcomed the charity 'Just Like Us' as well as the legendary Alim Kamara from 'Storie Storie' who delivered an engaging and inspiring assembly to Year 8 students on diversity.

It has also been a week of mixed emotions, culminating in our Year 11's final Chapel assembly – a celebration of their 5-year journey at St Joseph's College. It was an honour to lead their final Chapel prayer and thought for the future. From Year 7, they have been a year group full of charisma and energy! We hope to see many of them return to our 6th Form in September, for a further 2 years of post-16 study.

As our Year 11 and 13 students continue to sit their public examinations, Years 7-10 and 12 are moving closer to their end of year examinations. The importance of preparation cannot be underestimated. Please reiterate this key message - one of readiness and the importance of using every lesson to build up knowledge over time.

It has been a month of Mental Health Awareness. Often, because of misconceptions about mental health and mental fitness, people often neglect their wellbeing and suffer in silence. On Tuesday 6th June, the College Day will finish at the slightly earlier time of 12.45, to allow for a wellbeing focused afternoon. Students should complete online wellbeing activities on Satchel One, and then use the remainder of their day to engage in some physical activity outside.

I wish all our students and families a good rest over the half-term break – the weather looks delightful over the coming week.

God Bless

Mr G Mantillas

Pentecost

Pentecost is significant for Catholics (and other Christian denominations) because it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other early followers of Jesus Christ. The word "Pentecost" itself means "fiftieth" in Greek, indicating that it occurs fifty days after Easter Sunday.



The power of the Pentecost

In the Bible it states that the events of Pentecost took place when the apostles and other disciples were gathered in Jerusalem. Suddenly, there was a sound like a rushing wind, and tongues of fire appeared above each of them. They were then filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, enabling them to proclaim the message of Jesus to people from various nations who had gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival.

This is the birth of our Church, it was on this day that the apostles, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaimed the message of Jesus, leading to the conversion of thousands of people and the establishment of the early Christian community.

Pentecost is associated with several symbols and traditions in different cultures. For instance, in Greece, people decorate their homes and churches with flowers and green branches, symbolizing the renewal of life and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In some Latin American countries, elaborate "Dance of the Holy Spirit" ceremonies take place, featuring traditional music and dance.

KS3 Retreat to Kintbury.

Below was written by Shayden about his experience on retreat:

The journey to Kintbury was great fun since I was able to talk with everyone on the coach. I never knew how fun it would be at the place! We got to make wells out of clay as we listened to a story with a nice moral to it. We were able to release our inner child and reflect on where we are in life.

My favourite part was when we got to work as a team throughout multiple 'parkour' challenges. On the whole I had a fantastic day out!



Ready for the retreat!



Enjoying the assault course

Year 11 leaving assembly

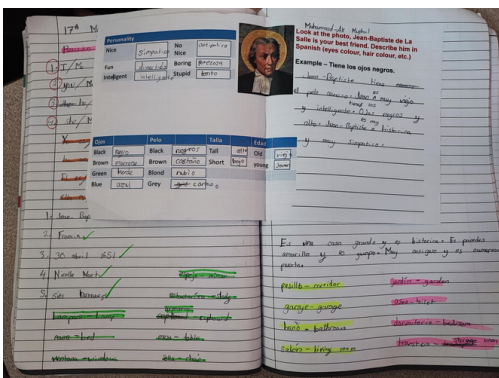
They are in the midst of their GCSE exams but on Wednesday Year 11 had their leaving assembly in the Chapel. It was an emotional and memorable event, the atmosphere was a mix of nostalgia and excitement; teachers shared heartfelt messages, reminiscing about their journey and expressing pride in their many accomplishments over the last five years! We are looking forward to seeing many of you back in Sixth form next year!



Celebrating our journey

Founders week

In celebration of Founder's day last week, our Year 7 Spanish students learned about how Saint John Baptist de la Salle devoted himself to the education of children becoming a wonderful spiritual guide. Students wrote in Spanish a description of him and told us why he is their best friend.



Beautiful work

Year 7 poetry

This week in English Year 7 students wrote their own poetry based on their favourite culture poems from this term. They then performed them in poetry slams within class! Here is Joshua Kupoloyi's poem about the importance of helping others inspired by 'Not my Business' by Niyi Osundare. Thank you Joshua for this powerful poem.

People ask

Is it my business if someone gets attacked?
Is it my business if someone gets stuck?
Is it my business if I witness something bad?
Is it my business if I see what no one sees?

But this is the thing,

We go round and round like its a roundabout
Yet we don't know what to do when we hear
a shout.

We need to step up and do our part.

On the news we hear that someone got shot
or stabbed and there is a fear inside us,
But God will help us because I know that he
made us.

Fears, they never tear apart by themselves,
They grow,

We have to get the sword,

Slice those fears up,

But it's never done,

Get me out of here,

Cause I want to live my life,

I'll always be

Me just me,

Set me free,

Life,

Please don't take it away from me.

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

St Joseph's are proud to announce our new Student Leadership Team! Head boy is Ayo whilst Duaa is our new Head girl. We also have three associate student leaders; Malik, Umar and David. This is the largest Student leadership group we have ever had, comprising a diverse group of talented individuals, this team embodies the spirit of unity, initiative, and dedication to service.

Selected through a rigorous selection process, the team members have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, academic achievements, and a genuine passion for making a positive difference in our school community. They are committed to representing the student body, advocating for their interests, and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment.



Our new look line up

The team's responsibilities extend beyond organizing events and initiatives; they serve as a voice for the student body, acting as liaisons between students and teachers. They actively participate in decision-making processes, providing valuable insights and perspectives. We eagerly anticipate all the exciting ideas they bring to the table. Well done on your new positions!

DIVERSITY MORNING



A Storytelling session

In Year 7, the boys had an amazing opportunity to hear from members of a charity about the struggles they faced as young adults and how they overcame their difficulties both mental and physical. This was a fascinating and empowering session for everyone!

On Tuesday, we organised a captivating and enlightening Diversity Morning for our KS3 students. The event aimed to foster understanding and celebrate differences, as well as promoting inclusivity. Year 7 and 8 enjoyed external speakers who focused on storytelling and tolerance whilst Year 9 learnt about extremism.

Diversity is not merely a buzzword but a fundamental aspect of our lives that enriches us all. At SJC we aim to do this through our five respects. The KS3 Diversity Morning served as a powerful reminder that our differences should be celebrated, respected, and embraced, paving the way for a more inclusive future.

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

Handball

A busy week in the PE department saw Mr Delaney take his Year 8 Handball team over to Carlshalton Boys to play in a tri-teamed tournament, however, only St Joseph's attended. The match saw our boys take a substantial lead, but not having substitutes saw the side get tired, eventually losing 11-6. A great effort by our students; a bit of practice and we will have a great team!



Handball action

Rugby

On Wednesday Mr Pavli took the Y9 Rugby team to a tournament hosted by Harlequins RFU. The boy played Lanfranc, losing 15-5 with Caleb scoring a try, and then beating Lambeth 20-0 with Emilie, Caleb and Oliver getting on the scoresheet.



The boys at Harlequins



Our new Year 7 Cricket team

Cricket

Finally, on Thursday Mr Jones took our new Year 7 cricket team over to Kingsdale School in the Surrey Cup, unfortunately the boys came out on the losing side, however, have learnt a lot and are looking forward to their future fixtures, as well as tackling the subject after half term in curriculum lessons. Well done boys, a valiant effort from all involved.

With half-term around the corner, we look forward to the final six weeks that will see more summer sports fixtures, Sports day and other sporting events. Make sure we are wearing our SJC kit to lesson, and bringing your trainers!

HEWITTS DISCOUNT EVENT

Hewitts have a discount event coming up and it is going to be one of their biggest yet. It will be available in store and online, and there will be a 15% discount.

The sale will be from 22/05/23 - 28/05/23. It will be Hewitts only overall discount event before the school year starts again in September.

This could be a perfect time to buy all the uniform for next year at a cheaper price. Please note that the College does have some good quality second hand uniform for sale, this is to support parents in this difficult financial climate.



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until
Sunday 28th May 2023

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- Orders may take several days to be dispatched due to high demand, we cannot inform you if something is out of stock until the order is processed.

This is Hewitts **ONLY** overall discount before back to school, so don't miss out!

GCSE PODs

Year 10

Year 11

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

1 Adam Araujo
2 Keano Edwards
3 Darren Frimpong-Kwakye

1 Dylan Pintor
2 Irfan Ahmad
3 Jacob Laurent-Cummins

UPCOMING DATES

Next week all students will be half term break

05.06.23 - Students return to school

06.06.23 - The College will close at 12:45 as part of a wellbeing day.

We hope that all students and their families enjoy a restful and joyful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June.

