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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week the school had a student wellbeing day. Year 9 to 11 students benefitted from expert advice from an external company on revision skills. We hope they can utilise these skills over coming years and months to support them in their examinations. Students also explored a range of mindfulness and self-coping strategies to support them in their life journeys. Students in Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity to unwind through sporting activities whilst our Year 13 students enjoyed a range of cooking activities, water polo and creating stop-go animations – a perfect way for them to relax and unwind following their UCAS deadline and hard work this year.

On Wednesday, our Year 11 students who have applied for our Sixth Form had their Sixth Form Interviews. Yet again, we were very impressed with the maturity and focus of our students. The College has received a record-breaking number of internal applicants and students will find out the outcome of their applications in March. Good luck to all students! The week has been a busy week for the Sixth Form team with the UCAS deadline also occurring on Wednesday- students have applied for a wide range of exciting courses and we wish them the best of luck as they await the outcome of their choices.

Further to my message last week, we have sent out updated communication regarding the impact of the NEU Industrial Action on February 01st. Please ensure you have carefully read the letter and understand the plan for your son on this day. We are aware there are three more planned strike days and will update you closer to the time about the plan for the others.

God Bless,

Mrs C Kane

Friday 27th January Holocaust Memorial Day.

The theme for this year is 'ordinary people'. The theme this year highlights the ordinary people who let genocide happen, the ordinary people who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted.

Bishop Declan Lang Chair of the Catholic Bishops' International Affairs department, has released a message for Holocaust Memorial Day says, "we commit ourselves to stand against antisemitism, injustice and prejudice wherever it might be found. Together we remember the Holocaust and pray that love will triumph over evil."

The following prayer has been said by all tutors group on this day:

Loving God, you care for each and every human life. All people are cherished as your beloved children, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary their stories are. Today we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory, and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Help us all to turn away from hatred and division, and to build a world where genocide is no more.

Strengthen us so that we, in our own ordinary ways, may show extraordinary love in the world today.

Amen



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY TRUST**



WELLBEING DAY

On Wednesday the school held a wellbeing day, instead of timetabled lessons, students enjoyed different sessions focused on improving their general wellbeing and teaching them ways to feel less stressed and more productive in school.

KS3 and KS4 students enjoyed workshops on Maths and mindfulness, writing poetry about hope and PSHE sessions on learning positive coping strategies. They also had the chance to create amazing geometric Islamic art, much of this is already on display throughout the Tutor rooms of St Joseph's.

After break we also welcomed external speakers who spoke to the boys about ways to improve their memory and revision and ways to handle stress. It was great to hear the positive comments of some of the speakers who praised the excellent behaviour and attitude of the pupils during the day.

Sixth form students also joined in on the fun. They took a well earned break from studying for their upcoming exams by having cooking lessons, playing water polo and making Sushi!

Overall, our Wellbeing Day was a great success. Students had the opportunity to learn new skills, take part in fun activities and have a day focused on their happiness. We are very proud of our students for their enthusiasm and commitment to this event. We look forward to our next Wellbeing Day and hope that it will be just as rewarding.



Mindful circle time



Exercising in class!



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Happy Chinese New Year!

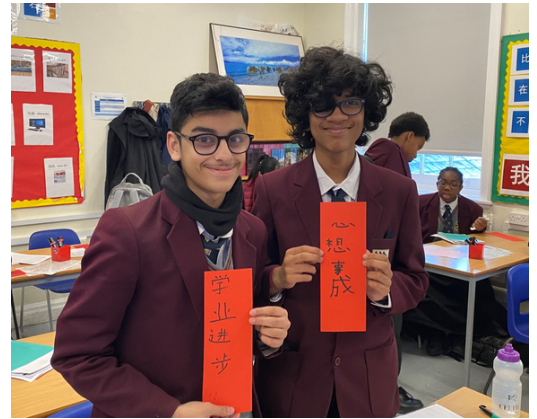
Last Sunday was Chinese New Year, so to celebrate the start of the Year of the rabbit, our boys have been enjoying learning about the Legend of Nian, and the history behind the celebrations.

The boys have also been working hard on creating good luck couplets and origami rabbits.

新年快乐!

xīn nián kuài lè!

Happy New Year from the Languages Department!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Good luck to our new group of Duke of Edinburgh participants who have had their applications accepted and can begin adding evidence of their skill, physical and volunteering activities.

Year 10s:

Kaelon Edwards,
Keanu Edwards,
Joseph Johnson-Cole

Year 9s:

Ilyas Abdi
Oliver Akano
Oliver Arkoh

Year 9s:

Elraph Boateng
Gaius Columbus
Shayden Gareave
Ali Mahdi Hasan
Samuel Little
Ryszard Loi
Kairav Madramootoo
James Okunola
Pratham Patel
Eesa Rahiman
Sofyan Reklaoui



We are looking forward to following your Duke of Edinburgh journeys! We have 8 Bronze places remaining so please do see Mr Daly or Mr Henry as soon as possible if you are interested!

SPELLING BEE

Today we invited every tutor group's best speller to the annual spelling bee in the chapel! This was a fantastic event which really celebrated our fantastic young minds.

The results:

- Year 7: Joint 1st place Hill and Brooklands, 2nd Beulah, 3rd Netherton, 4th Dane, 5th Grange
- Year 8: Joint 1st Beulah and Hill, 2nd Brooklands, 3rd Grange, 4th Netherton, 5th Dane
- Year 9: Joint 1st Grange and Dane, 2nd Brooklands, 3rd Hill, 4th Netherton, 5th Beulah
- Year 10: Beulah 1st, Brooklands 2nd
- Year 11: 1st Beulah, 2nd Brooklands, 3rd Grange, 4th Netherton, joint 5th Dane and Hill
- 6th form: 1st Brooklands, 2nd Netherton, 3rd grange, 4th Hill, 5th Beulah, 6th Dane

Here are some tough words that students got right: Accommodation, conscious, unnecessary, provincial, intoxicating, enjambment, commission.

A big thank you to Mr Henry for organising!



All the winners!

Here are some tough words that students got wrong hidden amongst incorrect spellings. Can you spot the correct spelling?

1. a. aubergine b. oubergine c. auberjine
2. a. Creshendo b. Crescendo c. Crechendo
3. a. Embarrassed b. Embarressed c. Embarassed
4. a. Hallusination b. Hallicinashion c. Hallucination
5. a. Poinyant b. Poinyant c. Poignant

The answers will be at the bottom of the next page.

MATHS SPARX AWARD

We have been awarded the Sparx Super Star Award this month. This was because we were one of the top-performing schools on Sparx Maths from the beginning of September 2022 to the end of December 2022.

Sparx Maths

The Sparx Super Star Awards are only given to a few schools each term.

Congratulations to all the pupils at St Joseph's College and the Maths department for the amazing effort they have all put in over the past 4 months. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication that so many of you have put into your schoolwork. Keep it up this year!

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

Basketball

There was just the one fixture this week again due to some untimely cancellations. Our U12s made the short trip to Oasis Shirley Park to face off in basketball. What a tight game this was, our boys started off really well, quickly going 2-0 up. Unfortunately our hosts pegged us back and won the game 7-6. It doesn't get much closer than that. However the main thing was that our boys were smiling throughout and are definitely getting better. Well done boys!



Congratulations on a great performance!

House Dodgeball

We were disappointed the House Dodgeball had to be postponed this week, but pleased to announce it is definitely going to be going ahead this week. Please see timings of the competitions below:

Monday 30th January

Year 7 House Dodgeball – 12.45pm – 1.15pm

Year 8 House Dodgeball – 1.15pm – 1.45pm

Thursday 2nd February

Year 10 House Dodgeball – 12.45pm – 1.15pm

Year 9 House Dodgeball – 1.15pm – 1.45pm

Fixtures Next Week

Date	Fixture	Expected Arrival at SJC
30/01/23	U14 Football vs Oasis Shirley Park (A)	5pm
02/02/23	U13 Basketball vs Woodcote (H)	At SJC
03/02/23	U13 Handball vs Harris Crystal Palace (H)	At SJC

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Uniform appeal

If any students have any items of uniform they no longer want or need we would be very grateful if these could be donated to the school. We can then issue the uniforms to new students who may be struggling with finances at this difficult time. We have a system of recycling and repair and most of it comes up as good as new. We are getting more and more requests for help with items such as blazers and PE Kit. Any donations are hugely appreciated.

Black Creatives Award

We are very proud that Ade Adesida in year 8 has been shortlisted for the Royal Holloway Black Creatives Award 2023 for his model! He has been invited to the awards ceremony in half term and we wish him the best of luck!

GCSE PODs

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

Year 10

- 1 Samuel Quintero
- 2 Kareem Keen
- 3 Denis Furculita

Year 11

- 1 Jacob Laurent-Cummins
- 2 Cruz Ullah
- 3 Rhys Evans

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 31/01 - Year 10 Parents evening.

Wednesday 01/02 - School will only be open to Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Year 11 will be on site from 8.15 to the end of P4.

Year 12 academic PPEs will go ahead as planned and all students scheduled to sit examinations are expected to attend. Vocational lessons will not go ahead on this day.

Year 13 lessons will not go ahead- students will have the option of coming to school if they need a quiet place to study

Advance notice that Year 9 Options Information Evening for Parents will be on Monday 6th February 2023 in the Chapel at 6 pm.

Advance notice that Year 9 parents evening is on 7th February.