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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many of our new families at the Year 7 standards evening last week - likewise, at the Year 10 and 12 information evening on Tuesday. It is so important that families are aware of the academic expectations at this early stage of the GCSE and A-Level journey. When there is consistency in communication between student, school and family, positive results will flow. Thank you to everyone for participating in these events.

On a similar note, I was struck by a conversation had with one of our PGCE trainees today. Having only been in the college for a few days, he was so complimentary about the friendliness of staff, and above all, the conduct of our students. It underlined to me what a remarkable college community we are all fortunate to be a part of.

This week, students received a safeguarding assembly from our Designated and Deputy Designated safeguarding leads. The assembly focused on safety in the community, understanding of personal boundaries, and potential online negativity to be aware of.

The college held a Team Building Day for year 7 on Thursday, supporting the development of good communication and practical skills, as well as the camaraderie of students within the year group. Thank you to all visitors and staff who facilitated this wonderful event.

On Thursday 5th October, we have our annual open evening to showcase the brilliance and warmth of our college to prospective families. The evening begins from 4.30pm and ends at 7.30pm. Further details are on our website.

***Everlasting God,** may truth dawn on us with its light, bringing joy no matter what happens to us. Grant that we may not be blinded by the surrounding darkness. Shed a clear light on the new life that is coming. Keep us aware of the wonders that increasingly surround us, until all the pain on earth is finally overcome and we glorify your love and your great goodness. Amen.*

God bless,

Mr G Mantillas

Lasallian Month of Peace

This year's Lasallian Month of Peace commenced on September 21st, coinciding with the International Day of Peace, and will culminate on October 21st, widely recognised as Lasallian Day for Peace.

Throughout this month, we invite all members of our community—parents, carers, staff, and students—to contemplate the theme of "Sowing seeds of Peace." Reflect on how you can become a source of peace and foster it within yourself, the classroom, the playground, and the broader community.

During this Lasallian Month of Peace, let us focus on the seemingly small actions that can have a profound impact:

- Extend a friendly greeting to those you encounter.
- Embrace the opportunity to learn about different cultures.
- Engage in regular introspection to better understand your emotions.
- Reflect on the social issues that resonate most with you.
- Dedicate meditative moments to unlock your creativity.
- Explore the story of St. John Baptiste De La Salle and his journey in sowing seeds of peace.

Here at St. Joseph's College, we extend an invitation to you all to sow numerous seeds of peace, such as:

- Encourage someone by reminding them of their unique talents.
- Chronicle your daily emotions and experiences in a journal.
- Share a moment of prayer with someone in need.
- Lend a helping hand to a friend or neighbour with a task or challenge.

Food Drive
Let's Make a Difference

Autumn Term

Your generosity can help nourish the lives of those in need. Join us for a food drive dedicated to supporting families and individuals facing food insecurity in our community. Let's show that when we unite for a common cause, we can create incredible change. The House that collects the most wins points towards the all important house cup. Please bring donations to the Humanities office or attendance office

Suggested Items

- Canned Food ✓
- Tinned meat and fish ✓
- Cakes, breads and biscuits ✓
- Dried foods such as pasta ✓
- UHT Milk ✓
- Toiletries ✓
- Nappies and Formula ✓

the trussell trust

Harvest Foodbank Appeal

As a College, we usually donate food items to our local Foodbank (Brixton & Norwood) during Advent, before Christmas. However this year during the cost of living crisis they need urgent help.

We will be bringing our Advent Charity Appeal forward and instead we will have a Harvest Charity Appeal. Donation boxes are in Tutor rooms.

Cash For Trash

Our wonderful Y13 students have been working hard under the “Cash for trash” scheme, raising money for a charity enterprise programme. In just one hour they have already raised £50 with more to come!

No time has been wasted with some money already used to support a local charity “Invisible Crystal Palace”.

Invisible Crystal Palace is a charity based in South East London which brings people together from a wide range of backgrounds through shared interests for collective activity. Working across the five boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, in the neighbourhoods that surround Crystal Palace Park. Invisible Palace creates activities which are active and practical, with an emphasis on experiential learning that is rooted in the story of the local area and people’s place within it.

CASH FOR TRASH!
Turn old books into...

This year, the MFL department has launched a "Cash for Trash" trial scheme. This is where students and teachers work together towards selling unwanted or unused books in exchange for money for charity.

Your green efforts will benefit not only you and SJC but the planet as a whole. We have already raised funds to create a small vegetable garden for the students to relax in, but with your help we can do much more!

It's just one of SJC's recycling measures to help our students to benefit from a better future. You will help to collect and price the books, catalogue them (if necessary), search potential buyers, organise the delivery to the relevant buyer and decide how the money should be spent.

This new scheme couldn't come at a better time. New research has revealed that 76% of people feel guilty for not recycling properly. Another 38% admitted that they do not know how to dispose of goods correctly, either.

So what better time than this year to look into our drawers, cupboards and even in the school attic for all those books which are no longer used and collecting dust.

Our new scheme aims to:

- Raise money for **charity**
- Help the school to **recycle**
- Help you to acquire useful skills which would **boost your CV**
- Help you to **keep fit** by going up and down the stairs with books!

Have you got any old books you could trade in?

SJC Sensory Garden

Following on from this spirit of experiential learning, SJC bought some lavender and colourful pansies from the autumn charity plant sale. These plants will be used in the new SJC Sensory Garden located at the lower school. The lovely smell of the lavender and the vibrant colours of the pansies are known to improve mood, productivity, and mental wellbeing by providing calm and happy sensations to the brain.



Building our garden

SJC had a glitzy night at the Peter Jones Foundation Tycoon Finals and PJEA Graduation 2023 last week. This was a chance for all the students to celebrate graduating from the school's prestigious Peter Jones Enterprise Alumni programme, and the boys even got a chance to meet the big man himself!

There were more surprises on the night, our very own Head of Business studies and Careers Advisor Ms Ampah was awarded Teaching Champion of the Year after receiving 13 nominations from her Year 13 class. Well done everybody, it was a special evening.



A well deserved award



The boys



Well done Caritin

We have a new SJC Careers newsletter! This is sent round during Form time and students will have the chance to learn and ask questions about these different opportunities on offer. If you want more information about any careers opportunities email Ms Ampah.



YEAR 7 TEAM BONDING



Team building fun

On Thursday we saw the return of the annual Year 7 Team Building Day. This is always a fantastic chance for students to work together on their teamwork and problem solving skills.

Students were in Tutor groups all day and were participating in different challenges. After the first few weeks of getting to know each other, it was brilliant to see the sense of unity and togetherness that already exists in the Year group.



Working together



Looks like fun

SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

MS C WILSON

Everyone loves a quiz! And nothing is more essential today than focusing on the importance of knowing how to tell the difference between the real world and what is made up - discovering the true value of non-fiction.

That's why we are inviting you to try the **2023 What On Earth! Schools Quiz Challenge**, in partnership with the **Federation of Children's Books Groups (FCBG)** which celebrates all things factual during non-fiction November.

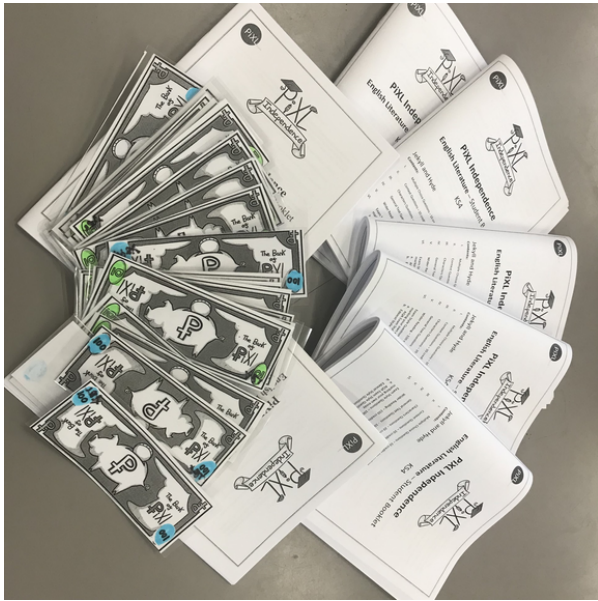
This unique non-fiction schools quiz is open to KS3 students (ages 12 -14 - year groups 4-10) students. Online heats will take place at the start of November. These will be followed by a high profile in-person Live London Finals day to take place on Monday 27th November at the spectacular Stationers' Hall in central London. **Should you wish to take part, please contact Ms Wilson at cwilson@sjc.ac or come to talk to her in LS04.** All students interested MUST register his interest before the 10 of October.



The English Department is on a mission to make all of our students excellent independent learners. To support you with this, we are pleased and proud to launch our PiXL Independence Challenge.

The aim is to encourage you to complete independent revision tasks over time to embed good study habits for GCSE exams.

Not only will students become more prepared revisers, they can also earn small prizes to support their ongoing exam preparation. Study guides, revision resources and fun treats are all on offer! If your child is interested tell them to ask their English teacher for a Challenge booklet.



The booklets and SJC credits



Points mean prizes

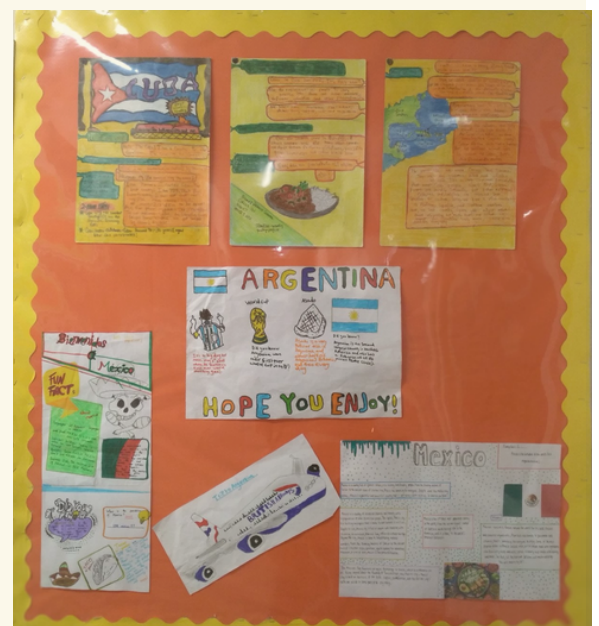
SPANISH POSTER CONTEST

MS C WILSON

After an extensive vetting process by the judges, a winner was picked out among the numerous submissions made by the ambitious year 7 and 8 students of 2023!

The hard-earned winner of this competition was Jayansh Sharma (Year 8 Hill) with a Cuban poster. The vibrant, fact filled poster was evidence of his unwavering effort which set him apart from his peers. All amazing features which led to it being the undisputed winner. Jayansh, you have done yourself proud.

Thank you to all those who participated and good work for the strong posters throughout!



The posters on display



Really cool stuff

Well done to our amazingly talented KS3 **Art** students on their first few pages in their sketchbooks. It is always such a joy when you see the incredible artistic ability our boys have!

There are some really exciting projects to look forward to in the first term. Year 7 will be starting the year by studying the formal elements of Art, Year 8 are embarking on a hugely interesting Architecture project whilst Year 9 are focusing on the last 100 Years in Art! They have kicked off with Cubism and Picasso. These are just a few of the amazing artworks from their sketchbooks. Well done to Ruben, Jayansh and Jeffrey for your excellent work.



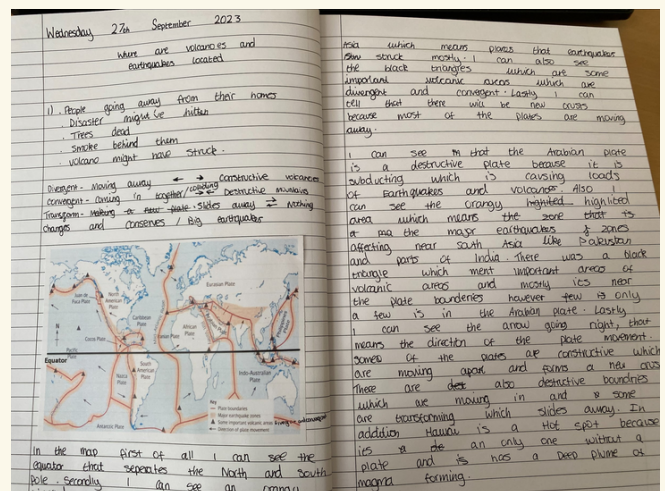
Cubism SJC style



The start of an exciting term

Geography has started creatively in Year 8. The students have been learning about the structure of our Earth and how this powers the movement of plates creating hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes. They are applying their knowledge logically to assess these hazards and identify the areas in the world which are affected.

They are also learning to engage with new, technical, geographical language, using new words such as convergent, divergent, transform, collision and subduction. Even extending their understanding of the crust, to now call it the lithosphere. So, do have a 'plate tectonics conversation' with them, it's great for them to be using new terms and explaining their knowledge, following Saint Joseph's SPEAK initiative. Here is a great example of a Year 8 student's classwork.



Tectonic plates



Empowering the Public to Save Lives

Year 7 First Aid Skills

Every school child should learn basic first aid skills. This term Year 7 students will be completing an online First Aid course in their IT lesson which will also help improve their ICT skills.

On the 9th of October, Army Medics will be attending the College to deliver the practical side of the course. This will give students an in person practical refresh of the online skills they have already learnt taught alongside realistic scenarios to put their skills into action. Students will receive accreditation on completion.

Professor Paws

On Friday 22nd September we had our first PSHCE event of the year!

Professor Paws delivered an inspirational talk about knife crime, discrimination and mental health alongside performing some of his newest tracks! Year 8 and 9 students were engaged and were keen to get involved.



Sharing his message



Professor Paws

Parental feedback

'I just want to thank the school for booking Professor Paws to come to the college and speak about mental health / discrimination. My son came home from school with a real positive spark and felt inspired by the talk.'

What is coming up this half term:

Friday 13th October: Voicebox delivering a workshop on Masculinity and Mental Health to Year 11

Monday 16th October: St Giles Trust delivering a workshop on County Lines and Gangs to Year 9 and 10

At St Joseph's College, safeguarding and child protection is paramount and we are fully committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our students in line with our Catholic and Lasallian values. These form the basis of the ethos of the whole school and in everything that we do.

The members of the Safeguarding Team are:

Ms McIntyre - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Kingston - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mr Mantillas, Mr Nelson, Mr Goodair, Mr Black, Ms Stephens, Mr Emambux, Ms Da Costa
Mrs Cabrera (6th form)**

If you have any concerns, please email us at the following address: safeguarding@sjc.ac during school hours which are 7am - 6pm Monday to Friday.

SJC Safeguarding during weekends and holidays:

On Holidays and Weekends - Feel free to contact safeguarding@sjc.ac but if it is an emergency call 999 or

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Local Social Service Child Protection Referrals

Croydon - <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families>

Lambeth - <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families>

Lewisham - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/children-and-families>

Merton - <https://www.merton.gov.uk/social-care>

Southwark - <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/allservices>

Wandsworth - <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/community-safey>

Bromley - <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/children-families>

Spotlight on Safeguarding

We are thrilled to present our supplement newsletter, "Spotlight on Safeguarding" which is packed with invaluable insights and essential guidance on key safeguarding topics. This will be sent out monthly alongside this newsletter, and within it you will find information to help you stay informed and proactive in safeguarding your child.

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 2 will begin 02/10 and Week 3 begins on 09/10.



WEEK 2

STREET	Spicy Chicken Dhansak	Tex Mex Burrito Bar Chipotle Chicken or Spicy Beef	Beef Cottage Pie Chive Mash	Meatballs in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Battered Fish Chicken Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
VEGGIE	Indian Street Food Vada Pav Bhaji	Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese BBQ Drizzle & Crispy Onion	Veggie Bangers Cheesy Chive Mash	Cumin Chickpea & Vegetable Bake in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) 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 <small>Additional to Main Deal</small>	Naan Bread	Tortilla Chips	Cauliflower Cheese	Garlic Flatbread	Frickles

WEEK 3

STREET	NY Deli Open Chicken Bagel American Mustard Slaw	Turkey Laab Moo (Spicy Thai Turkey) Lime Wholegrain Rice	Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chicken Ruby Murray Yellow Rice	Choose from: Battered Fish Chicken Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
VEGGIE	Tex Mex Chipotle Sweet Potato & Lime Taco	Veggie Thai Style Noodles	Lentil & Onion Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chana Masala Yellow Rice	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
SIDES	Hand Cut Wedges & Mustard Slaw	Wok Fried Oriental Veggies	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables	Kachumber Salad	Minty Peas or Baked Beans
Extras <small>Additional to Main Deal</small>	Cajun Onion Rings	Prawn Crackers	Cauliflower Cheese	Naan Bread	Garlic Mayo Dip Pot

Over the past two weeks the PE department have been extremely busy as we took on Riddlesdown in Football throughout the college year groups.

As a college we 'won' overall 3-2 in regards to the games played;

Year 7 - 5-2 LOSS

Year 8 - 11-0 LOSS

Year 9 - 3-2 WIN

Year 10 - 3-2 WIN

Year 11 - 7-3 WIN

The students represented the school extremely well and as a department we are extremely proud of the effort put in. We are beginning to see boys at training sessions on Monday and Wednesday for their prospective year groups. Especially as we will soon be taking part in the English Schools football games alongside boy the Surrey Cup and the Croydon Cup competitions! So, a busy period for our teaching staff!

On that note Mr Jones' Year 11s were the first team to fare in the ESFA competition beating Stationers Crown Academy 5-2, meaning they move into Round 2 of the competition and take on Harris Academy Beckenham.

Next weeks fixtures;

Monday

Y7 @ HOME Vs London Nautical ESFA

Y8 @ HOME Vs Glyn School ESFA

Tuesday

Y10 @ HOME Vs London Enterprise Academy ESFA

Thursday

Y9 @ HOME Vs Overton Grange School ESFA

Friday

Y10 @ Cheam High School Surrey Cup



The winning elevens



Great experience for Year 7



Well done Year 9

We hope to see many more students at extra-curricular clubs, especially as we begin our rugby programme with Mr Curwen next Thursday on the Meadow for all year groups, as well as Badminton club with Mr Delaney on the same evening.

IMPORTANT DATES

With the GCSE preparations now fully up and running for our Year 10 students, Tuesday was a chance for their parents to learn everything they need to know at the Year 10 information evening.

It was great to see so many parents in attendance and everyone coming together to ensure the best possible start to the year for our students. The next big event for KS4 parents will be the Year 11/13 strive for success event on 10/10.



Year 10 Information Evening

Upcoming Academic Dates

Thursday 5th October

- College Open Evening - More details below

Tuesday 10th October

- Year 11/13 Strive for success evening



OPEN DAY 2023

The College will be running Open Days in October for prospective students. Please visit the website or scan the QR code if you are interested in attending either the Open evening or Open morning tours.

2023 OPEN DAYS
COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 5th October 4.30-7.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS - TOURS
Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th, Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October

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