



# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

The Newsletter of St Joseph's College

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen a broad spectrum of activities at the College. Our glorious community came together at the Croydon Sports Arena today, to support our students competing in athletics events on our annual Sports Day. I would like to thank all the staff and parents who attended to support our students, and the PTA for their tremendous effort in providing baked treats and refreshments for everyone.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, our Drama students performed in a College production, to an audience of local primary school children, and then later in the evening to parents and staff. Well done to all students for their commitment to the preparation and rehearsals – you are a credit to the College. A huge thank you to Mrs Walton, Mr Goodair, and the rest of the production team, for coordinating this wonderful event.

Next week, we have Year 12 on work experience placements, Year 10 Geography students on a residential field trip, and Year 9 Mandarin students attending a virtual China trip – wonderful learning opportunities.

You will be aware from recent media reports, that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared two national strike action days which will take place on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023. I am writing to parents today to give notice of the College's plans.

***Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen***

God bless,

Mr G Mantillas

## **The importance of our College 5 Respects**

As many pupils may be counting the weeks, days or even lessons left until the summer holidays, it is an important time to focus on our values, and our ethos. In our College, these are the 5 Respects.

- Respect for Faith
- Respect for Learning
- Respect for Others
- Respect for Community & College
- Respect for Self

The 5 Respects provide a guide in life, emphasising the importance of respect in all aspects of life; this is especially pertinent in a world that seems chaotic and divided. By embodying these principles, we create an environment where students can flourish academically, spiritually, and socially.

### **Respect for Faith**

As a Lasallian institution, we honour and respect the diverse expressions of faith present within our community. This respect for faith is not limited to religious observance but extends to acknowledging and valuing the spiritual journey of each individual.

### **Respect for Learning**

Education lies at the heart of the Lasallian tradition, emphasizing the transformative power of knowledge. By promoting respect for learning, we recognize the inherent worth of each student's intellectual pursuits and provide them with the tools to develop their talents and skills.

### **Respect for Others**

Respect for others lies at the core of the Lasallian ethos, fostering an atmosphere of empathy, understanding, and acceptance. We believe in treating every individual with dignity, irrespective of their background, abilities, or beliefs.

### **Respect for Community & College**

The Lasallian tradition places great emphasis on the sense of community and the responsibility we have towards one another. Respect for community and College means actively engaging in the betterment of our shared space, fostering a culture of service, and contributing to the common good.

### **Respect for Self**

Respect for self is an essential aspect of the Lasallian ethos, recognizing that each individual possesses inherent worth and must be treated with kindness, dignity, and care. It encompasses promoting physical and mental well-being, encouraging self-reflection, and nurturing a positive self-image.

**By upholding these values, we create a Catholic community that celebrates diversity, fosters academic growth, nurtures spiritual development, encourages service to others, and promotes individual well-being.**

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On Saturday, eleven of our wonderful Sixth Form students visited Wimbledon High School for their Model United Nations Conference.

It was a fantastic day, eight separate schools participated over 4 hours. SJC embodied the nations of Sudan, South Korea and the USA, the boys debated various topical issues including the question of slavery reparations, the ongoing crisis in Sudan, access to equal healthcare and the movement in the Arctic.

The delegates were as follows;  
David V, Ayo A, Prosper K, Umar G, Yashal S, Brandon B, Arsallan F, Alex B-S, Bruk M and Gibril B whilst our very own Malik Sawyer was also a guest Chair for the security council.



***Our SJC delegates***

These pupils truly did St Joseph's proud! Well done to all our delegates on their amazing job. They all made new friendships with the other visiting schools and made quite an impression on the MUN.

## YEAR 8 ALUMNI EVENT

MRS R CASHMORE

5 of our alumni returned to school today to share their experiences after leaving St Joseph's College and offer advice to our Year 8 students. We loved hearing from David, who is doing a Masters in Oncology at Oxford University, Andy, a film maker and professional photographer; Mariama and Abu who are trainee solicitors and Janelle, our Head Girl in 2017 and now a computer scientist.



***Our impressive alumni***

They were all very modest about their impressive achievements and the obstacles they had overcome to reach their goals but their stories were very inspiring to all of us. We learned what it takes to succeed in creative industries, what it took to secure a place at a top University and what life is like as a young professional in top London firms.

They advised our students to grab opportunities to develop their skills and get to know people, not to be afraid of failure and remain curious and open to learning new things.

Thank you to all of our alumni who will no doubt go on to even more impressive achievements. Many thanks to our alumni organisation Future First.

## **Year 10 Theatre Trip**

On Wednesday Mrs Walton and Mr Mason took a group of boys from year 10 GCSE drama to watch the brand new play "Dear England" at the National Theatre. Starring Joseph Fiennes as England manager Gareth Southgate, it was imaginatively staged and superbly supported by an ensemble cast. At the end, the boys enthusiastically joined in with the audience standing ovation and rousing rendition of "Sweet Caroline"! A great afternoon had by all.



***On the National Theatre balcony***

## **Oxford Young leaders Scholarship**

Congratulations to Malik Sawyer who has been offered a fully-funded place in the exclusive Young Leaders summer Programme which is held in St Anthony's College in Oxford.

This is truly a fantastic opportunity that Malik achieved through his growth potential, willingness to learn, and a strong recommendation from our partner organization Peter Jones Foundation. Well done Malik.

## **Mandarin Trip**

This week, our Year 10 Mandarin Excellence Programme students travelled to Queen Mary's University as part of our Intensive Study Tourism Project.

Along with 6 other MEP schools, we were welcomed onto the Mile End campus, where we were able to enjoy a lecture for a student ambassador about the merits of attending university, before the Head of Language Learning at the university spoke to us about the various paths open to students to continue learning languages at university.

The highlight of the day was being able to see the tourism campaigns submitted by our students and the other schools. Whilst our entries did not win the competition, we left with our heads held high, knowing the competition was fierce and the voting competitive.

Our students were a credit to themselves, their families and the school, and I hope they found the day insightful.



***The Year 10 Mandarin boys***



# EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Day	Morning	Break	Lunchtime 1	Lunchtime 2	After School
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>		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
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	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

# PANTOMIME



***Yes, we know it is spelt incorrectly...***

After months of preparation this week saw the premiere of 'Sno Wite'; this year's pantomime!

The performance had had to be postponed and it is a credit to the students involved that they remained focused and dedicated to the production throughout the year.

On Wednesday they performed to Year 5 classes from local schools to rave reviews. One child said 'it was the best thing they had ever seen'. Praise indeed. On Thursday parents and teachers finally got to see the production and we can confirm that it was absolutely fantastic! It was incredibly funny with strong performances from the whole cast. We are already looking forward to next year!



***The behind the scenes geniuses***



***Backstage shenanigans***



***The whole cast***



***The final number***

## Cricket

In the last two weeks it has been a case of SJC v Cedars School in cricket! Year 8, 9 and 10 have all faced them and even the staff got in on the action down at Dulwich Sports Ground. It is quickly turning into a healthy rivalry!

There were mixed fortunes for the different year groups. Year 8 were triumphant and won their game by 5 runs, well done boys! Unfortunately there was heartbreak for Year 9 and 10 as they both lost on the last ball. Unlucky boys, the students really enjoyed the game which was played in a fun and friendly environment and within the spirit of the game. Well done to those boys in representing the College.

The Year 7s also took on Riddlesdown in the Croydon Cup, but unfortunately they came unstuck and lost by 50 runs. It was a great bowling performance that saw all of the boys have an opportunity to bowl, but unfortunately this couldn't be backed up with the bat.

There was however great news for the staff cricket team. They were triumphant, mainly due to Mr Austin who scored a fantastic 50. However, it didn't just end in victory but a trip to A&E for Mr Theophilou, who after 3 hours managed to get his beard trimmed and have some glue put into the cut he had on his chin!



***Well done SJC staff***

## Football

On Monday 3rd July our 6th Form football team will take on Carshalton Boys College in a friendly fixture which will see our Chelsea Foundation players represent the College - again we look forward to this fixture!

## Sports Day

Today saw the return of our long-awaited sports day, the whole of St Josephs College descended onto Croydon Sports Arena to compete in numerous track & field events. Congratulations to Hill who were the champions! Congratulations to everyone who competed, there will be a full list of winners sent out but especially well done to Marlys and Kareem who both broke school records in the high jump! On the next page there are some photos celebrating the day!



# SPORTS DAY



***Sprinting for the line***



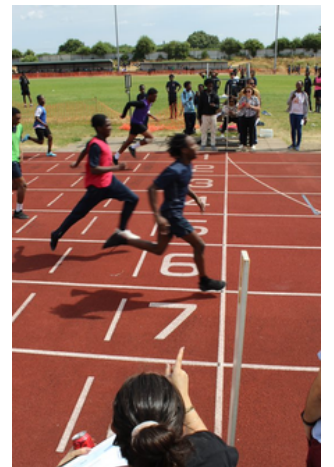
***Well done Faris***



***Brook what...?***



***Record breakers***



***Photo finish***



***Congratulations Hill!***



***Another Gold medal***



# YEAR 7 ZOO TRIP

Last Friday Year 7 celebrated the end of term with a fantastic school trip to London Zoo. This was a well earned reward after a year of excellent work.

The boys spoke to zookeepers, had a workshop on environmental conservation and generally had fun exploring and seeing all of the animals.



***Riding a gorilla***



***Watching seals***



***This trip was the G.O.A.T.***

## ***GCSE PODs***

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

Year 10

- 1 Dan Soji
- 2 Lucas Asres
- 3 Mohammad Afnan

Year 11

- 1 Jelani Okonkwo
- 2 Adam Effendi
- 3 Alvin Kodjo Baafi Okyere

## UPCOMING DATES

**02.07 - 05.07** - Geography residential trip

**06.07** - Year 6/7 transition day

**07.07 - 08.07** - Duke of Edinburgh expedition

**10.07 - 14.07** - Pilgrimage trip to Lourdes

