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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4*

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been an exciting week for the St Joseph's House teams with students across Years 7- 13 competing together in their houses to win the Zombie Apocalypse event. All students involved thoroughly enjoyed it and have supported a very worthy charity. Many Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to attend a Rugby rewards trip on Saturday and a visit to the Imperial War Museum this week. The Maths Challenge also took place with students across Year 9-11 partaking in this national event. We congratulate our Year 9 Football team on a fabulous performance and for winning their match in the Surrey Cup Quarter Final. This is a significant achievement so well done to all the boys in the team and to the Man of the Match, Zak Aimable-Lina.

We are pleased that the Spanish trip advertised in our last newsletter has received such positive interest. We look forward to continuing our planning to give as many Year 8 students as possible the opportunity to visit another country, experience another culture and participate in such exciting activities.

As we approach the final week of this half term we encourage students to focus on their self esteem. Year 7 to 10 will have a special well-being day on Monday 7th February. On this day year 11 students will have an opportunity to prepare for both their Pre Public exams (which commence after half term) and their post 16 options whilst our Year 12s will enjoy a day off site at a University visit.

As this is our last newsletter before the end of term I wish you all a restful, enjoyable, peaceful break.

Mrs Catherine Kane



### WEBSITE REVIEW

The school website is currently under review, please follow the link to give us feedback

<https://forms.office.com/r/vg0sPNch0a>

# CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

We are pleased to say that as of this week, Chapel Assemblies have returned to the Chapel. The theme of these assemblies was Holocaust Memorial. The official Holocaust Memorial Day was Thursday, 27th January. It is a day where we remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of others killed under Nazi persecution of other groups. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust also encourages us to remember the other genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. 27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

Regarding this, Pope Francis said: "It is necessary to remember the extermination of millions of Jews and people of different nationalities and religious faiths." He added: "This unspeakable cruelty must never be repeated. I appeal to everyone, especially educators and families, to foster in the new generations an awareness of the horror of this black page of history. It must not be forgotten, so that we can build a future where human dignity is no longer trampled underfoot."

I share with you the prayer written by St Pope John Paul II, at the Western Wall on March 26, 2000

God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants

to bring your Name to the Nations:

we are deeply saddened by the behaviour of those who in the course of history

have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves

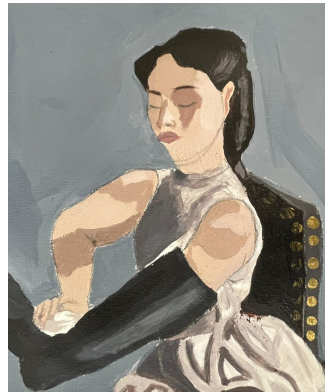
to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant.

Amen



## ART SHOWCASE

Year 12 Development



CURRENT

HOUSE STANDINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICT (WEDS 9TH)

SCIENCE (FRIDAY 11TH)

FRIDAY QUIZ (FRIDAY 11TH)

LANGUAGES

SWIMMING GALA

1ST BEULAH 7997

2ND BROOKLANDS 6982

3RD GRANGE 6719

4TH DANE 6426

5TH NETHERTON 6076

6TH HILL 5805

# THIS WEEK IN PE

Mr R Atkins

Welcome to the another edition of the year of "This week in PE". A chance for all members of staff to share and witness the sporting achievements our boys have made this week.

## Football

Just the one game for us this week as the U14 boys travelled down to Dorking to play in the Surrey Cup Quarter Final. Despite conceding 3 goals, the boys put in a dominant performance, with the pick of the goals being a bullet header from Kobe Frazer from a corner, a thing of beauty. The boys are the first team in many years to reach the semi-finals of the County Cup, and they deserve a pat on the back for this when you see them. It's also worth noting that our man of the match on the day was by far, Zak Aimable-Lina, legend.

## Staff vs 6th form Futsal

A big crowd descended on the sports hall on Friday to witness the match and experience came out on top. It was feisty affair as expected, with the 6th formers looking to leave their mark on the teachers. The teachers were a bit too long in the tooth for that though, and managed to open the 6th formers up on several occasions to take a lead that they could never quite drag back. Special shout out to Mr Silva who took the brunt of the challenges, and we look forward to a re-match after Easter. There was also a special guest referee appearance from a former student Akwasi, who seems to have forgotten a few of the basic football rules, but still great to see him and the boys!

## Handball

With a lot of basketball, football and rugby happening in recent months, finding the time to run handball training has been tricky, however, we still managed to get some squads together to take to 2 separate festivals earlier in the week. The year 10s showed their class against some tough opposition, but the 11s struggled slightly. Both teams represented the school extremely well.



Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff vs 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Futsal	Staff 9 – 6 Students	Silva x 3, Atkins x 2, Rimmer x 2, Quinn	Smithers
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	U14 Football vs Ashcombe – Surrey Cup Quarter Final (Away)	4-3	Aimable-Lina, Daniels, Frazer, Zepa	Aimable-Lina
	U15 Handball vs Carshalton Boys/Archbishop Tenisons/Glenthorne – Croydon League (Away)	1 win 2 losses	Various	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	U16 Handball vs Carshalton Boys/Woodcote/Riddlesdown – Croydon League (Away)	1 draw 2 losses	Various	

## UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

This week, 180 of our most gifted Mathematicians across Years 9-11 sat the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge paper. The competition encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to challenge students across the UK.



# IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP

Mr M Farrah

Yesterday, the Transition classes enjoyed a really enjoyable day out at the Imperial War Museum. The Year 8s have been studying war poetry in their English lessons so they got to see so many aspects of trench warfare brought to life. This museum is one of my favourites, and we were able to enjoy the newly opened WW2 exhibition. If you haven't been recently, I really recommend it. There are some pictures for you to enjoy.



# RUGBY TRIP TO LONDON IRISH

Mr A Pavli

On Saturday a number of Year 7's and Year 8's Rugby players were selected to go on a rewards trip for their contribution to rugby through this year, they attended London Irish game against Exeter chiefs where the result was in the Exiles favour. If you see the boys please ask them how their trip was.

A huge thanks to both Miss McConnell and Miss Kingston for giving their Saturday's and helping on the day. Another thanks to Miss Kingston for securing the tickets for free for the boys through her old club.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Life Skills Day</li><li>Sixth Form interviews for internal applicants</li><li>Year 12 trip to Roehampton University and Royal Holloway University</li><li>Virtual Options Webinar</li></ul>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 9 parents' and options evening (virtual)</li></ul>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Transition trip to King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery</li></ul>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 10 class tests</li><li>Year 11 mocks</li></ul>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 12 parents' evening (virtual)</li></ul>

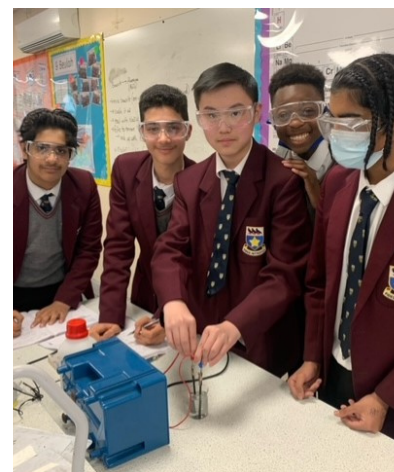
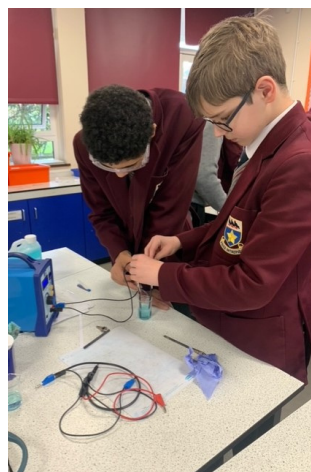
The Year 9 Options process will start with a webinar on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6pm explaining the Options process. Here is the link:

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

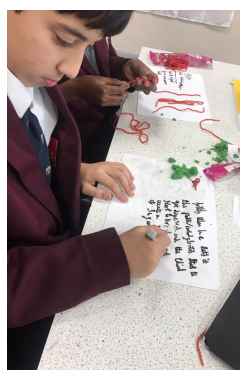
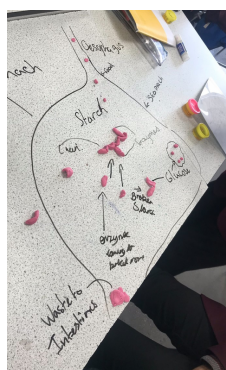
Tuesday 8th February is Year 9 virtual Parents Evening where you can discuss option choices with subject teachers.



The Year 10 Triple Science class completed a Required Practical this week, looking at the products when different solutions are electrolysed (using graphite electrodes to pass an electric current through an electrolyte solution). Students worked in groups and rotated round the classroom to test the four different solutions. Their GCSE exams will have questions that assess their practical knowledge so students made sure to understand each key stage of the practical.



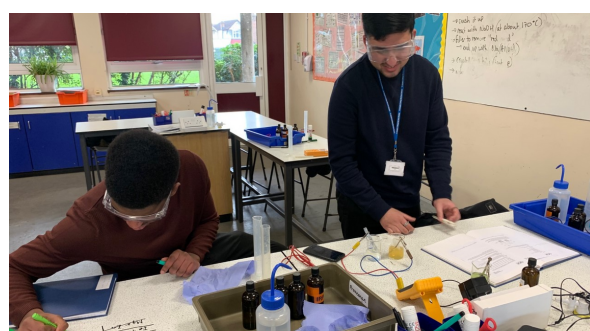
The Year 8s have been busy Enzyme Modelling and here are few pictures of Y12 Applied Science doing Chromatography using TLC plates to extract the pigments from Ivy, Spinach and Tulip leaves as part of their coursework.



Year 7 are studying forces at the moment, including looking at the effect balanced and unbalanced forces have on motion. To test their understanding 7Y3 used a dance mat of balanced and unbalanced force arrows with students moving in the direction of the overall force (resultant force). Miss Wilkins' DJ skills were a bit old school so the boys brought her up to scratch - there were also a few extra moves thrown in as the boys moved about.



As part of their A Level Chemistry course students complete regular assessed practicals. Y13 built and tested the potential difference of electrochemical cells using metal electrodes suspended in solutions of their ions. Because of the Pandemic this was Miss Wilkins' first time completing this practical at St Joseph's - and she was definitely the most excited of the whole group when it worked! Students worked efficiently as teams and then compared the data they collected to published values and they were very accurate in their outcome.



Next Friday we will be running a Science house event which includes all year groups. May the best house win!



# ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE!!

Mr M Farrah

On Tuesday, an army of Zombie Hunters gathered in the Hall to prevent the destruction of the human race. The Zombies were coming and the fate of humanity would rest in the hands of one House. The Houses were given three different tasks to contribute to the survival of man: firstly, a viral video to spread the message of how to defeat the zombies; secondly, a cookery challenge to make a delicious and nutritious meal of rations to keep their army fighting fit; and finally a construction challenge to build emergency shelters. For this event, we teamed up with SleepPod, a local charity that distributes warm and dry shelters for rough sleepers so the shelters the students built will go directly to someone in need.

This event was designed to build a sense of community among students from all year groups, and it was wonderful to see students from Year 7-13 working together, building relationships, and dedicating themselves to the same goal. Best of all, with the SleepPods, the students got to do some good for our wider community too.

All the Houses made brilliant contributions to this event. Special shout out goes to Grange for their video that caused the Hall to erupt into cheering and clapping. Ultimately, Dane House had the strongest army and defeated the purge: humanity is safe for another day!



## INTERHOUSE DODGEBALL

Mr T Quinn

### Year 7

Winners: Grange

Runners-up: Netherton

### Year 8

Winners: Dane

Runners-up: Grange

### Year 9

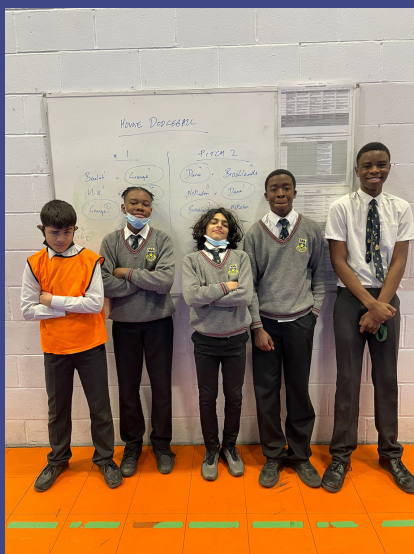
Winners: Grange

Runners-up: Dane

### Year 10

Winners: Dane

Runners-up: Grange



## UCAS UPDATE

All year 13 students applying for university successfully submitted their applications through UCAS by the 26th January deadline and now await their interviews and offers.



# WORD OF THE WEEK

# GCSE POD TOP 3



## apprentice

**Definition:** a young person being trained to do a skilled job, often with a particular trade in mind.

**Word class:** noun.

**Context:** the concept of being an apprentice can be traced back to Medieval England, when a young person would be 'bound to their master' as they learnt a skilled trade. By the 1600s, it was compulsory to be an apprentice before entering a trade, with the most common being bakers, blacksmiths and dressmakers. These apprenticeships often began at the age of 14 and could last up to 7 years. Children as young as 5 years old were sometimes found to be apprentices for 14 years in the pursuit of become a chimney sweeper! A wage was often minimal or non-existent, with accommodation, food and clothing the most common form of payment.

**Synonyms:** trainee, student, intern, learner, novice, beginner.

## Year 10

- 1 – Mohamed Bah
- 2 – Iker Solis
- 3 – Jelani Okonkwo

## Year 11

- 1 – Sarim Haya
- 2 – David Oluyemi
- 3 – Fahad Ismail



# BUSINESS UPDATE

*Miss V Dafiaghor*

Last term, our year 9 Enterprise students sharpened their entrepreneurial minds by developing business ideas and creating a pitch. This term, the students will deliver their pitches in our virtual Dragon's Den event! The students are pitching for a loan to fund their business ideas. On our panel, we have successful entrepreneurs, St Joseph's Alumni and a representative from the Peter Jones Academy. The event will take place on the last day of term Friday 11th February during Period 5.

In addition to this, our year 10 GCSE students have made astounding progress since the beginning of the academic year. Two of our students regularly complete A level Business work during lessons. This has created intellectual curiosity in lessons amongst all the students. The pupils have developed a hardworking culture and a love for the subject in a short space of time.

As a department we are excited to see our pupils flourish and anticipate great things from them in the near future.

# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

*Mrs R Cashmore*

It's National Apprenticeship Week next week and years 10 and 11 will be enjoying a presentation from the National Apprenticeship Service while professionals come in to check CVs and offer interview tips for year 13. Look out for a letter to parents with links to some great webinars and workshops.



# YEAR 11 EXAM UPDATE

Year 11 PPE2 Exams:

These will be starting after half-term and all students will be issued with a timetable. Students have also been given revision lists to help them prepare. We encourage the boys to use their time during half term for revision, utilising apps such as GCSE pod to help with this.

Study Space

Year 11 and 13 will have access to a supervised study room from Monday 7th February 2022. This will be a quiet safe space, with access to laptops for those needing it. The room will be S23 and will be available from 3pm-4pm.