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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

1 John 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

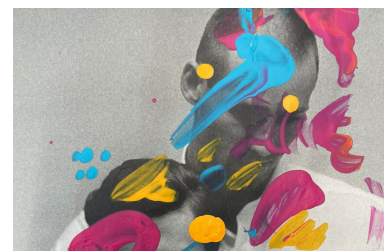
Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope you all had a peaceful break and stayed safe in the stormy weather.

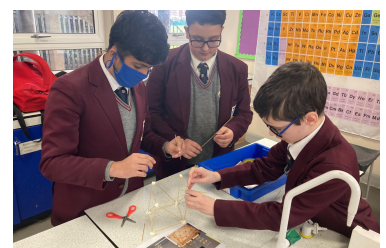
This week our Year 11 students commenced their final set of Pre Public Examinations. We thank all those that attended the half term study sessions in school. It is also lovely to see so many students availing of the Study Club after school and preparing for these important examinations. We wish them luck as they continue next week.



The final week of the last half term was a busy week with many exciting House events taking place. The college also had their first Student Wellbeing Day. The engagement and participation of students in the events was fantastic and we know students got a lot out of this day. A Dragon's Den activity also took place with students in year 9 confidently presenting their business pitches to a team of potential investors. We also celebrated an Awards Event whereby four individuals from each year group received a Raspberry Pi computer along with accessories. It was lovely to meet the proud parents/ carers to celebrate their son's success.



Next week on Monday we are receiving a visit from a De La Salle Brother, Chris who has travelled over from America to visit our college. Students will see him on site and some will have an opportunity to speak to him about what life is like as a De La Salle Brother. We are very much looking forward to his visit.



God bless

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>

Br Chris Patino to visit SJC

Br Chris Patino (US Lasallian Brother) will be visiting the College on Monday, 28th February. Of all the Lasallian Schools/Colleges in the UK, we are delighted that he has chosen our College to visit. He wants to see for himself the great work that we've been doing on ethos as well as to celebrate with us our successful denominational inspection report.

He will be meeting with our: student council, altar servers and will deliver a talk to staff. Having met him before online, I am pleased that he will be able to meet our students.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 2nd March sees Ash Wednesday, thus the start of Lent. Our Year 8s will take part in the Ash Service and we thank Fr Anthony Cassidy, in advance, for offering to lead the Service.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. On Ash Wednesday we wear ashes on our foreheads. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ashes also symbolise grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

Prayer Monitor

At the request of the Student Council, every form class will have a prayer monitor. Their role will include leading the 'lesson prayer' and the 'form time prayers' as well as supporting me in the planning, preparation and delivery of Chapel assemblies, Masses and Services. I look forward to sharing the names of these students with you.

Lasallian Award

Following on from the very successful Lasallian Award last year, the Lasallian organisation has brought it back for 2022! I will be speaking to year groups about it this week during our Chapel Assembly. This Award is an opportunity for students to show how they are living the 5 Respects, within and outside of the College. We had 25 students successfully take part in the award last year, but we want more. Our College has a good history with winners; one of our very own won the prize for the Gold Award!!

Prayer for Europe

Of course, news of violence and war in Ukraine has dominated the news, with the Prime Minister referring to a Russian invasion of Ukraine as a 'catastrophe for our continent'. Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to make 2nd March (Ash Wednesday) a day of intense prayer and fasting for Ukraine. This prayer is for peace.

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms. Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CALLING ALL FORMER STUDENTS

If you're a former student of St Joseph's College, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

To sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

<https://futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sjcollege>



ART SHOWCASE

Year 12 Photography - Artists



CURRENT

1ST BEULAH 7997

HOUSE STANDINGS

2ND BROOKLANDS 6982

UPCOMING EVENTS

LANGUAGES

3RD GRANGE 6719

SWIMMING GALA

4TH DANE 6426

FRIDAY QUIZ

5TH NETHERTON 6076

WORLD BOOK DAY

6TH HILL 5805

BIG EVENT 4

THIS WEEK IN PE - HALF-TERM ROUND UP

Mr R Atkins

Here is a summary of our sporting achievements this half term, with a few stats!

As we get to the business end of some of our sporting seasons, opposition have got tougher, and the pressure has built. The boys have dealt with this admirably as per usual, and have picked up wins in football, basketball, handball and volleyball this side of Christmas. It has been a great feeling actually getting so far into a sporting season, without BBC News telling us at 5pm one night, that we have got to stop it all, let's pray that never happens again...

Big achievements this term have been the U14 Football team reaching the Surrey County cup semi-finals, they play away at Hampton next term. And our U15 Volleyball team coming runners up in the Croydon meet up. As well as this, our U12 Football team have a Surrey County cup quarter final to play, and our U13 Football team have already wrapped up the Croydon League championship (barring some miraculous results elsewhere).

Basketball all ages have gone from strength to strength, and we look like a real force in the Croydon Borough. Next term, we start creeping towards the cricket season, which will once again include some staff cricket fixtures.

Sporting stats this half term:

Games played:

Total: 35

Football - 9

Handball - 8

Basketball - 6

Volleyball - 10

Rugby - 2

Goals/points scored:

Football Goals Scored - 25

Football Goals Conceded - 22

Basketball points scored - 197

Basketball points conceded - 115

Wins/Losses/Draws

Wins - 17

Draws - 1

Losses - 17

Cumulative attendance at Extra-Curricular Clubs this HT:

1400 students



WELL-BEING DAY

Miss C Budd

On Monday 7th February our students were engaged in our very first "Well-being day". They got to take part in various activities throughout the day including: Sport, Yoga, Expressive Poetry, Art, Karaoke, Orienteering.

The students engaged extremely well in all the activities and all the staff visitors were impressed with their enthusiasm and focus throughout the day.



6TH FORM UNIVERSITY VISITS



Roehampton University



Royal Holloway University

An inspiring day at two Universities spent looking at life as a student, what is on offer at University and the study skills needed to get there. We really enjoyed meeting current students and hearing about their journeys. 6th Formers - Remember to take up opportunities of summer schools and tasters to boost next years applications!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Monday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Options Consultation with parents (virtual 3-4.30pm)Visit from Brother Chris from the De La Salle District in San Francisco New Orleans
Monday 28 th February- Friday 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 class testsYear 11 Mocks
Wednesday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 triple Science students trip to GCSE Science Live
Monday 7 th March- Friday 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 class testsYear 13 mocks
Tuesday 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7 parents' evening (virtual)

The Year 13 Chemists completed their first REDOX titration this week - as the purple potassium permanganate solution is added to an iron sulfate solution it reacts and turns colourless. When the purple colour persists the end point has been reached and they can use the volume added to calculate the concentration. Students worked really efficiently and accurately and demonstrated excellent practical skills to some trainee teachers that were observing.



Year 12 Chemists completed one of their Practical assessments this week looking at energy changes in reactions. They worked really well both in their partnerships but also as a class and are definitely honing their practical skills!



The Year 7s also spent a lesson examining and dissecting some different organs as they learnt more about blood vessels. I think its fair to say they enjoyed it!




LITERACY CORNER

With World Book Day due to take place on Thursday, 3rd March, we have been preparing a mix of games and book-appreciation activities to celebrate. In addition to this, the 25th anniversary of the Harry Potter series means that books are all the range this term!

World Book Day activities will involve:

- Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt
- KS3 read-along in lesson
- Tutor Time book quiz
- Staff book-appreciation video

We look forward to sharing the success of SJC students' participation in World Book Day in the next addition of the newsletter.



positivity

Definition: the practice of being (or tendency to be) positive or optimistic in attitude.

Word class: noun.

Context: reasons to be positive: the days are getting longer, there are less covid restrictions and school has returned for the second half of the spring term! The first use in English was more neutral, as 17th-century academics discussed the "positivity of sin", meaning that sin was not just the absence of good behaviour but an emotion in its own right. Since then "positivity" has been applied in many senses, such as in Mathematics, Science and to describe everyday behaviour.

Synonyms: optimistic, eager, willingness, zeal, alacrity.

TRANSITION TRIP - ROYAL ARTILLERY BARRACKS

Mr M Farrah

The World Wars play a big part of the Transition curriculum. Year 7s read *Private Peaceful*, a novel about a boy who goes off to fight in the trenches for England, whereas the Year 8s will read *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, a novel about a friendship forged in the darkest circumstances of the Holocaust.

Earlier in the year, the Transition students enjoyed a trip to the Imperial War Museum, and at the end of February, they were able to enjoy a tour of the King Troop Royal Horse Artillery training camp in Woolwich. The King George VI troops were busy preparing for the Queen's Jubilee parades so our students were treated to a display of the horse parade, a tour of the stables, saddlery, and the guns. They even forged us a horseshoe to take home! It was a great chance to see soldiers at work and gain an appreciation for the day-to-day life of a soldier in active service.

Our tour guides were so gracious and informative and the boys peppered the soldiers with questions all day long.



SCIENCE HOUSE EVENT

Ms A Naseem

- 1st - Brooklands
- 2nd - Grange
- 3rd - Dane
- 4th - Netherton
- 5th - Beulah
- 6th - Hill



UCAS UPDATE

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

PRIZE GIVING


On the 8th February 2022 a small prize giving ceremony took place for four pupils in each year group from years 7 to 11. These pupils were nominated by their Head of Year and Pastoral Leader for the following attributes:

- Achievement
- Attendance
- Contribution to the College
- Most improved

Parents were invited to celebrate the pupils' achievements and to witness them proudly receiving their Raspberry Pi computer, monitor, computer headset and camera.

Name	Year	Award
Kyrese Kar	7	Most Improved
Kevarie Green	7	Attendance
David Kalubi	7	Contribution to the College
Jul Emanuel Izajar Balanta	7	Achievement
Abdul Malik Odus	8	Most Improved
Godwin Atto	8	Attendance
Hamza Kargbo	8	Contribution to the College
James Okunola	8	Achievement
Khalil Carrol-Thompson	9	Most Improved
Cris Lawrence Villeza	9	Attendance
Jeremiah Osunkunle	9	Contribution to the College
Igor Mischczynyn	9	Achievement
Jaziah Pringle	10	Most Improved
Stephen Getu	10	Attendance
Donald Ogu	10	Contribution to the College
Malachi Mullings	10	Achievement
Nahum Harrison	11	Most Improved
Mahad Khan	11	Attendance
Amani Takyi	11	Contribution to the College
Harris Abbas	11	Achievement



	<h2>conflict</h2>
Definition: a serious disagreement or argument; a sustained armed struggle.	
Word class: noun.	
Context: conflict has, unfortunately, often been the proposed solution to so many disputes across the history of the world. It seems that despite the bloody history of so many nations Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, has failed to recognise the harm that conflict creates. He has sent Russian forces into Ukraine on a so called 'peace-keeping' mission in the regions of Luhansk and Donetsk, both on the borders between Ukraine and Russia. World leaders have responded by severing financial ties with Russia, with US President, Joe Biden, stating that they have "cut off Russia's government from Western financing."	
Synonyms: dispute, quarrel, hostility, clash, friction, fight, war.	

Year 11:

- 1 – Simeon Olugh-Chukwu
- 2 – James Rallos
- 3 – Timi Obisesan

Year 10:

- 1 – Dylan Pintor
- 2 – Kieron Ofori-Boakye
- 3 – Zain Mir



COVID UPDATE

Mr S Cabrera

We have once again had major changes to how the COVID-19 pandemic will be managed in the UK. This has changed the way we manage things in the College.

Testing

It is not a legal requirement to take lateral flow tests twice weekly anymore. Those who are in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not have to take daily lateral flow tests anymore.

Self-isolation

The Government has stated that it is not a Legal requirement to isolate if you have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. However it is still advisable to isolate.

Those who catch COVID are most infectious in the first 2 days of catching it and most are not infectious after 5 days. As a college we are following guidance by asking that if a student tests positive on a lateral flow test or is unwell and has symptoms of COVID-19 that they should not come to school during the period that they may be infectious. They are unwell and this will be recorded as illness for attendance. We would ask that you inform the attendance officer as they are unwell and also inform covid@sjc.ac. Students with COVID-19 should not attend the College while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to the college as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

YEAR 11 EXAM UPDATE

Year 11 PPE2 Exams:

We are now half way through our second set of 11 exams. Students have been given revision lists to help them prepare.

Study Space

Year 11 and 13 will have access to a supervised study room.

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.



GT SCHOLARS
**ONLINE
CAREERS
DAY**

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2022

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM



Open to Parents and Young People aged 13 to 18

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