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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

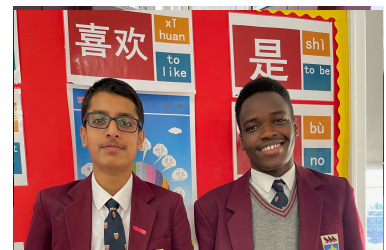
*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
Psalm 23:4*

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a good start to the new year. We are pleased with how quickly students have settled back into the routines of school following the Christmas break. This half term we said goodbye to Mrs Horner who left the college to return to her home country of Canada. We wish Mrs Horner good luck in her ventures and thank her for all the contributions she has made over the past five years. We also welcomed Miss Williams to the Senior Leadership Team as Interim Senior Teacher. Miss Williams will be overseeing Teaching and Learning across the college, and we look forward to all the fantastic ideas she will bring.



Since our last newsletter, many students have been busy sitting exams with Year 12 undertaking their Mock Examinations, Year 11s sitting a TMF and many vocational students in the sixth form and Year 10 sitting external vocational examinations. We pray that students achieve the grades they wish for in these tests. In addition, students have been busy engaging in the many sporting events the PE department have organised with some very impressive wins.



Finally, we thank our community for the support you have provided to the college over the past week after we received the sad news of the death of our colleague and Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Wells. Mrs Wells had worked at the college for over twenty years and had an immense impact on all the young people she worked with. She embodied the Lasallian ethos of teaching minds and touching hearts – demonstrating deep care and profound nurture for all the students she supported. She will be greatly missed by all at St Joseph's College. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and all those close to her at this time of grief. May her soul rest in peace.



Mrs Catherine Kane

# CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. A phrase, perhaps we are tired of hearing by now but this is not just a greeting. Let this also be a prayer – that God may grant you a peaceful and fruitful new year.

In his New Year message, Pope Francis has suggested that we use this year to prayer for peace. Peace, the Pope said, “demands concrete actions. It is built by being attentive to the least, by promoting justice, with the courage to forgive, thus extinguishing the fire of hatred.” Pope Francis also championed embracing a positive attitude, “one that always sees, in the Church as well as in society, not the evil which divides us, but the good that unites us.”

Finally, as a College community are mourning the deaths of Mrs Sadie Wells and Zaian Aimable-Lina. We pray for the repose of their souls.

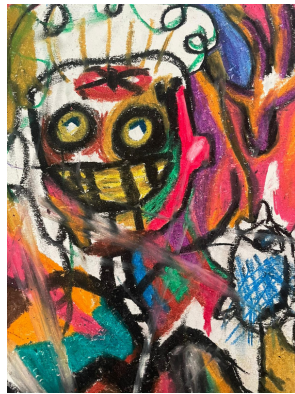
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.  
Amen



## ART SHOWCASE

Keith Haring Experiments - Year 9, 10 & 11



TERM 1

HOUSE STANDINGS

UPCOMING TERM EVENTS

- ICT
- ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
- SCIENCE
- FRIDAY QUIZ
- DODGEBALL (Y9 & 10)

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 "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

The big games are coming thick and fast this term, as we are still fighting in all year groups in the Surrey and Croydon Cups. The main highlights have included the year 9 boys going away to Whitgift and beating them 4-0, and our year 7s going away to Woodcote with a depleted squad and beating them 2-0. There were some fears that the 7s may lose their gaffer this year, but despite getting a leaving present from us in PE, he has decided to stay on as a Basketball Coach/Cover Teacher/Football Coach – Thanks Mr Silva!

## Basketball

With the amount of basketball hoops currently in the playground, the pressure has been on us to deliver results in our fixtures this year, and thankfully, so far, we have. The year 9s look a strong side with Charles Bewaji the pick of the bunch, and our year 11s have been getting some great results on the road – a welcome distraction for them at a stressful time in their lives.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs have been very well attended already this term. Our swimming club has had great numbers in the first 2 weeks. Please keep reminding students of what we have on offer!



Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	U14 Football vs Whitgift – Croydon Cup Last 16 (Away)	4-0	Aimable-Lina x 2, Zepa x 2	Frazer
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	U16 Basketball vs Lanfranc – Croydon League (Away)	40-32	Top scorer: Smith	Nwaonu
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	U14 Football vs Woodcote – Croydon League (Away)	0-2		
	U15 Football vs Royal Russell – Surrey Cup Last 16 (Away)	0-3		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	U14 Basketball vs Shirley High – Croydon League (Home)	40-17	Top scorer: Bewaji (21 points)	Bewaji
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	U12 Football vs Woodcote – Croydon League (Away)	2-0	Koah x 2	Cleary
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	U16 Basketball vs Shirley High – Croydon League (Away)	32-17	Top scorer: Nwaonu	Nwaonu
	U16 Basketball vs Oasis Shirley – Croydon League (Away)	29-38	Top scorer: Imimole	Smith

Date	Sports	Expected Arrival back to SJC
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	U12 Football vs Rutlish – Surrey Cup (Home) U12 Basketball vs HCP – Croydon League (Away) U13 Football vs HASN – Croydon League (Home)	5:15pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Futsal Tournament @ St. Mary's University U13 Football vs Glyn – Surrey Cup Quarter Final (Away)	4pm 5pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	U14 Basketball vs HASN – Croydon League (Home) U15 Volleyball Tournament @ Thomas More School	5:30pm

On Monday 7th February there will be a Wellbeing Day at St Joseph's College for Years 7-10.

This time of year can be tough on mental health for all of us, so to help combat the winter blues, and to teach the students how to maintain good mental health, there will be various wellbeing activities going on across the school.

Students will take part in P.E, art, music, poetry, and other outdoors activities in order to boost their mood, get them active and get their creative juices flowing.

All students should come into school in their P.E kit that day, but otherwise students will only need to bring in a pen and an open mind!

## MANDARIN SUCCESS

Mr O Austin

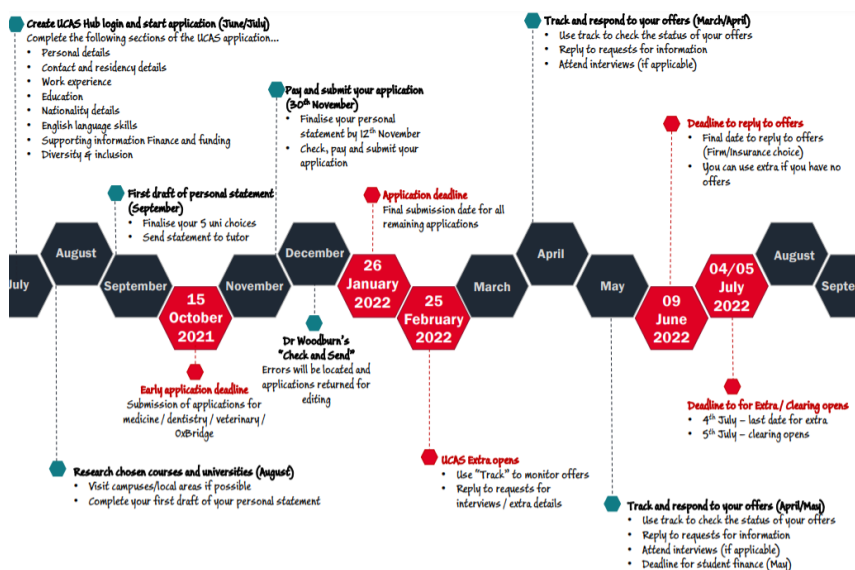
Huge Congratulations to both Gibril Barry and Muhammad Sadiq (11 Grange) for passing their HSK exams.

Their performance in the globally recognised Chinese language proficiency test was outstanding.

They should be very proud of their achievements!



## UCAS DEADLINES



## LITERACY CORNER

Mr H Henry

The library has seen some exciting events since the start of term, with the new 'Scrabble Club' taking place on Wednesday lunchtimes. Such has been the success that Year 7 students have started gathering in the library every other day to compete for the title of 'Word Wizard'!

Staff have also been monitoring literacy closely since returning, with Mr Ahmad proving that literacy is important in Maths too. Mr Ahmad has had his KS3 and GCSE classes complete 5-a-day activities based on command words found in GCSE Maths exams, for example, 'construct'. Well done to Mr Ahmad!







# Extra-Curricular Clubs

Term 2 Timetable 2021 - 2022



	Morning – 7.15 – 8	Lunchtime – 12:45-1:15	After School 2:45 – 3:45
Monday	Basketball (SH) / Year 7,8 & 9 RAS	Futsal Club (SH) / Year 11 MCL	BTEC Catch up (CISCO) / Year 10, 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form ALL PE STAFF Chelsea FC Futsal (SH) / Year 7 & 8 MCL
Tuesday	Basketball (SH) / Year 10 & 11 API		Basketball (SH) / Year 7 & 8 TQN RAS
Wednesday			Football (Fields) *Pre big games* / Year 7, 8 & 9 TQN RAS JRR Basketball (SH) / Year 9, 10 & 11 JRR API
Thursday	Handball (SH) / Year 7 - 10 JRR	Futsal Club (SH) / Year 11 MCL	Gym Club (Fitness Suite) / Year 10 & 11 All PE Staff Chelsea FC Futsal Club (SH) / Year 9 & 10 MCL Rugby Club (Meadow) / Year 7 & 8 API Boxing Club (Gym) / Year 11 Boxing Coach
Friday	Swimming Club (Pool) / All years All PE Staff		

### INFORMATION

Full School PE Kit/Chelsea Kit is required to attend an after school club. Lunch clubs and morning clubs take place in the sports hall and are open to the first 30 students. Trainers are required to participate.

## PLASTIC MAKING IN SCIENCE

Mr A Daly

The boys were mixing PVA glue with Borax to create a plastic like substance, demonstrating the process of making plastic from crude oil. The blue food dye was added to make it look better and although it made quite a mess, the students really enjoyed it!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 class tests Year 11 class tests Year 13 class tests
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 virtual Parents' evening
31 <sup>st</sup> January- 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 class tests Year 13 class tests
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Transition trip to Imperial War Museum
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 12 trip to Westminster Abbey
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Form interviews for internal applicants
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Parents' evening/options evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Form interviews for external applicants

The Year 9 Options process will start with a webinar on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6pm explaining the Options process. A link will be sent nearer the time.

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



## apology

**Definition:** a regretful acknowledgement or admission of an offence or failure.

**Word class:** noun

**Context:** *Apology* comes to English from the Greek roots of *apo-* (“away from, off”) and *logia* (from *logos*, meaning “speech”). The first use of the word is seen in a hand-written *apology* in correspondence between members of the British court; a letter addressed to Cardinal Thomas Wolsey in 1526 contains the line “Here is an *apologie* made for the defence of the French King.” In the present day, Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, has been forced to apologise for the lockdown ‘event’ that he and up to 100 other members of his party were involved in during May 2020, a time when rules on socialising were restricted. He has faced calls to resign, partly due to a belief that his ‘apology’ was insincere.

**Synonyms:** regret, remorse, confession, beg-pardon, concession.

**Year 10**

- Dylan Pintor
- Joshua Odejimi
- Kolade Alli

**Year 11**

- Ashwini Nir
- Gibril Barry
- Daniel Folorunso



## SPANISH TRIP

Ms C Wilson

Spain is blessed with culture, history, mountain scenery and plenty of sunshine. From delicious tapas to the warm waters of the Mediterranean, SJC Spanish immersion trip combines everything you want in a Spanish trip.

Following on from previous successful international trips run by the College, we are extremely excited to announce that Year 8 students will have the chance to go on a residential trip to Spain in July 2022.

The trip will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience another culture and be immersed in the traditions of a different country. They will get the chance to meet local children and take part in some high-quality sports and activities, whilst developing their own confidence and knowledge of the Spanish language.

Activities include sports such as football, athletics, tennis, basketball, beach volleyball and swimming; Extra Water Sports such as Surfing, Windsurfing and Paddle Surfing; Daily workshops like cooking, arts & crafts and painting courses; Forest School, Weekly Themed Parties and Excursions, Escape Games and Gymkhanas.



DO NOT MISS IT!!!!

## SJC PARTNER WITH SLEEP POD

We have partnered with a fantastic local charity - Sleep Pod.

*Put simply Sleep Pod could not exist in the form that it does today without the generosity of volunteers giving up their time to help build Sleep Pods. In fact Sleep Pods are entirely built by volunteers and this is one of the main ways that we are able to keep the costs down – ensuring they reach as many rough sleepers and refugees as possible.*

For more information please head to the website: <https://sleeppod.org.uk/>  
OR contact Ms Kingston/Mr Rimmer via email



## NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

We value any comments or suggestions.

Please fill out our survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/LnkwnfNdP1>

Alternatively you can email all feedback to [admin@sjc.ac](mailto:admin@sjc.ac)



# COVID-19 UPDATE

The situation regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing and may well have changed again before you receive this newsletter. This is an update as things stand on the 19th January 2022.

We would continue to ask that all students carry out a lateral flow test twice a week, for example, Sundays and Wednesdays. It would also be advisable to take an additional test if your child feels ill, especially if they have a high temperature or has flu like symptoms.

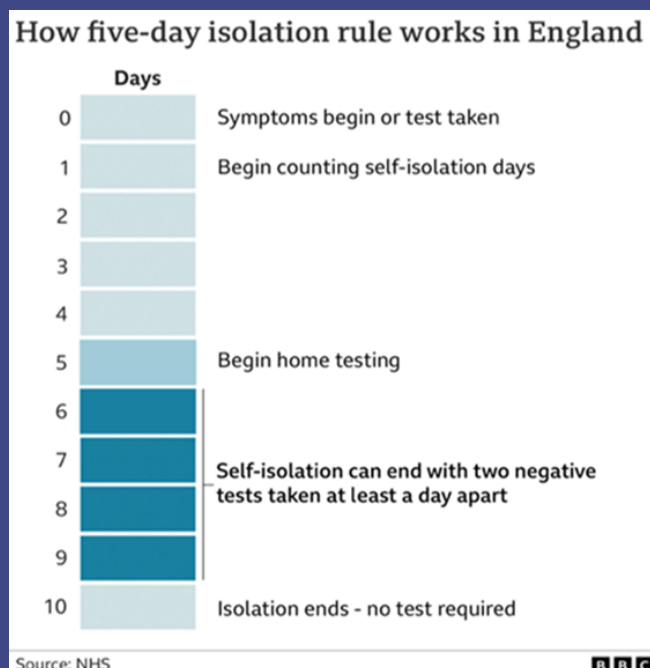
If the lateral flow test is positive your child **MUST ISOLATE**.

You must inform the school on [covid@sjc.ac](mailto:covid@sjc.ac).

They do not need to get a PCR test but can follow the process that is shown in the diagram below. From the day the symptoms start or they tested positive they must remain in isolation for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days.

On day 5 they can take a lateral flow test, if this is negative and one taken 24 hours later on day 6 is also negative then they are able to come out of isolation. **THEY MUST HAVE 2 NEGATIVE TESTS IN SUCCESSION TO END ISOLATION.** E.g. If day 5 is positive but day 6 is negative then they need to test again on Day 7 and if this is negative they can leave isolation. If day 5 is negative and day 6 is positive they need to start again on day 7 and day 8.

If tests are not negative the isolation period ends after day 10.



Even if the child lives with the positive case they do not have to self-isolate.

All close contacts should take a lateral flow test daily for 7 consecutive days. As long as the tests are negative then they can continue to come to school. If a test is positive then they should follow the guidance for being positive above and self-isolate.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are constantly monitoring the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

Please remember that students should be wearing masks in classrooms and buildings. We have given each student a reusable masks and more are available on ParentPay for £2 only. It is student's responsibility to come to school with a mask.

Re-starting 22nd January 2022



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