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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom
Psalm 90:12.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year from the whole team at St Joseph's College, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends. We all hope 2022 sees less disruption than last year, but COVID-19 is sadly still very much with us, and as a school, we will therefore continue to play our part in ensuring the safety of the wider community.

As I am sure many of you will have seen on the news, the government has updated its guidance for schools and ask that all secondary aged students now wear face coverings in lessons as well as on corridors and in communal areas (unless exempt). We thank you for your support in ensuring your child has a mask with them each day. Wednesday saw a smooth start to the new term with the lateral flow testing taking place on site. We encourage all students to continue to test twice weekly at home. This is important for two reasons: firstly so that pupils and their families stay safe and healthy and they don't pass the virus to their peers, meaning they have to miss learning time in school, and secondly to minimise the number of staff affected - one teacher absent for just one week affects many students and lessons and, I'm sure you will agree, our pupils learn much better with their own teachers.

Covid aside, we have another busy term ahead and we look forward to working with you in 2022. This half term Year 12 students will sit their first set of mocks and Year 9 students will have an opportunity to learn about their GCSE Option subjects for next year. Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place virtually on January 25th and Year 9 on February 8th. We hope as many parents as possible can sign up to these important events.

We wish you all a healthy and joyful 2022. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you feel that your child may need some additional help or support with their wellbeing this term.

Mrs Catherine Kane



CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

The phrase "New Year, New Me" is often spoken in the early weeks of January when many new years resolutions are set out. The gym membership gets renewed, the chocolate goes into the back of the cupboard and we pick up that book that we didn't finish last year. Often we start with good intentions but eventually slip back into old habits.

2021 was another fantastic year for the college, despite the various challenges presented, and 2022 carries significant hope and optimism. The Lasallian theme of the year "To dream is our way forward" is particularly significant when setting out fresh targets for the year ahead.

Isaiah 40:30-31 reads "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Whatever our hopes, dreams, ambitions, visions and targets are for the year, let us remember that God promises to be with us. If our focus remains fixed on that, we will surely be in a better place in a years time than we are now.

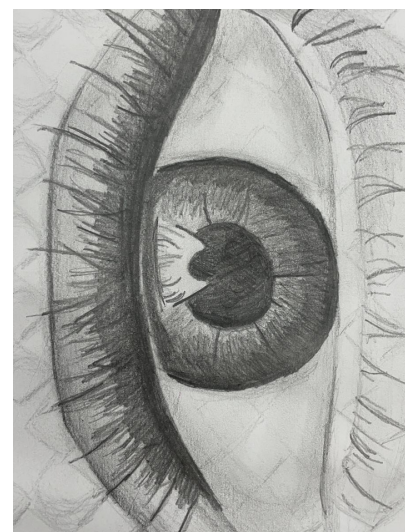
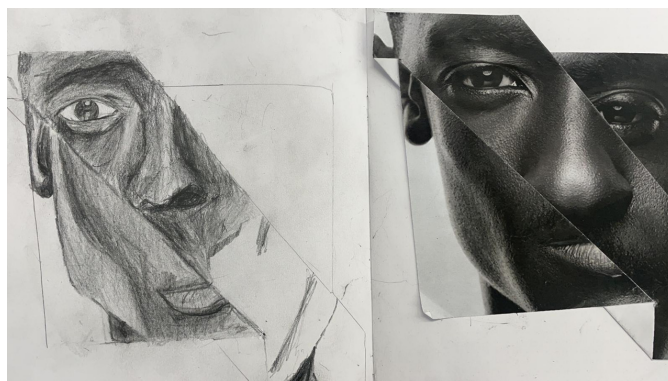
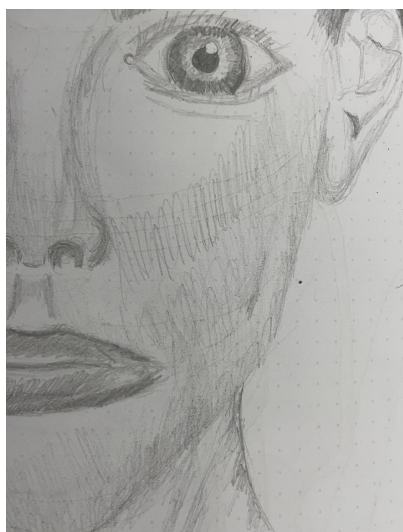
Sadly, over the Christmas break a member of our school community lost their brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of great loss. May God's infinite love and healing be with them in this time of struggle. We pray that all those affected find strength and healing from the eternal love of our Lord God.

Happy New Year and may God bless you and your family in 2022.



ART SHOWCASE

Portraits and features - Year 9



TERM 1

HOUSE STANDINGS

UPCOMING TERM EVENTS

ICT

BIG EVENT 3

SCIENCE

FRIDAY QUIZ

DODGEBALL

1ST BEULAH 7997

2ND BROOKLANDS 6982

3RD GRANGE 6719

4TH DANE 6426

5TH NETHERTON 6076

6TH HILL 5805

AUTUMN TERM PE REVIEW

Mr R Atkins

Football

Totals:

37 Games Played | 26 wins | 3 draws | 8 losses

Total Goals scored: 129 | Total Goals conceded: 58

- All year groups still in Surrey Cup AND Croydon Cup

- Whole school top 3 goal scorers:

Jerome Passley-James – 14 goals, Isaac

Ekpenyong – 11 goals

Justin Omotosho – 9 goals

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Football 5W 1D 2L	Football 8W 2L	Football 5W 1L	Football 6W 2D 3L	Football 2W
Goalscorers:	Goalscorers:	Goalscorers:	Goalscorers:	Goalscorers:
EKPENYONG I – 11 Goals	PASSLEY-JAMES – 14 Goals	DANIELS – 8 Goals	MULLINGS – 7 Goals	YIADOM – 4 Goals
KOAH – 5 Goals	OMOTOSHO – 9 Goals	ZEPA – 7 Goals	BAILEY – 6 Goals	HASSAN – 3 Goals
MARQUES – 4 Goals	KARGBO – 4 Goals	AIMABLE-LIMA – 6 Goals	WEBBER – STEPHENSON – 5 Goals	NYARKO – 2 Goals
EKPENYONG D – 3 Goals	ADUS – 4 Goals	OWUSU – 2 Goals	OSEI-KYERE – 1 Goal	MENSAH-SHERPHERD – 1 Goal
IZAJAR BALANTA – 3 Goals	CORREA – JIMENEZ – 3 Goals	TSISHIWAKA – 2 Goals	CLEARY – 1 Goal	
FRANCO – 1 Goal	BBOSA – 2 Goals	MOSENGO – 1 Goal	DOUIRI – 1 Goal	
DOS SANTOS ESTEVES – 1 Goal	AMR – MUHAMMAD – 2 Goals	KONAN – 1 Goal	SHIFERAW – 1 Goal	
	SALAMI – 1 Goal		SOLLIS – 1 Goal	
	SACKEY – 1 Goal			
	PITCHER – 1 Goal			

Basketball

Totals:

4 games played | 3 losses | 1 win

Whole school Top Point Scorer: Diego Sermatheu

YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 11
Basketball 1L	Basketball 1W 1L	Basketball 1L

Rugby

Totals:

7 games played | 6 losses (we've played some very good schools!) | 1 draw

Whole school Top Try Scorer: Emil Dixon – 6 Tries

Last term was a fantastic start to the year across all sports. In football, despite exiting the National Cup, all sides are going strong in their respective leagues and are still in the Croydon and Surrey Cup competitions. Some notable wins include our U15s beating the notoriously strong Whitgift for the first time in over 6 years and a huge 9-1 U14 win against rivals Riddlesdown.

We also have more students than ever in professional academies which is strong testament to the commitment of our staff over the last few years.

Our extra-curricular timetable is bulging with over 250 students engaged weekly in clubs. For the first time we ran a boxing club for KS4 students and we are launching a morning swimming club this term. We had record numbers at Rugby club and despite our results, we are improving week by week.

We attended indoor cricket, athletics and table tennis events and this term our handball and basketball programmes come into their own. An exciting time to be part of SJC Sport!

YEAR 7	YEAR 8
RUGBY 2L	RUGBY 4L
Try Scorers:	Try Scorers:
TIRAE – Tries x1	OBINNA – Tries x 3
JUAN – Tries x1	EMILE – Tries x 6
	CALEB – Tries x 4
	ROMARIO – Tries x 2



END OF TERM REWARDS & RECOGNITION

Tutor Awards - for outstanding effort and achievement

7 Beulah - Lemar & Kene
7 Hill - Micah & Eden
7 Dane - Nauman & Abraham
7 Brooklands - Hashir & Jakob
7 Grange - Star
7 Netherton - Javarn & Jayden

8 Beulah - Joel & Jayden
8 Hill - Rocco & Jeremiah
8 Dane - Arron & Safiullah
8 Brooklands - Jai & Emil
8 Grange - Simeon & Gustavo
8 Netherton - Ali Mahdi & Kaleem

9 Beulah - Israfeel & Nyron
9 Dane - Nyasha & Stas
9 Brooklands - Rykai & Charlie
9 Grange - Sauban & Denzal

10 Hill - Harman & Krish
10 Dane - Joshua & Michael
10 Brooklands - Leroy & Rafeth
10 Grange - Bryan & Rossi
10 Netherton - Kheiron & Mohammad

11 Beulah - Eden & Ismaeel
11 Hill - Antoni & Nasim
11 Grange - Essa & Yusuf

Highest YG House Points

Year 7
Enock
Joshua
Jul Emanuel
Isaiah
Abubakar

Year 8
Adam
Muhammad Haider
Ahmad Masi
Yosyas
Nirbhay

Year 9
Igor
Rykai
Sir John-Lewis
Omar
Benicio

Year 10
Darryl
Khalil
Stephen
Anwar
Reginald

Year 11
Derry
Simeon
Eden
Oluwatosin
Canali

WORDS OF THE WEEK



respair

Definition: the return of hope after a period of despair.

Word class: verb.

Context: the Oxford Dictionary traces this word back to 1425, but it only became more frequently used in England during the 16th century. Though not commonly used since, usage has increased of the course of the pandemic.

2022. New Year, new you? The time has come to 'respair' once again as New Year resolutions begin and we all strive to move forward into a new period of hope and success.

Synonyms: recover, hope, recuperate, improve, rebound.



January

Definition: January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the first of seven months to have a length of 31 days (in the northern hemisphere usually considered the second month of winter).

Word class: noun.

Context: According to tradition, during his reign (c. 715–673 BCE) Numa changed the Roman republican calendar so that January replaced March as the first month. It was a fitting choice, since January was named after Janus, the Roman god of all beginnings; March celebrated Mars, the god of war. The Gregorian calendar replaced this in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII (8th) modified the calendar – it is now the calendar used in most of the world, having reduced the average year from 365.25 days to 365.2425 days (so we have less leap years as a result!).

YEAR 8 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



YEAR 7 LANGUAGES UPDATE

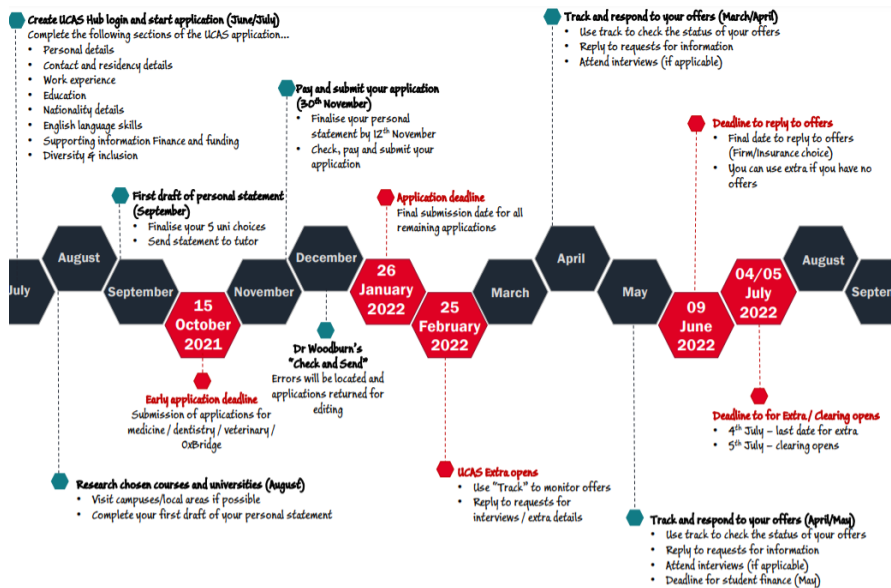
Ms Pazos Casal

Happy New Year! 新年快乐! ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Following on from our successful Modern Languages Carousel last term, our Year 7 students have decided on their Modern Language choices, and will now be focussing on one language.

We are delighted that there has been an increase in the number of students opting to study Mandarin, and to take part in the Mandarin Excellence Programme and equally delighted with those students who have opted to study Spanish and immerse themselves within the Hispanic World.

UCAS DEADLINES APPROACHING



LITERACY CORNER

There is lots to keep an eye on in Literacy this term as we move into 2022. With World Book Day on the horizon (Thursday, 3rd March), we want the boys to be immersing themselves in their reading both inside and outside of the classroom.

The Tutor Reading Programme continues for Year 7 and 8 students, with new sets of books arriving for them to sink their teeth into! 'Red Rock' and 'Dream Monsters' are both exciting, dystopian-style novels that we are sure the boys will love. After a successful term's use of Bedrock Vocabulary, where Year 7 students have been improving their vocabulary knowledge through extended learning tasks, we want to congratulate some students for their incredible dedication. Christopher Campbell, Shamari Blake and Eden Akyerefi-Arthur all won awards before Christmas for their vocabulary progression and consistent application. Well done boys!



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 TH 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.

CAREERS UPDATE

Mrs R Cashmore

The Careers Department are looking forward to visits to Royal Holloway and Roehampton Universities, Woolwich Barracks and meeting some professional Economists at FT Consulting.

Please get in touch with our Careers Lead Rebecca Cashmore, rcashmore@sjc.ac, with any questions or if you would like to help with practice interviews and careers events in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Wk. 10 th - 14 th January	Year 12 Mocks Year 11 class tests
Thursday 13 th January	Student Covid-19 vaccinations Student Flu vaccinations
17 th -21 st January	Year 10 class tests Year 13 class tests
24 th - 28 th January	Year 10 class tests Year 11 class tests Year 13 class tests
Tuesday 25 th January	Year 10 Parents' evening
31 st January- 4 th February	Year 10 class tests Year 13 class tests
Thursday 3 rd February	Year 12 trip to Westminster Abbey

FOODBANK CONTRIBUTION

A huge thank you to all of those who contributed to the Christmas foodbank collection before Christmas. We managed to collect a record number of items and this is testament to the generosity of our amazing community.

Our Head Boy, Josiah, and Head Girl, Fariha, were on hand to drop off the collection in Streatham at the Norwood & Brixton Foodbank.

We will be doing another collection in Easter time so stay posted...



VIRTUAL CAROL CONCERT

Mr N Arnaoutis

For the second year running we moved our Carol Service online and in a very short space of time turned around a fantastic service for all to enjoy from the comfort of home.

It has been viewed over 1600 times and has been shared on multiple platforms.

The students, both readers and performers, who were involved were fantastic throughout the whole process and were a credit to the college.

We are hoping that next year we are able to host people, however thank you to all of those who supported this year's service.

If you wish to view the service you can find the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7YpblmeJOY>



GCSE POD TOP 3 PERFORMERS

Year 10

- Jacob Laurent-Cummins
- Mohammed Khalifa
- Zakariya Haque

Year 11

- Ayo Adesida
- Danai Hassan
- Kokilan Sripaskaran



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

COVID-19 UPDATE

As you may be aware there have been a number of changes to the way positive cases of COVID 19 have to self-isolate and what those who have been in close contact need to do.

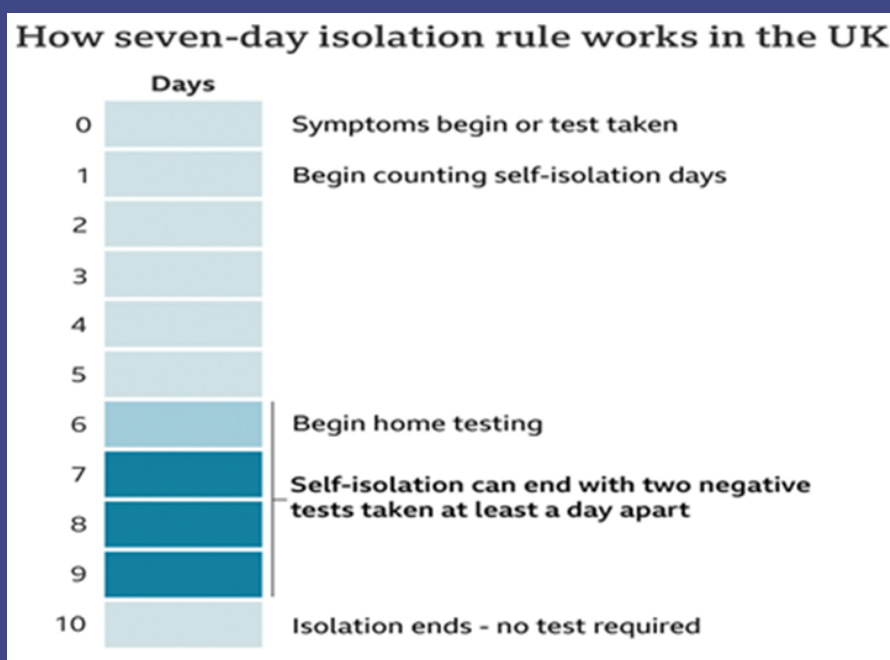
This is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We would continue to ask that all student 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.

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 7 days and a maximum of 10 days. On day 6 they can take a lateral flow test, if this is negative and one taken 24 hours later on day 7 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 6 is positive but day 7 is negative then they need to test again on Day 8 and if this is negative they can leave isolation. If day 6 is negative and day 7 is positive they need to start again on day 8 and day 9. If tests are not negative the isolation period ends after day 10.



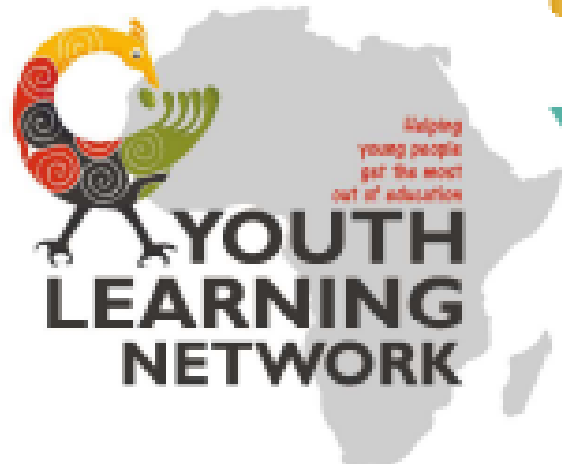
If in close contacts with a positive case

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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**Age
5-16**

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