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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents Carers

I am excited to let you know that we have decided to start a fortnightly newsletter home. The purpose of this is firstly, to keep you, as parents, informed about life at St Joseph's College, and secondly to provide a platform to celebrate all the amazing things our students get involved in daily here at the College. So welcome to our first fortnightly newsletter- I hope you enjoy it!

I'd like to start by welcoming all staff and students back. I really hope your children had an enjoyable half term and rest. It already feels like we are back in full swing. The Senior Maths Challenge took place this week, with students from Years 11-13 participating to show their problem-solving competency and skills. On Thursday we also had an opportunity to observe Remembrance Day with a poignant service in our Chapel with Year 9 students and we have also already had our first trip of this half term with the PE department leading a trip to Twickenham Stadium.

Our Year 11 learners have been busy sitting their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) over the past two weeks. It has been a demanding time for them, and we are proud of the resilience they have demonstrated. Year 11 Parents' Evening will be open to book on November 19th to provide students and parents/ carers with an opportunity to discuss next steps with subject teachers, following the results of these PPEs.

In addition, we received our Section 48 Catholic Life of the School Inspection Report. As a community, we are pleased that the school is now 'Good' in all aspects. Our students impressed the Inspectors throughout the two days, both within and outside of lessons. I hope you have all had an opportunity to read the email containing the full report.

Following our communication with parents regarding the election of a Parent Governor, I would like to encourage all parents/ carers who have not yet voted to complete their electronic vote by Monday 15th November. It is wonderful to see that there is a willingness and interest among the parent body to serve our school and take on this important role and we look forward to announcing our new Parent Governor in our next newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless,

Mrs Catherine Kane

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." ~Romans 12:12

CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

In the Catholic Church, November is the month of Remembrance.

The month began with All Saints' Day, a day dedicated to all the saints in Heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day tends to focus on the recognised saints within the canon of the Catholic Church.

The 2nd of November is dedicated to All Souls or "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed". In the Catholic Church this is an opportunity to pray for all the souls in purgatory. We pray that their soul may be cleansed and purified so that they may be with God in Heaven.

On 11th of November, we remember the War Dead. Ever since 1919 the country has commemorated the soldiers lost in the First World War. As time passed and the country fought in further conflicts it became a time to remember British soldiers lost in all ensuing wars. Our Remembrance Day Service is an opportunity again to reflect on the loyalty of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. Please view last year's Remembrance Day Service on our YouTube page (St Joseph's College SE19)

In our College Chapel, we have present the 'Book of Remembrance'. Should you wish to have your deceased loved one entered into this book, please email me: tarthur@sjc.ac.

Please provide their: First Name, Last Name, the date that they passed (if you can)
God bless



NEW LIBRARY OPENS

Mr H Henry

The new SJC Library is now officially open!

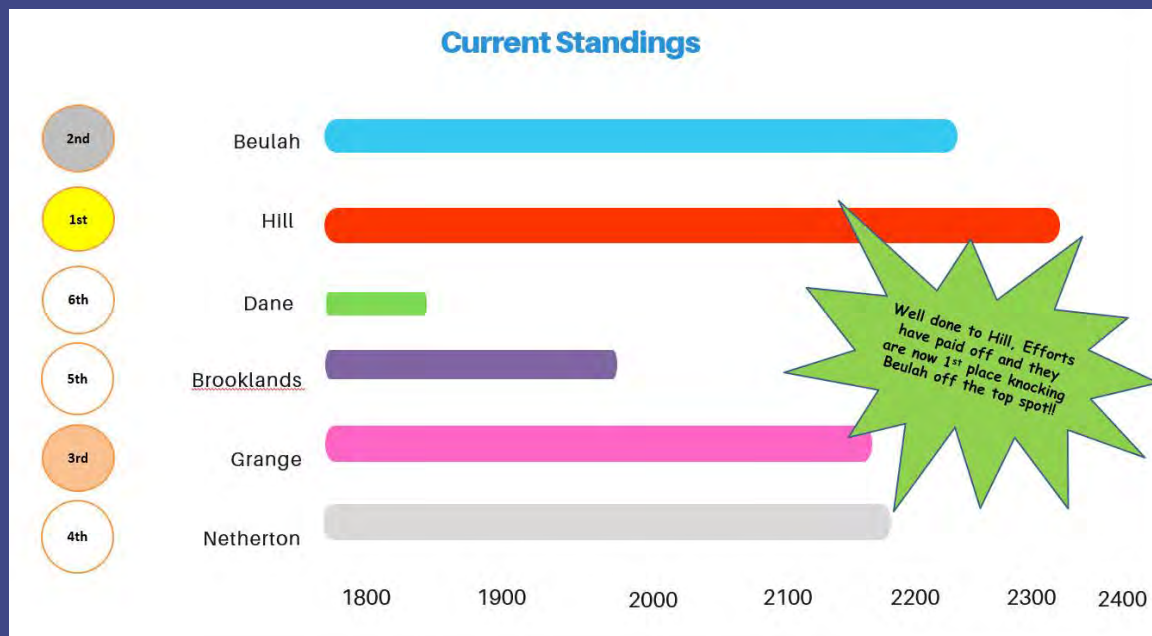
We had a successful opening of the new Library, where selected Year 7 students enjoyed reading and writing games with their peers, as well as receiving a goody bag.

Mr Goodair, Mr Farrah and Mr Henry were all very positive about how engaged the boys were on the day!

CURRENT HOUSE STANDINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- DT
- TABLE TENNIS
- MATHS
- BIG EVENT 2



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.

The weather Gods have shined down upon us this week – enabling us to get the boys outside and into rugby lessons, and to complete a load of fixtures across 3 different sports!

The year 7, 8 and 9 football teams are still fighting on 4 fronts, the Croydon League, Surrey Cup, National Cup and Croydon Cup, a triple quadruple is still on the cards.

Rugby club has paid dividends as the boys went out on a fixture early this week, and despite not quite coming away with the win, still managed to show some great skills and commitment along the way. A special mention must go to Ms Kingston, for all her help and support so far this year with training and the Twickenham trip.



Our first table tennis competition took place on Monday evening at Harris Crystal Palace. All four of the Year 8s that attended represented the school in the most excellent manner and played very well just coming up short against a strong HCACP squad.



Thanks for all of your ongoing support. Up the SJC.



Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Wednesday 3 rd November	U12 Football v Cardinal Pole – National Cup (Away)	1-1	Koah x 3, Ekpenyong x 2, Ekpenyong D, Izajar Balanta	Koah
Thursday 4 th November	U13 Football vs Royal Russell – Surrey Cup (Home)	3-1	Passley-James x 3, Ekpenyong, Amr-Muhammad	Passley-James
Friday 5 th November	U14 Football vs Harris Merton – Surrey Cup (Home)	3-1AET	Zepa x 3, Daniels x 2, Owusu	Tshiswaka
Monday 8 th November	U14 Football vs Coombe Wood – Croydon League (Home)	1-1	Daniels	Cyndrowski
Monday 8 th November	U13 Table Tennis Croydon Championship	Runners up	Squad – Zworski, Blair, Shepherd, Arief	
Tuesday 9 th November	U12 Rugby vs Barn Elms – Friendly (Away)	15-11	Juan, Tiraé	
Thursday 11 th November	U12 Football vs Harris Merton – Surrey Cup (Home)	3-1	Koah, Ekpenyong I, Ekpenyong D	Samson
Thursday 11 th November	U13 Football vs Harris Crystal Palace – Croydon League (Home)	1-1	Passley-James, OG	Bbosa



Date	Sports	Expected Arrival back to SJC
Monday 15 th November	U14 Football vs Kingsdale – National Cup (Home)	
Tuesday 16 th November	U15 Football vs Oasis Shirley Park - Croydon League (Home) U13 Football vs St. Bonaventures – National Cup (Home) U12 Rugby vs Rutlish (Home)	
Wednesday 17 th November	U13 Football vs Archbishop Tenisons – Croydon Cup (Home) U14 Basketball vs Harris Crystal Palace (Away) U16 Basketball vs Harris Crystal Palace (Away)	4pm 4pm
Thursday 18 th November	U13 Rugby vs Harris Beckenham (Away)	5pm

RUGBY TRIP TO TWICKENHAM

Mr A Pavli

On Saturday 6th November, the PE department ran a trip to Twickenham Stadium for the boys to watch an International Rugby match as England beat Tonga 69-3 in front of a crowd of 82,000.

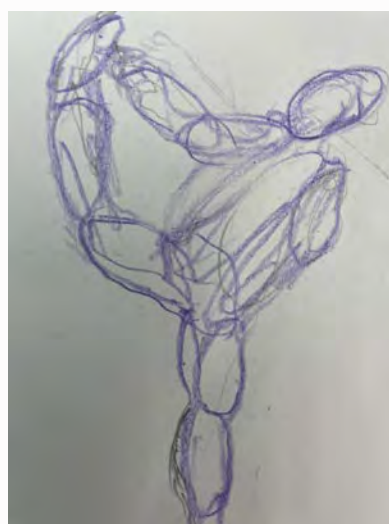
The boys had a great day. Throughout they were brilliantly behaved and cheered on the England rugby team with great enthusiasm.

Thank you to Ms Kingston for all her help on the day.



KS3 Life Drawing "Developing Shapes"

ART SHOWCASE



INTO FILM CLUB

Mrs E Owen

Monday 15th November marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. With this in mind, the Into Film club is meeting again next week to watch 'The Kid Who Would Be King'. This film deals with issues of overcoming bullying, friendship and teamwork. Students will think about and discuss the content of the film and its messages before submitting their thoughtful reviews. This film club screening will be aimed at Years 7, 8 and 9.

Please see me to join or email eowen@sjc.ac



YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 from 4pm - 6.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting and an opportunity to find out how your son is getting on at school. Each session will be 10 minutes long. Do ensure you book your appointments on the 19th November when the booking system goes live

YEAR 11 EXAMS

Mrs P Mantillas

Year 11 have had an incredibly successful two weeks of pre-public examinations. They have worked extremely hard for these exams and we look forward to some wonderful results. Well done to all Year 11 students. We are very proud of you!



UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Mr N Emambux

The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge took place this week. The Senior Mathematical Challenge is a 90-minute, multiple-choice challenge that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still a challenge for those with more experience. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 Maths pupils competed against other students across the country - Good luck to everyone in Team Maths!



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS *Enok Mulumba - 7 Brooklands*

El día de los Muertos es una celebración Mexicana para celebrar a los Muertos. Esta celebración no es como lo que buen en los cementerios porque tiene muchos colores, no solo negro. Hay muchas cosas en esta celebración como flores, instrumentos y algunas veces personas de mariachi. Nadie está triste en 'El día de los muertos' porque es un día para reír y no para llorar. ¿Sabías que 'El día de los muertos' empieza en el dos de Noviembre?

POSITIVE SECTION 48 INSPECTION REPORT RESULT

Mrs C Kane

I am delighted to share with you our Section 48 Inspection report which has now been published. We have secured a **Good in all areas** that were Requires Improvement thus our overall grade is now **Good**.

Highlights of the report for me are the recognition of the highly positive relationships students have with teachers and that pupils are drawn from many communities but identify very strongly with the school.

Pupils made clear to inspectors that they very much value the commitment and hard work of all the staff who they feel 'will always go the extra mile to support them every day'. Congratulations to everybody for creating this positive ethos in our school community.



TRANSITION TRIP TO HORNIMAN MUSEUM

Mr M Farrah

The Year 7 and 8 transition classes recently enjoyed a great day out at the Horniman Museum and Gardens. They were able to delve into the world of anthropology, natural history and musical instruments and had a great time. They were a credit to the school in their conduct and will be producing a project on their findings. Special thanks to everyone who came along with us, the trip wouldn't have been a success without the support.



YR 12 & 13 CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs N Horner

The start of the half term saw students sitting their English Language GCSE examinations. Throughout the first half term, students worked diligently in lessons, brushing up on their comprehension and creative writing skills before sitting the 1 hour and 45 minute examinations. Mrs Horner and Mrs Watson are incredibly proud of their efforts and we are hopeful for a wonderful set of results when they arrive from AQA in January 2022. Good luck!

LITERACY CORNER

It has been a busy first half-term for Literacy initiatives, but we are already seeing the benefits of our efforts with students in Years 7 and 8 who have engaged brilliantly in the Tutor Reading programme. This has seen tutors read books such as 'I Am Malala', 'Noughts & Crosses' and 'A Little History of the World' to their form groups to improve reading ability.

WORD OF THE WEEK



ethos

Definition: the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as demonstrated in its attitudes and aspirations.

Word class: noun.

Context: Ethos means "custom" or "character" in Greek. As originally used by Aristotle (the Greek philosopher), it referred to a person's character or personality, especially in the balance between passion and caution. This concept has more than stood the test of time, with 'ethos' now used by schools, governments, sports teams and many communities to display a belief in a shared image. At St Joseph's, our ethos is demonstrated through our 5 respects: faith, college, learning, others and ourselves. This fits into the wider ethos of the Lasallian educational institution, founded by the De La Salle Brothers, which sees our college share ethos with over 3000 Lasallian schools globally.

Synonyms: spirit, character, values, belief, principles, feeling, disposition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Wk. 15 th -19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Class Tests
15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9/10 'Croydon Voices' (poetry workshop)
18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 trip to see 'Women in Black' Year 11, 12 & 13 Business Trip Year 9/10 'Croydon Voices' (poetry workshop)
20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE trip to the Rugby League World Cup semi-final Emirates Stadium
Wk. 22 nd - 26 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Class Tests Year 13 Mocks
25 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Practice Interview Day

CHESS CLUB

Mr T Mason

This year we have been running a weekly chess club on Thursdays from 3-4pm.

From Rook-ies to Kings, we have seen students of all ages and abilities getting involved and developing their skills. Over the next few weeks the students will be taking part in a tournament that will see students of all year groups competing against one other, to decide once for all who is the SJC Chess Champion.



YEAR 8 SPEECHES ON SLAVERY

Miss C McConnell

"I have a vision fellow classmates, where slavery does not exist. Where my children will not be judged by the pigmentation of their skin. I have a vision where slavery and discrimination are things of the past. My grandparents and parents have suffered so that I could be here today, to stand in front of you and tell you that slavery is wrong." **Harish T 8 Brooklands**
"We are all humans of different races and cultures. Could you imagine if we all looked the same? Being different is beautiful. Let's all unite together to end slavery and end racism." **Usman A 8 Beulah**



Following all their hard work last term, our Year 8 pupils finished their unit on Slavery this week with some fantastic speeches on ending discrimination. The boys were extremely passionate about this topic, having learned about various abolitionist such as Olaudah Equiano Harriet Tubman and how they helped to abolish slavery in the late 1800's.

Our Year 8s made the connection between these fights against discrimination by comparing them to modern day events such as the recent 'Black Lives Matter' campaign following the death of George Floyd, the racist abuse suffered by Bukayo Saka, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho after the Euros 2020 final and the ongoing discrimination towards religious groups in China. They took some inspiration from famous speeches made by Martin Luther King Jr. and Elizabeth I.

We definitely have some future world leaders here at SJC!!

GCSE POD TOP 3 PERFORMERS

Year 10

- Azarias Addis Abebe
- Mohamed Khalifa
- Nathan Hadgu

Year 11

- Yassine Djelladj
- Timi Obisesan
- Fayzan Rizwan



NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

We value any comments or suggestions.

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