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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a busy two weeks here at the College with a Business Studies trip to Stamford Bridge, a Drama trip to the Fortune Theatre and many sporting fixtures. Our Year 13s have also been busy sitting their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and I wish them luck as they continue next week.

This week, our Year 11s enjoyed participating in the Big Interview event. We and the interviewers were very impressed with the maturity and interpersonal skills they demonstrated throughout their interview. We are also pleased to let you know that our school attendance figures remain above the national average - we are very grateful for your support.

I'm sure many of you are looking ahead at the next four weeks and planning your family's Christmas events. We are looking forward to our Christmas Carol Service which will take place on December 15th at 6.30pm in our beautiful chapel. Our choir have been practising and we hope many of you can join us for this joyous, festive service.

God bless

Mrs Catherine Kane

The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

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Christmas Concert

15.12.2021

You are invited to come along to our annual Christmas Concert!

St. Joseph's College Chapel SE19 3HL | 6.30-7.30pm

Please arrive for 6.15pm | stjosephscollege.org.uk



CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

From 28th November, we begin the liturgical season of Advent.

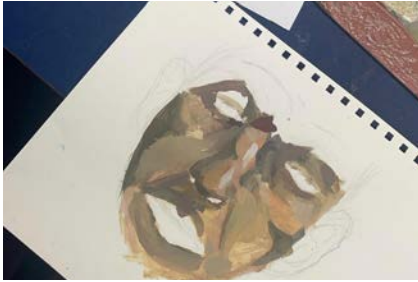
Advent is a period of preparation, looking back at the birth of Jesus and looking forward to his second coming. Many Christians will use these four weeks for prayer, penance and fasting. We want Christmas to be a period of joy and excitement, however for many it is a cause of much stress, anxiety and financial worry. Unfortunately, we know that more people in the UK are using foodbanks and the number increases during the winter months.

In response to this, our College will once again be supporting the Norwood & Brixton Trussell Foodbank. Please see the poster which details the food items that we require. We thank you in advance for your help on this matter. Please ask your son to drop-off all donated items to the **PE Office**.

May God bless you and your family.

ART SHOWCASE

Year 10 Acrylic Paint Workshops based on Lucien Freud & Jenny Saville



 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 

REQUIRED ITEMS

- UHT MILK SEMI SKIMMED AND FULL FAT BLUE/GREEN
- SMALL JARS INSTANT COFFEE
- SMALL JARS HOT CHOCOLATE
- CHRISTMAS THEMED CAKES, PUDDINGS AND BISCUITS
- ALL LONG LIFE
- DEODORANT
- SHAVING FOAM
- SHOWER GEL

HAND ALL ITEMS TO THE PE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

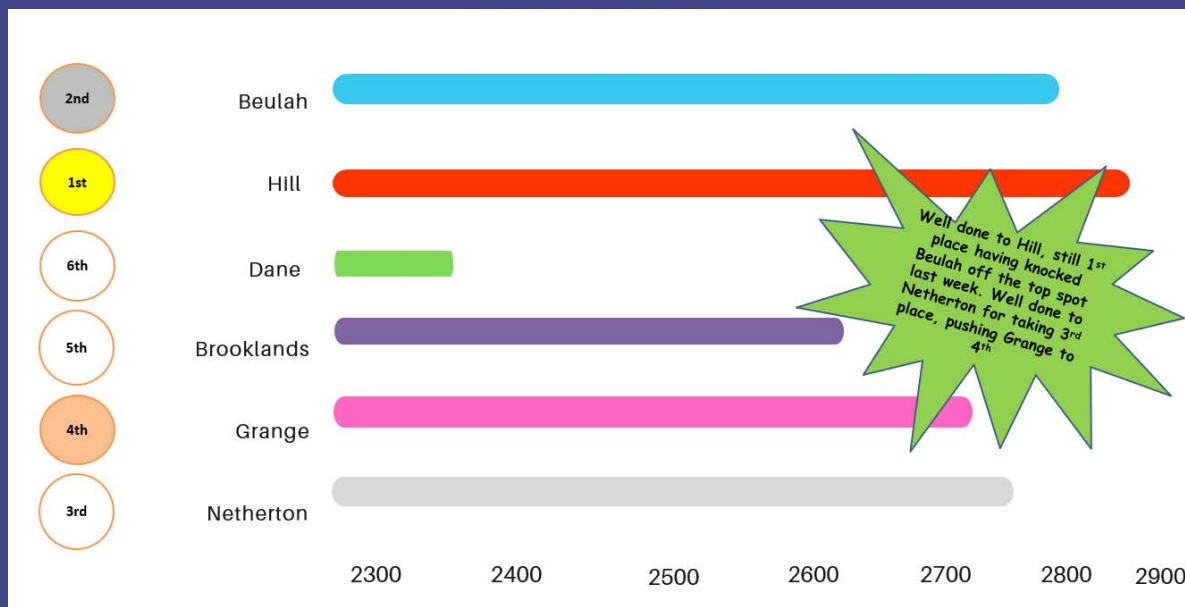
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CURRENT HOUSE STANDINGS

- UPCOMING EVENTS
- FRIDAY QUIZ
- 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 over the past two weeks.

General

There is a more than usual amount of red in the results column this week. This is due to some tough draws and some basketball rustiness... we will be back to more green in no time. Also, please remind students that all sports hall clubs are now back on as they were before half term!

Football

Some of our footballers tasted defeat for the first time this week, as the Year 9 team lost to an extremely strong Kingsdale side, and our Year 8s also crashed out losing 2-1 to St. Bonaventure's from Newham, both in the national cup. We are still very much in the hunt for domestic trophies in the County and Borough cups though. We also had a tough away day for the Year 7s in the national cup as they lost 5-1 in Essex, having done well to get to Round 4, and the future looks bright for them. The boys will be sad to see their gaffer Mr Silva leave in January (as will we...). Year 8s and 10s got back to winning ways though, so league titles are still on!

Basketball

This week has seen the return of basketball, and despite humbling defeats away at the basketball powerhouse Harris Crystal Palace, we are hoping that with some more coaching and experience, our boys can do the business against the other schools in the borough!

Indoor Cricket

Indoor cricket made an early return this year as the U13 boys travelled down to Harris Crystal Palace for an exhibition game. The result was not important though as this was more of a runout for our potential cricketers next summer!

Rugby

Pavli's army did okay in a tournament at Oasis Academy Coulsdon this week, losing out narrowly to the eventual winners! It was a cold one, so it was a good job Pavli had his long socks on for the afternoon!

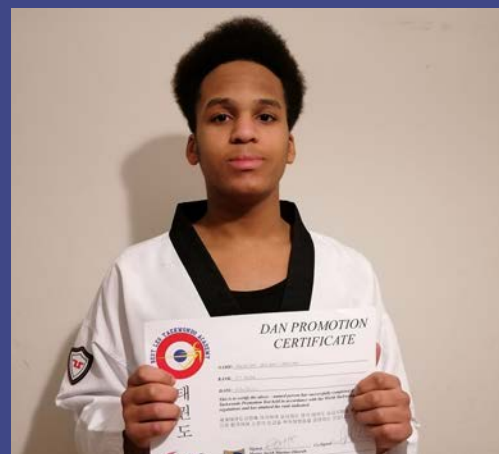


Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Monday 15 th November	U14 Football v Kingsdale – National Cup (Home)	0-4		Frazer
Tuesday 16 th November	U15 Football vs Oasis Shirley Park – Croydon League (Away)	4-0	Mullings x 2, Bailey, Shiferaw	Bailey
	U13 Football vs St. Bonaventure's – National Cup (Home)	0-2	Omosho	Smith
Wednesday 17 th November	U13 Football vs Archbishop Tenisons – Croydon Cup (Home)	6-0	Adus x 2, Omosho x 2, Kargbo, Passley-James	Okunola
	U16 Basketball vs Harris Crystal Palace	18-71	Various	Imimole
	U14 Basketball vs Harris Crystal Palace	14-60	Various	Sermatheu
Thursday 18 th November	U13 Rugby vs Harris Beckenham – Friendly (Away)	15-24	Emile x 2, Caleb	Martey
Monday 22 nd November	U12 Football vs Shenfield High – National Cup (Away)	0-5	Marques	Ekpenyong D
	U15 Football vs Harris South Norwood – Croydon League (Home)	5-1	Mullings, Douiri, Solis	Martins
Tuesday 22 nd November	U13 Football vs Quest – Croydon League (Away)	8-0	Passley-James x 4, Omosho x 3, Bbosa	Passley-James
Wednesday 23 rd November	U13 Indoor Cricket vs Harris Crystal Palace (Friendly)	Loss		
	U13 Rugby @ Tournament Oasis Coulsdon	Drew 1 Lost 2	Emile x 4, Caleb x 3, Romario x 2	Okorro
Thursday 24 th November	U16 Football vs Harris Crystal Palace – Surrey Cup (Home)	6-1	Conadu-Yiandom x2, Hassan x2, Mensah-Sheperd, Nyarko	Hassan

INDIVIDUAL TAEWKONDO SUCCESS

Abdallah Grayson-Cadogan - 10 Grange

Incredible news as one of our students, Abdallah, has been selected by the GB Taekwondo development squad for the Junior European training team whose efforts are to produce olympians. He has now progressed to third pum blackbelt. He will be training at the National Taekwondo Centre in Manchester and has already had the opportunity to meet olympians, such as Jade Jones and Lutalo Muhammad. Well done Abdallah!



Ms A Ellis-Hayle

HOUSE ART COMPETITION



The students were challenged to come up with 'Book-Themed' drawings to go on the wall of the library. Some will be chosen to be permanently painted into a mural.

Winners:

Keano Edwards (Year 9)

Caden Vinluan (Year 9)

Hugo Troszczyński (Year 7)

ANTI-BULLYING "ODD-SOCKS"

Ms C Gonzalez

Students in Y8 took place in the anti-bully campaign. They wore "odd socks" on Friday 19th to celebrate Anti-bullying week. This campaign aims to raise awareness in children about what makes us all unique! More schools all around England are following the campaign organised by the Charity Antibullying Alliance. At tutor time, students discussed the importance of stopping bullying and being kind to each other. Rico, Jayden, Vivaan, Dylan, Demar, and Rodwell (8 Beulah) received house points for their efforts "showing off" their odd socks.

Let's all keep bullying at bay and break the circle!



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.

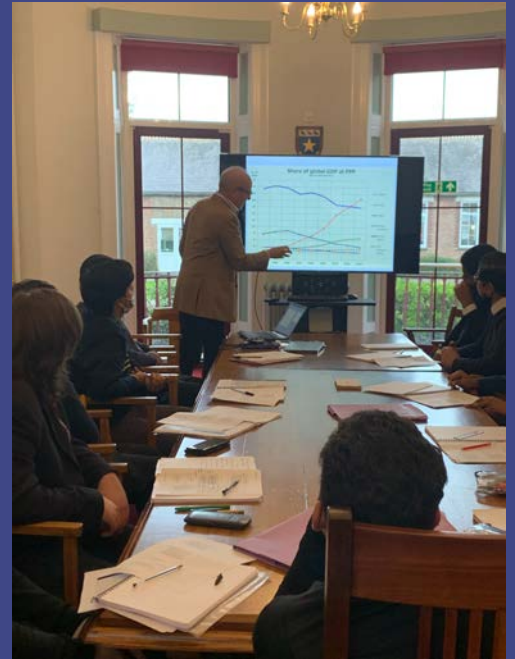
Each session will be 10 minutes long. Do ensure you book your appointments.

Over the past two weeks we have been extremely busy in the Business and Enterprise department. We ran an extremely successful trip to Stamford Bridge so that many of our Year 11 and 6th Form students could learn about the business of a professional sports club. Many of the students were extremely surprised about how much money was involved! We also had a visit from renowned author Ian Marcouse to teach our students some very valuable lessons around Economics and exam prep.

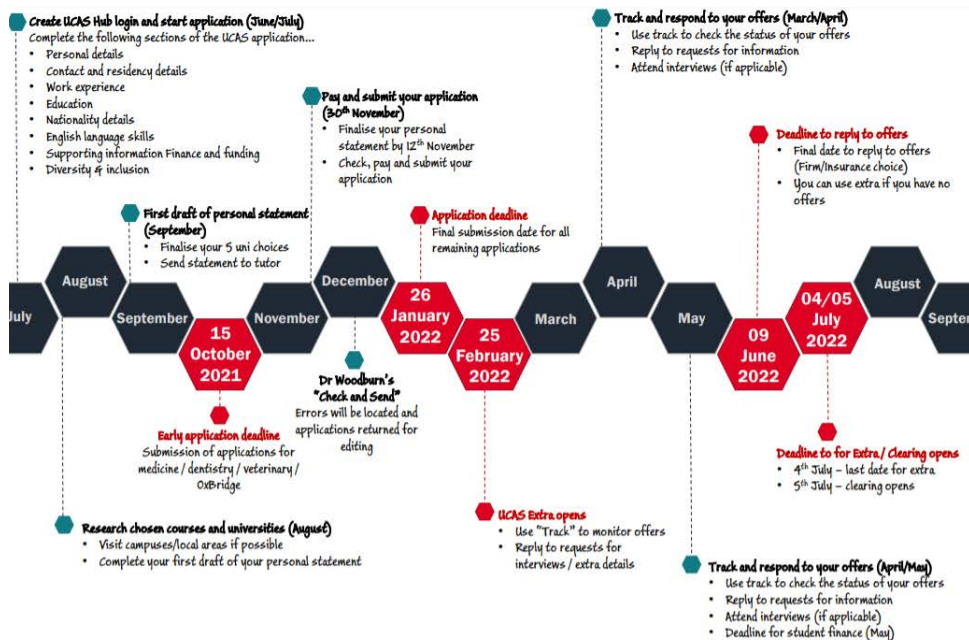
IAN MARCOUSE'S STUPENDOUS MASTERCLASS

I wasn't quite exceedingly sure what I was expecting when I got told that we would be having a class with a 'Best Selling Author' to develop and prepare us for our formidable Economics A-levels; never mind that, the feeling of formidability, like a whirlwind, almost turned into comfortability and reassurance. Ian's years of experience and expertise while working with an exam board really yielded veracious information to equip us with salient knowledge, tips and tricks that many students would not acknowledge that the examiner looks for in an exemplary answer. Sadly, we only had 1 hour. Our whole class was wishing we had more time with him and magpie more of his specialist ideology surrounded around the economy and our upcoming exams. It is safe to say that not only did we come out of the class as assertive students that were one step ahead of the nation, but also greater economists that can say they were taught by Ian Marcouse. Many thanks to our special teachers that organised this and for Ian to take time out for us.

Mujtaba Qureshi - 6th Grange



UCAS DEADLINES APPROACHING



REMINDER

Friday 3rd December

Bank Holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee- College closed for all students and staff

YEAR 7 & 8 HOUSE TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Mr T Quinn

After HT1's successful Basketball

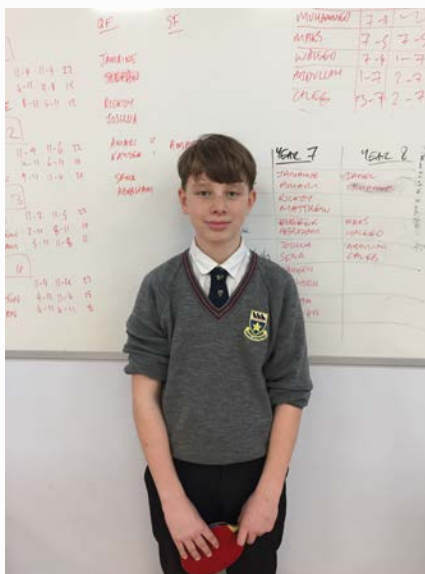
"House Sport" competitions, we have now moved onto Table Tennis.

After two extremely close competitions and many ferocious shots later, Beulah and Dane were crowned Year 7 and 8 winners respectively.

Individual Winners

Maksymilian Zworski (8 Dane)

Amari Wilson (7 Beulah)



LITERACY CORNER

Mr H Henry

Year 8 and 9 students have been collecting their library passes this week so that they can start benefitting from the quiet and wholesome environment. We have had Year 11 prefects working hard to ensure the library remains peaceful and organised; they have been checking student passes and working on the display of books.

New Group Reading Testing is due to begin shortly, where every student in Year 7-10 will complete a short reading comprehension test. This will help the College gather vital information on student's reading ability.

WORD OF THE WEEK



inflation

Definition: in economics, a general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money (the rate at which prices are rising).

Word class: noun.

Context: First used in the 14th century to describe increases or growth in natural bodily functions such as the swelling of the stomach, inflation then grew into describing the act of inflating air or gas (such as a balloon) in the 16th century. The term *inflation* appeared in America in the mid-19th century to describe currency as "something that happens to a paper currency".

Today, it is understood as referring to a sustained increase in the general price level of living. This week it was reported that the cost of living has surged at its fastest pace in almost 10 years, hitting 4.2% in the year to October. This is reportedly mainly due to higher fuel and energy prices.

Synonyms: swelling, boom, hike, expansion, price-rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Information
Wk. 29 th -3 rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 class tests Year 12 class tests Year 13 mocks
29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Careers Meetings
30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.00-6.30pm)
Wk. 6 th - 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 class tests Year 10 class tests
7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Skills Day
8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 and Year 8 Transition Trip to the Museum of London
9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Psychology trip to Bethlem Royal hospital

FOOD & DRINK IN MANDARIN

Mr O Austin

The Year 8 Mandarin class have been studying the topic of Food and Drink. They have been busy creating menus for their new restaurants. The menu options looked delicious, but more importantly their character writing was very impressive!



EARTH MODELS IN SCIENCE

Miss N Mire

Students are currently making models of the earth in Science. This will then follow onto their upcoming lessons on how the earth's rotation leads to day and night. They will then have the opportunity to present this to their peers.



KS3 BAND

Mr N Arnaoutis

We have recently formed a KS3 SJC band and have been rehearsing for the past few weeks. Please see the photo of students playing.

They will be performing at a chapel service and concert near you soon and maybe one day...Glastonbury!

Band members

Benicio Paredes, Godwin Atto, Ernest Ampomah, Caden Vinluan, Way-J Powell, Ephraim Ohene



YEAR 11 ENGLISH GCSE CLINIC

Miss E Howard

Wednesday lunchtimes 12:45 – 13:15

N13 and N14

These are sessions in which you can revise and improve your English knowledge in preparation for your GCSE exams.

If you want to practise your skills and push yourself for higher grades then come along!

You will need to bring your own work to these sessions. Ask your English teacher for revision tasks or bring your own resources.



YEAR 12 WAVE MACHINES

The Year 12 Applied Science class made wave machines as part of their Physics unit, using all sorts of household objects (spaghetti, wooden splints and various sweets). They had to carefully measure the distances between each strut and work as a team to put it together. Well done!



THE BIG INTERVIEW

Mrs R Cashmore

"The boys were impressive, showing a level of articulation beyond their years and are a credit to the school. Hopefully they found the experience beneficial, I certainly did."

Ellen Bedson - Business Change Manager (Digital Services at the Border)

Year 11 students took part in mock interviews as part of our 'Big Interview Day' with many external visitors.

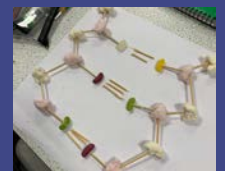
The boys conducted themselves very well and certainly looked the part too. Great prep for the future!



DNA SWEET CONSTRUCTION IN BIOLOGY

Dr K Woodburn

Students in Y12 A-level biology have been tackling some tough topics over the last week, using modelling to help them visualise concepts. Activities have included using sweets to design and construct DNA and beads to model transcription and translation.



GCSE POD TOP 3 PERFORMERS

Year 10

- Abdul-Rehman Sadiq
- Mohamed Khalifa
- Lloyd Hanson

Year 11

- Mahad Khan
- Muhammad Sadiq
- Ashwini Nir



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 & FLU VACCINATION INFORMATION

On the 13th January 2022, Croydon Immunisation Team are visiting SJC offering students in Years 7,8,9,10 and 11 a FLU vaccination. If you wish for your son to take the FLU Vaccine then you must register online by clicking the following link: [FLU Vaccine - Croydon Consent Form](#)

They are also offering, at same time, the COVID-19 Vaccination to any students aged 12-15 who HAVE NOT had their first Vaccination but would now like to have it.

If your son is aged between 12 and 15 and you now wish for him to have the COVID -19 Vaccination (and he has not had one before) then please register on the following link: [COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Form - Croydon](#)

If your son wants both vaccines you must register for both above. The College is not responsible for managing these bookings: they are managed through the Croydon Immunisation Team.

Please can I remind our community that everyone, students and staff, are encouraged to complete a LFD test twice a week, these should be completed Sunday evening and Wednesday mornings. Thank you to those of you that have been supporting this as it has helped to ensure that the amount of positive cases within the College has remained low and we have been able to continue with the day to day learning within our school. Replacement home testing LFD kits will be distributed to tutorial times next week and are also available from reception.

Once the test has been conducted you are legally obliged to log the test results (whether positive or negative) online <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or via phone (dial 119) to the government. If your test result is positive or void, you should also report this to the school by logging it on a form [HERE](#). You will receive a text/email confirmation of the results from NHS Test & Trace once you have reported them. If for any reason your child's LFD result proves positive please contact the COVID email on – covid@sjc.ac.

Then please ensure that they complete a PCR test straight after to confirm the result. Only when a negative PCR result is evident should your child return to school. Please inform us if the PCR result is positive so that we can update attendance, support with home learning and inform contacts.

As a College we are continuing to sanitise all our community at pivotal points in the day. We are also encouraging students to follow the mantra: Catch It Bin It Kill It

We are guided by our Public Health and the NHS regarding any other precautions we should be taking. If their advice changes then we will immediately inform you. Students who are in contact with someone who has COVID-19 do not have to isolate, they do need to take a PCR test and use LFD tests until the result is returned, however they should attend as normal. In addition to Covid we are aware that there are other head colds and flus impacting people across the country. Following the Catch It, Bin It, Kill It precautions and reducing close contact with others will also support in the reduction of the transmission of these colds and flus.

Mr Cabrera
scabrera@sjc.ac



Community Languages

Attention Yr.10 – Sixth Form Teachers and Tutors!
Please advise students interested in taking a GCSE or A-level in their first or second language to
See Mr. Barnett, the EAL Coordinator, in Room 77,
No later than Friday, the 3rd of December

A printout is given below for students wanting more information on this great opportunity to obtain an extra qualification!