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# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent / Carer

This week we had our second Life Skills day of the academic year. Walking around the school on the day it was lovely to see students engaged and enjoying the day. Year 9 were sharing their identity with their peers and learning about others, year 11s were undertaking invaluable revision tips and practice whilst year 7 students learnt about personal safety. Students in year 12 were involved in online careers talks whilst year 8 were busy planning election manifestos. Year 10 students' discussions around Men's Health and resilience were extremely pertinent and maturely handled. This week some of our students in year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to go off site and visit a museum. I know they thoroughly enjoyed the event and learnt lots from it. Our House Maths challenge also took place on Thursday with high levels of engagement and determination from all students involved! Next week is a busy week, with virtual rewards assemblies taking place. In addition, many students are involved in rewards trips, and we have our annual College Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December.

As many of you will have seen on the news, this past fortnight has seen a sharp rise in the daily recorded incidences of Covid in Croydon, particularly amongst the 14-19 year olds. The national picture is changing on a daily basis with the spread of the Omicron variant and as a College we are constantly adapting what we do to keep our community safe. This week we have moved to virtual assemblies and we are ensuring our students (except those exempt) are wearing face masks around the College. As a school we are pleased to be able to keep all year groups in school and we have not had to move to remote learning for entire year groups, as I know other schools in our local area have.

We are disappointed to move our Carol Service to a virtual event. However, our choir and band have been working hard recording for it and I know they sound fantastic! We will be sharing the link to the service to all families on the 15th December so please do tune in and have a watch.

Next week we will be sending home an end of term letter with updates on the return to school in January. Students will finish up for the term with a half day on December 17th. Lessons will be delivered remotely on this day. As this is our final newsletter of the half term, we wish you all a healthy, peaceful, joyful Christmas break.

God bless,  
Mrs Catherine Kane

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. - Philippians 4:6*

# CHAPLAINCY REFLECTION

Mr T Arthur

You will remember from our last newsletter that Advent is both looking backwards at the birth of Jesus and forwards towards his second coming. Here is an extract from the Gospel reading for this Sunday:

"And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.""

[Luke 3: 10-14]

From this half of the Gospel, the people come to John the Baptist to ask him, 'What then shall we do?' to prepare for the coming of the Christ. The answer is not the same for everyone, but all are asked to share with those who have less than themselves.

Perhaps we should ask the Lord: What must I do to prepare for your coming?

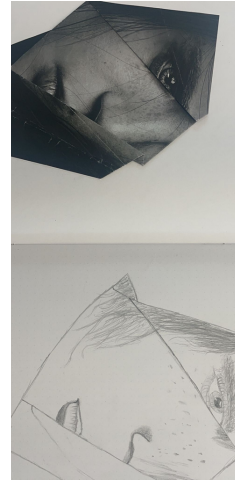
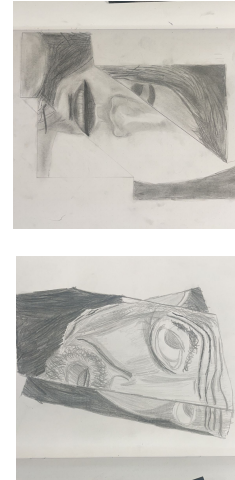
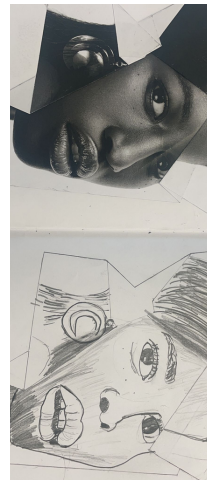
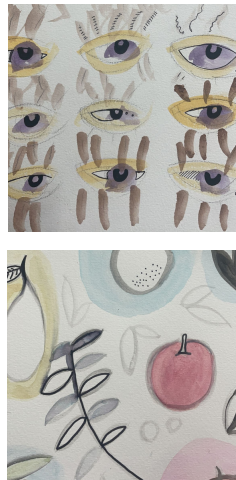
You can view our Chapel Assemblies on our Chaplaincy YouTube channel 'SJC Chaplain'.

You, also, follow us on Twitter: @SJCChaplain

May God bless you and your family.



## ART SHOWCASE



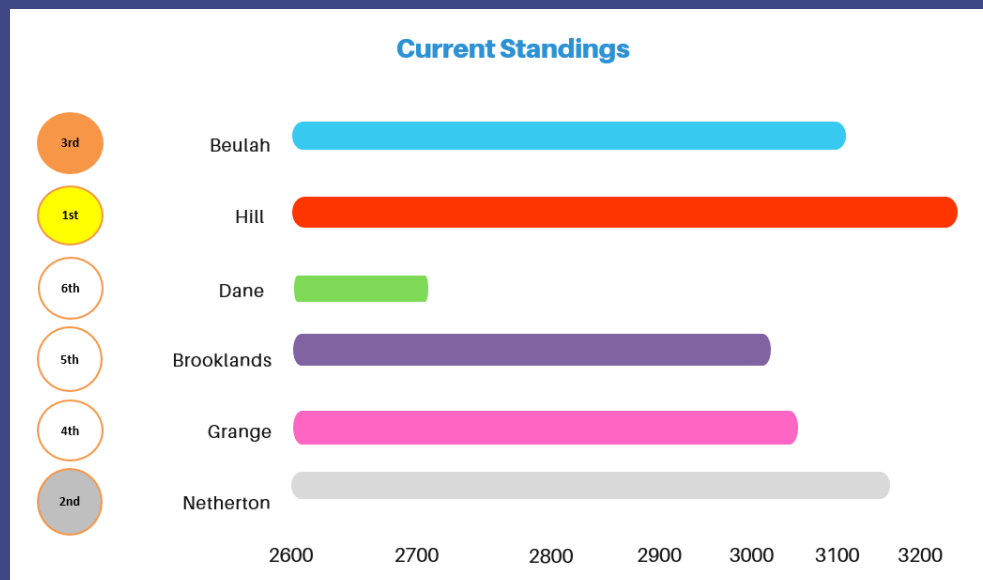
Patterns - Year 10

Portraits - Year 9

## CURRENT HOUSE STANDINGS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

KS4 TABLE TENNIS  
CHRISTMAS QUIZ  
IRONMAN CHALLENGE



# 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.

## Football

It has been an immense week for football, with our year 8 and year 9 team going through to the quarter finals of the Surrey Cup, and most impressively, our year 10 boys winning away at one of the leading sports schools in the country, Whitgift, in the Surrey Cup. Mr Quinn stepped in for Mr Rimmer in the year 10 game, but I have assured Rimmer that his job is safe, for now...

## Indoor Athletics

Our second indoor athletics event took place this week, and the boys came 3rd overall, behind Trinity (another private school) and our local rivals, Harris Crystal Palace. Rocco a standout performer in this, and also Samuel Jimenez-Correa for confusing his opponents with an array of questions pre-race to gain that extra advantage.

## Basketball

This week has seen us host our first home basketball fixtures for over 4 years, which is a big moment for us! We came away with a win and a loss in these, and look forward to hosting many more games after Xmas!



Date	Fixture	Result	Goalscorers/Try Scorers	Man of the Match
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	U13 Football vs Riddlesdown – Surrey Cup Last 16 (Away)	2-2 AET 3-1 win on pens	Omotosho x 2	Crossdale
	U14 Football vs Wimbledon College – Surrey Cup Last 16 (Home)	4-3	Aimable-Lima x 2, Konan, Daniels	Mosengo
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	U15 Football vs Whitgift – Surrey Cup Last 32 (Away)	0-1	Bailey	Addo
	U13 Basketball vs Harris Invictus – Croydon League (Home)	16-21		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	U14 Basketball vs Orchard Park – Croydon League (Home)	22-7	Sermatheu 8 points (Top scorer)	Miguel-Bewaji
	U13 Indoor Athletics @ Lanfranc	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place overall	Squad: Messie, Obinna, James, Rocco, Emil, Ramiro, Ian, Sam	Rocco WS

Date	Sports	Expected Arrival back to SJC
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	U12 Football vs Rutlish – Surrey Cup (Home)	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	U15 Football vs Royal Russell – Surrey Cup (Away)	4:30pm



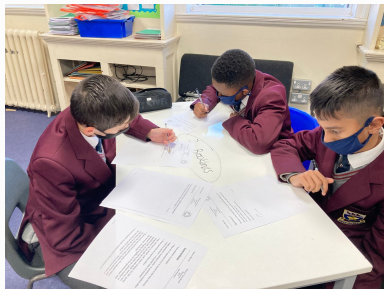
# LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY OPENING

Mrs R Cashmore

Year 12 Enterprise students were amongst the first people to see the new Croydon campus of London South Bank University. Thanks to LSBU for a very warm welcome and inspiring business lectures and management workshops.

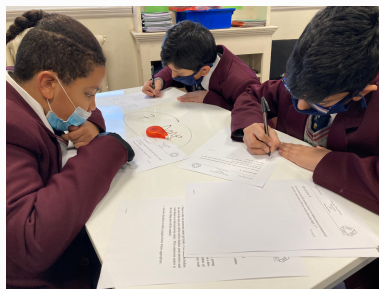
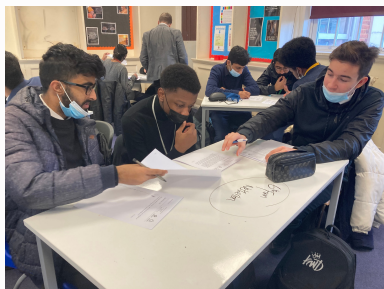


## MATHS CHALLENGE - ANNUAL HOUSE EVENT



Mr V Patel

Over 100 students competed in the annual maths challenge inter-house event. Due to covid restrictions, for the second year, the event had to be contested in separate year groups but it was still a great turnout and effort from all the competitors.



The final results will be revealed at the end of term reward assemblies. Thank you to all of the maths dept for their help in organising another fantastic event.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

Have you just left St Joseph's?

Please sign up to our new future first alumni portal using the link below.

[www.stjosephscollege.org.uk/alumni.html](http://www.stjosephscollege.org.uk/alumni.html)



"I went to St. Joseph's College and then I recorded with all the world's top recording stars including Top of the Pops and Les Misérables."  
Peter - Musician

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John - Senior Policy Advisor to HM Government

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## YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING

Year 13 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 14th December 2021 from 4pm - 6.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting and an opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school. Each session will be 10 minutes long. Do ensure you book your appointments.



# MY TRIP TO THE MUSEUM...

Daniel - 8 Hill

My class went on an exciting trip to the museum. We travelled there by bus and train. Once inside we were met by a lovely volunteer called Graham, who gave us a talk about Pudding Lane. What I liked most was seeing the first licenced petrol-driven taxi which appeared in London in 1903 and going into the cinema and watching the black and white silent movie. I would recommend that everyone visits a museum at least once, because there is some much stuff that you can find out and it is a fun day out for the whole family. I feel very lucky to live in London especially after seeing how many people lived in the capitals slums and did not survive their first year, the plague of 1665 and the Great Fire of 1666. London has rebuilt bigger and better.

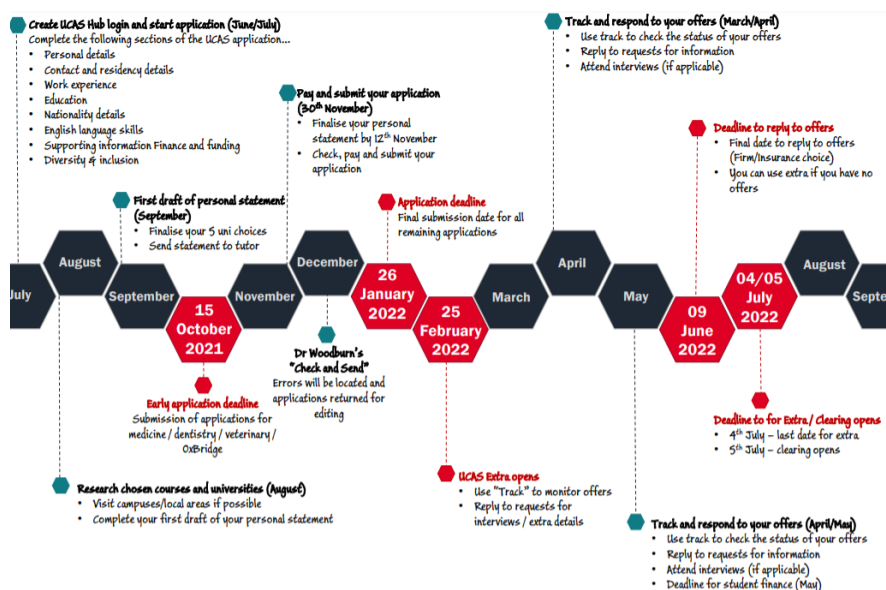
## TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

Mr M Farrah

On Wednesday, 8th December the Year 7 and Year 8 Transition classes enjoyed a trip to the Museum of London. This brilliant museum traces the history of our great city from the Roman times, through the Great Fire and Black Death all the way up to the modern times with exhibitions about the Suffragettes and the Brixton Riots. There are so many things to learn about that we only skimmed the surface of everything this great museum has to offer.



## UCAS DEADLINES APPROACHING



### REMINDER

Friday 17th December  
END OF TERM - Half Day

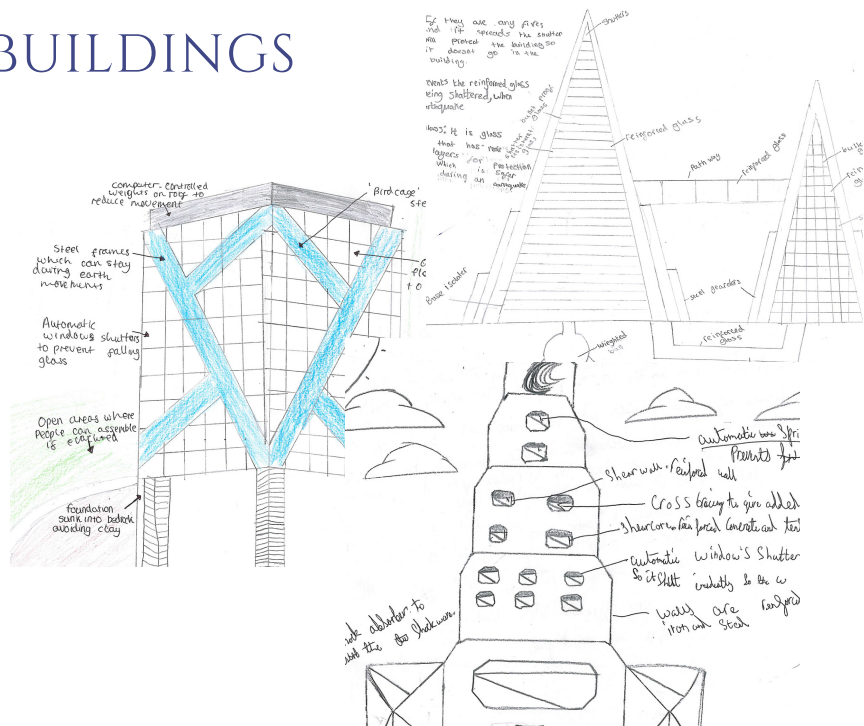
# EARTHQUAKE PROOF BUILDINGS

Miss L Williams

Year 8 Geographers have been in an intense battle to design and present the most secure, earthquake proof building!

Here are three of the winning entries, these are from 8X2, but everyone was absolutely amazing, and really tried their best to follow the criteria, and be really creative in their designs.

I think we have a few budding architects and engineers in our midst!



## LIFE SKILLS DAY #2

Miss C Budd

On Tuesday 7th December all students were off timetable for the day to take part in our eagerly anticipated 'Life Skills Day'. This was the second instalment after last half-term's huge success.



Each year group had a different focus:

- Year 7 - Staying Safe - including sessions, 'Responding to an emergency' and 'Protective decision making'
- Year 8 - The Media and Political Literacy - including sessions, 'Current Affairs' and 'Media Influences'
- Year 9 - Diversity and Society - including sessions, 'LGBTQ Rights', 'Gender Equality' and 'BLM reflection'
- Year 10 - Health and Wellbeing - including sessions, 'Men's mental health' and 'Nutrition'

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Diary Dates- WK beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December

Date	Information
Wk. 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition trip to West Norwood Library</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 13 Parents Evening (4.00-6.00pm)</li> </ul>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Carol Concert (virtual event)</li> <li>Students' Christmas Dinner</li> <li>Peter Jones Dragons Den Event</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Spring Term- All students return</li> </ul>



# CHARACTER TRIP TO CENTRAL LONDON

On Friday, students who had been chosen by their teachers journeyed through London on a character rewards trip.

Students travelled to Blackfriars and walked along the south bank to cross Tower Bridge. We then had a speech about martyrs before touring the tower and viewing the Crown Jewels.

We then caught the clipper to Greenwich where we toured the National Maritime Museum before getting on the bus back home.

What a lovely day with students who were once again a testament to the college.



# YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO BETHLEM MUSEUM

*Mrs S Coulson*

On Thursday 9th December the Year 12 A level Psychology group visited Bethlem Museum of the mind. This museum is based in the Bethlem Royal Hospital which was founded in 1247 and was the first institution to specialise in the care of mentally ill patients.

We travelled by mini bus (the students were very impressed by my driving skills) and arrived at the museum at 11.15.

On arrival we were greeted by one of the museum staff who gave a talk about the history of Bethlem Hospital. We were then able to look around the museum and see how treatments for the mentally ill have changed over time.

The museum also celebrates the achievements of people with mental health problems and we were fortunate to see some interesting art work produced by current in patients.



## GCSE POD TOP 3 PERFORMERS

### Year 10

- Jelani Okonkwo
- Kheion Lucius Hurrynaran
- Irfan Ahmed

### Year 11

- Kokilan Sripaskaran
- Kane Kennedy
- Muhammad Sadiq



## 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)

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S COVID SURVEY

You will be aware that the COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available to young people aged between 12-15 years. Vaccines are a key tool in the fight against COVID-19 and getting back to doing the things we love, safely.

The public health team at Croydon Council want to explore the views and opinions of young people age 12-15 on the COVID-19 vaccines. We want them to have their say and are inviting them to complete a short survey so we understand what is important to them. The information they provide us with, will help us to offer the right information on vaccines and develop services that meet the needs of the young people in Croydon.

Everyone filling in this survey the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw. A pupil from the school with the most responses will be able to choose from one of the following prizes:

Two tickets for Gravity in Wandsworth  
Parkour course for one person  
1-hour DJ taster session or a recording studio experience

The closing date is: 20th December 2021

Young people's COVID-19 survey - 12 to 15 year olds

Scan QR code for survey



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of December**

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

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that next Wednesday we will be serving a Christmas lunch. It will be the normal school dinner meal price so there is no need to prepay. It will be served as part of the normal lunch and any student who wants to have it will just need to ensure they have money on their account to pay for it. Any students eligible for free school meals will be able to get their meals as normal.

Students who do not want the Christmas meal will be able to buy Grab & Go items as usual but from the Café not the Canteen. There will not be an alternative hot meal on this day.

If you could indicate by using the following link if they would like the Christmas Meal that would help our planning:

Christmas Dinner Choice

As always there will be a vegetarian option and all meat is halal.