



### Message from the Headteacher

*'Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.'*  
(Philippians 1:27)

Tomorrow will bring an opportunity to witness a moment in history as Charles III is crowned in Westminster Abbey. It has been interesting observing the various approaches Year Leaders have taken to engage pupils in the coronation, ranging from a focus on the pageantry and symbolism in the ceremony, the varying attitudes towards the monarchy in the UK and beyond, and fun facts. It has all made for a week of interesting discussion.

Despite the bank holiday interruptions, we are not slowing down, and intend to end the academic year well. At the end of last term, my challenge to all pupils was to 'walk like you have somewhere to go,' or in other words, behave like each day mattered. For Year 11 and 13 this is key, but we are also reminding them to take care of themselves and let us take care of them as they dig deep during the exam season.

We know, for some, this can be a stressful period, do remind your children to:

- make time for things they enjoy
- talk to you about how they feel
- try to find balance by taking regular breaks during revision time and being realistic about what they can do in a day
- take care of their physical health by getting enough sleep and exercise
- focus on themselves and avoid comparing themselves to others.

I hope you enjoy the special bank holiday weekend.

God bless.

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the coronation set to take place tomorrow, we have been focusing on this during Collective Worship times this week. In my message to Year 8 pupils, I highlighted some of the elements that will feature in the coronation service itself, which picks up on themes of authority, integrity and service. I encouraged them to reflect on how they seek to practise those things in their lives.

There may be diverse opinions on the concept of monarchy in our school community. The Bible verse above reminds us how we should conduct ourselves and even of the imperative to 'pray for kings and those in authority, so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives...' (1 Timothy 2:2).

Many churches and places of worship around the world will be praying for King Charles as he approaches his coronation. The support of personal prayer will be familiar for Charles: he

has prayed and encouraged prayer in others throughout his life. So, we join with many others around the UK and the world in praying for him:

Dear God,

We thank you for the life of King Charles.

We pray for him as his coronation nears.

We pray for him as he gives his promise to serve our country and the Commonwealth.

We ask for your blessing upon him.

May he continue to walk in faith, and rule with justice and mercy.

May he continue to use his gifts and talents to benefit others.

Amen.

Have a great week and enjoy the bank holiday coronation weekend ahead!

**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplin

## Music Masters

### Crown Lane Studio Workshop

On Monday 24th April, our Year 12 BTEC Music Tech students had a fantastic workshop at Crown Lane Studio, a professional recording studio in Morden. The students learnt how to plan and record a multi-track recording in a professional studio to help prepare them for upcoming assignments. We are very fortunate to work in partnership with Crown Lane Studio.



### Trip to see ENO's Symphony of Sorrowful Songs

On Wednesday 3rd May, our Year 10 pupils and Year 12 music students watched a very moving performance of the 'Symphony of Sorrowful Songs' by the English National Opera at the Coliseum. Pupils and students really enjoyed this powerful piece they got to see for free with the ENO's under 21 scheme.



**John Wells**

**Curriculum Team Leader for Music**

## GCSE official oral exams

This week, Year 11 pupils performed their GCSE oral exams. They described a picture, had a role-play conversation and discussed different topics that they have learnt during their GCSE course. We have been impressed with their dedication to attending extra sessions, their commitment to creating flashcards on strike days and how they have taken part in one-to-one sessions with their teachers. I would especially like to thank our parents who have supported us, coming into school and practising with them all this year. A huge thanks to Mrs Elena Garcia, Mrs Martha Lopez and Mrs Milena Membery as well as our Year 12 students who have been our MFL assistants after school.

If you are a native Spanish or French speaker and you would like to support the MFL department in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me: [omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london](mailto:omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london)

**Omara Muñoz Asensio**

**MFL Curriculum Team Leader**



## Library News

### Be a part of history....

#### MASS-OBSERVATION DAY-SURVEY



In 1937, the Mass Observation organisation called for people from all parts of the UK to record everything they did from when they woke up in the morning to when they went to sleep at night on 12th May: the day of George VI's Coronation. The resulting diaries provide a wonderful glimpse into the everyday lives of people across Britain and have become an invaluable resource for those researching countless aspects of the era.

Since then, on 12th May each year, many people have chosen to write a diary account of their day. The written diaries are archived for research, teaching and learning.

**Friday 12th May 2023** provides another opportunity to be involved in this recording of history. If your child would like to be involved, they should record their day by downloading and completing the template [here](#) or collect one from the Library. Their completed diary needs to be returned to me in the Library and I will send them off to the Mass Observation Archive (now a registered charity, housed at the University of Sussex) to be part of their collection.

*Please note that the entry should not include your child's name or any other personal information. I need parental permission (by email to [rgoodhart@saintcecilias.london](mailto:rgoodhart@saintcecilias.london)) to submit an entry. Please add a sticky note or paperclipped piece of paper so that I know who each submission is from.*

House points and a small (edible) reward will be awarded to all students and pupils who participate. Completed sheets should be returned to me by Wednesday 17th May.

**Rachel Goodhart**  
School Librarian

## Artist of the Week and Powerful Panoramic Pieces

Here are just some of the Year 9 'Conflict and Protest' panoramic final pieces. Pupils worked so hard to research and develop their ideas, looking at relevant current and past imagery, artists and exploring materials to use.

**Martha E** has created a magnificent final piece combining much of what she experimented with and developed along the way. The result is a modern statement using relevant imagery which she skilfully and carefully put together. Well done also to **Maleeha C** and **Alan B** who were close runners-up. Selecting just one Artist of the Week was a very difficult decision to make as you can see!



**Martha E**



**Cristina V**



**Alexia S**



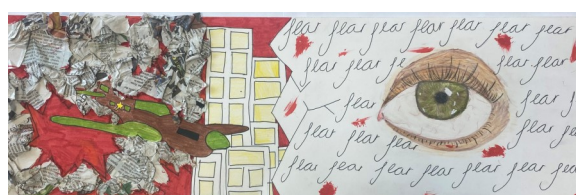
**Alan B**



**Paige W**



**Maleeha C**



**Kiara B**

**Stella Allan**  
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

## Six-a-side Success

The Year 9 boys A and B six-a-side football teams were victorious when they played on Wednesday evening this week. Both teams won their respective Wandsworth borough tournaments.

Our A team beat Harris Academy Battersea 2-0 in the final, while our B team beat Graveney School B team 4-1 on penalties.

A fantastic achievement for both teams. Well done!

**Chris Luke**  
Teacher of PE and Year Leader for Year 11



## Sports Awards 9th May 2023 6 - 8pm

Our annual Sports Awards evening takes place on Tuesday 9th May, celebrating the incredible sporting achievements of our pupils and students.

There will be two awards presented to each of our school teams and squads: Coach's Player of the Year, chosen by teaching staff, and the coveted Player's Player of the Year, chosen by teammates. Senior students will have their contribution recognised with the awarding of Half Colours in our three major sports of rugby, netball and football. To complete the evening, we will be awarding the prestigious Full School Colours to some of our outgoing Year 13 alongside the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year trophies.

Parents of all winners have been contacted by email with details of the evening. Thank you to the many who have responded. If you have yet to reply, please confirm your attendance on ParentPay as soon as possible. Pupils who are coming to receive their awards are not required to wear uniform but should come in smart clothes. No hoodies, sports kit or shorts please.

We look forward to welcoming winners and their families next week. A full write up and photos will be in next week's newsletter.

**Alex Bishop**  
Curriculum Team Leader for PE and Year Leader for Year 10

## Revision Strategies

Please see a list of apps, organisations and strategies [here](#) on our website that pupils and students may find useful in the run up to their GCSE or A Level exams.

As ever, if you or they have any concerns about feeling anxious in the run up to exams, please contact the school and we will do everything possible to ensure pupils are fully supported.

**James Owens**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 8th May:** Bank Holiday. School closed
- **Tuesday 9th May:** Sports Awards Evening in the Sports Hall 6 - 8pm
- **Wednesday 10th May:** Years 9 and 10 visit to the National Opera Studio, Wandsworth
- **Friday 12th May:** Year 13 Leavers' Tea in the Common Room from 2.50pm
- **Thursday 18th May:** Year 12 Parent UCAS Information Evening 6 - 7pm
- **Friday 19th May:** The Friends' social evening and fundraiser in the Refectory from 7 - 9pm (see attached poster for information on how to buy tickets)
- **Thursday 25th - Friday 26th May:** Bronze DofE expedition

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