



Message from the Headteacher

'For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago'
(Ephesians 2:10)

As we look back on another busy few weeks, there are many examples of Saint Cecilia's pupils, staff and parents doing the good things He planned for us. Be it raising money for numerous charities, coming into school to support the careers fair, going the extra mile on a trip or event, or supporting each other in grief. This half term has highlighted what a very special school this is.

It was lovely to have Year 11 parents and pupils with us for the Sixth Form Open evening, and to be able to remind everyone of the excellent teaching, pastoral care and opportunities that extend into the Sixth Form. For the vast majority of pupils in Year 11, the Sixth Form is a natural next step on their educational journey. It is an important year, and busy term for Year 11. With mock assessments on the horizon after half term, and of course examinations in the longer term, we have begun a programme of revision tips and skills to support pupils.

Mr Iannarelli's funeral requiem mass, held in Edinburgh last week, was the first opportunity colleagues had to say goodbye. We have also held two school-led services, for pupils and students in the younger and older year groups, giving them an opportunity to remember and say goodbye

too. Knowing life does move on, we will continue to support pupils, students and staff, and are in contact with the Iannarelli family to establish a meaningful and permanent memorial to Mr Iannarelli. In the meantime, we have already created a memorial board in school (pictured).



Looking ahead to next half term, the Friends of Saint Cecilia's hold their AGM on Tuesday 1st November. The Friends are keen to welcome new members, so do get in touch with Valente Panattoni if you want to find out more about becoming a member. Details of this and other events are inside this week's newsletter.

Have a lovely week ahead. God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

Aspiration:

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
(Philippians 4:13)

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Collective Worship this week, we came to the last two letters of CECILIA'S, so we looked at Aspiration and Service.

On the theme of Service, may I say a big thank you for the encouragement you gave your child to bring in a donation for our Harvest collection. Since we started this initiative, I can think of no time where the need has been greater.

Service: We want to promote a culture where pupils and students seek to respond to the needs they see around them - not just in school, but in our wider community and beyond.

When it comes to Aspiration, pupils and students were reminded by their House Leaders that aspiring and working towards achieving their own dreams could lead them to a place where they can have an impact on the lives of so many



others. Here is one quote that was shared: *'What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.'* (Jane Goodall)

Aspiration: We want to promote a culture where the aspirations of staff for pupils and students is paralleled by our young people's high aspirations for themselves.

Peace and blessings to you in the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Film and Photography Club

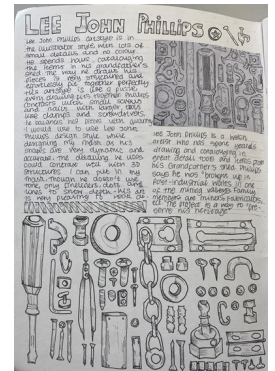
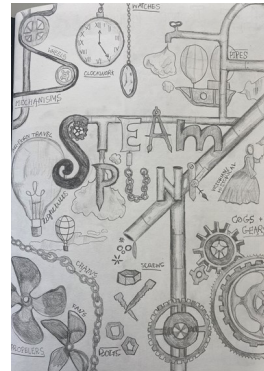
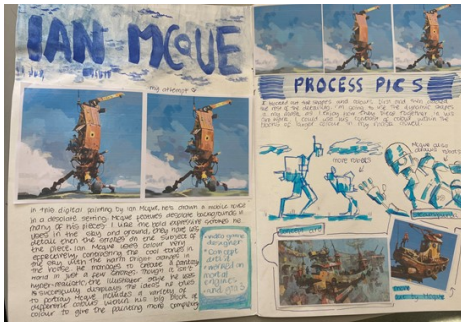


In this week's Film and Photography club **Kirsty, Hannah** and **Valentina** in Year 7 created their own film set for a stop motion animation. They were focused and rose to the challenge.

Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and PSHE

Artist of the Week

Cristina in Year 9 has created some very highly skilled research over the first few weeks of term for our Steampunk project. She's produced insightful responses inspired by the artists we've explored. She's also created a drawing, studying the proportions of the face, showing a very good understanding of tone and texture. Well done, **Cristina**!



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Drama on the Stage

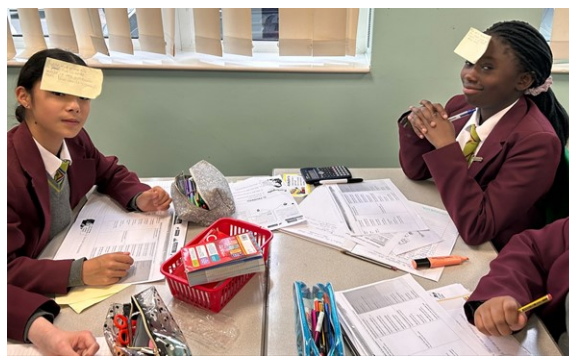
As a part of a matinee school performance opportunity, 28 A Level Drama and English students attended the Gielgud Theatre in central London to watch the fantastic production of 'To Kill A Mockingbird.' The students had a brilliant time and were inspired by the performance.



Sophie Moulard
Teacher of Drama

Year 8 Spanish

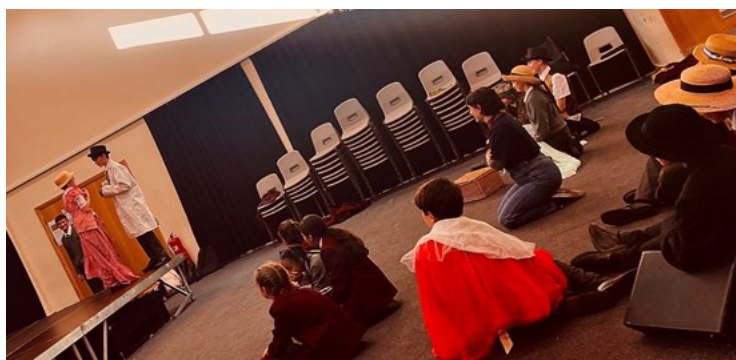
Year 8 have been working on the topic of holidays in Spanish this term and they are doing amazingly well. We played a game where pupils had to guess each other's past holiday by using post-it notes. I was impressed with the level of pronunciation and fluency they have reached already.



Sara Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

G64 Drama Group

On Tuesday 11th October, Lauren from Putney Arts Theatre, facilitated a drama workshop in our Drama studio. This was a trial session to see if we are able to host a G64 Drama group right here at Saint Cecilia's on a weekly basis. Pupils took part in drama games, tasks and concluded the session with performing scenes of their very own version of 'Alice in Wonderland.' As you can see, our Year 7 to 9s had a fantastic time!



Sophie Moulard
Teacher of Drama

Philosophy Club - Eye Witness Account

*"This week I attended Philosophy Club, run by Mr Cengiz for Years 7 and 8. I observed and held discussions with the pupils. The pupils were very lively and enthusiastic, and it was very enjoyable. As I spoke to some of the members there, they told me that they normally put up either a controversial or philosophical question, and then discuss it with each other. However, this week **Jayda**, a pupil in Year 8, came up with the brilliant idea that there should be roles in their 'society' for when they have these discussions so that there's 'order in their society'. This can lead to the avoidance of chaos and commotion between them.*



During this week's session, the pupils had to nominate who they wanted for their President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Marketing managers/assistants. They made their decisions by voting for those who they think deserve these important roles in their society. The pupils had to justify themselves as being worthy of the role by giving speeches suggesting their eligibility. At the end of the session, Mr Cengiz gave out biscuits and snacks to pupils, as a reward for their presence and contribution to the club. I personally really enjoyed myself at the club, the atmosphere was very welcoming, and I am looking forward to attending next week to hear the discussions of these young pupils about Philosophy. I can't wait!" By **Sheanine**, Student Correspondent, Year 13.

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Philosophy

News from the Library

Since we extended our opening hours (now 8.00am—4.15pm), the Library is even busier before school. Here is a picture of the scene one morning this week.

We are pleased to report that we sold over £400 of books at the Book Fair last week – which means we can choose more than **£180 of free books** for the Library! Thank you to all those who supported the Book Fair.

The **Readathon** is now happening. If your child would like to join in, it's not too late; they just need to collect a sponsorship form from the Library and get reading. The majority of Year 7 mentor groups have now visited the Library for an introduction to our online catalogue. This is available for everyone to access from home at uk.accessit.online.stc08. Please visit this page to keep up to date with the latest news from the Library, to reserve or renew books and to use the One Search facility for targeted researching, rather than using the whole of Google!

Rachel Goodhart
Librarian



Batik Workshop

On Wednesday 13th October, Annie Phillips, a well known batik artist, very generously gave her time to run a batik workshop for Year 11 textiles pupils after school. What wonderful outcomes all the pupils created! You can check out Annie's website here www.anniephillips.co.uk



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Hispanic Day

To challenge a very able group of Year 10 pupils, we celebrated 'National Day of Spain' this week using A Level content, three years in advance! Pupils learnt that The National Day of Spain (*Fiesta Nacional de España*) is a national holiday that commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus on the American continent on 12th October 1492. The day is celebrated with events where national institutions are very much present. The most famous of these is the military parade, presided over by the King in Madrid to "remember the different moments of collective history that are part of our common historical, cultural and social heritage."



Pupils have studied the positive and the negative opinions of Christopher Columbus's discovery and the meeting of 'Two Worlds'. They have also learnt that Spanish-speaking countries give the date different names e.g. The Discovery of the Two Worlds Day (Chile), American Cultural Diversity Day (Argentina), Indigenous Resistance Day (Nicaragua and Venezuela), the UN Spanish Language Day.

Patrick H: "I think its fundamental to learn about festivals like this and the different opinions according to Hispanic countries of Christopher Columbus's discovery. Learning Year 12 content was definitely a challenge, but it meant I greatly expanded my Spanish vocab and my knowledge of history."

Louis E: "I believe it is important to learn about Spanish culture and history. It was difficult to study Year 12 content but it was useful, helpful and very interesting. What I enjoyed the most is seeing that a discovery could have positives and negative impacts."

Esther B: "I really enjoy learning about the history of the language not just vocab. I have loved the challenge of practicing my listening and reading skills with A Level content in Year 10. I realised that it is not as difficult as I thought it would be."

Sara Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Finding the Future Female Rugby Stars

16-18 and looking for a sports challenge?
COME & TRY RUGBY

Played rugby at school?
Want to try a contact sport?
Looking for a sport for PE BTEC/A Level?
Bored of football and hockey?
Want to play rugby at Uni?
Competitive/County level in another sport?

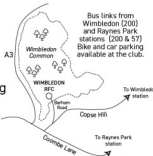
JOIN OUR U18 GIRLS' DEVELOPMENT SQUAD
Players from Wimbledon's squad have been selected for England U18s, Harlequins Centre of Excellence, Surrey County, UR7s Academy and gained sports scholarships to leading rugby schools and colleges.
We are committed to diversity and inclusion. Bursaries are available to cover club fees & kit.
Email girls@wmrfc.co.uk to find out more

FINDING FUTURE RUGBY STARS

GIVE WIMBLEDON A TRY!
Come down to the club and find out what the Wimbledon Girls U18 Development Squad is all about. You need to be aged 16-18 (equivalent of school Years 12/13).

WHY WIMBLEDON?

- Professional coaching
- Mentoring from Women's XV
- Contacts with rugby colleges
- Help with applications, volunteering and references
- Bursaries available for club fees
- Coaching/refereeing opportunities



FREE TRIAL SESSION
Email girls@wmrfc.co.uk for more information or just come along to our next trial session:
11.30am, Sunday 23rd October



FINDING FUTURE RUGBY STARS



We are keen to promote this opportunity being run by Wimbledon RFC for any of our Sixth Form female athletes. Rugby is a great opportunity for developing physical skills and fitness whilst being part of a local team.

Alex Bishop
Interim Assistant Headteacher

Anime and Manga Club

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of **Natasha**, one of our Sixth Formers, who has kindly offered to run an Anime and Manga Club.

Sarah Wood
Teacher of English and Drama

Anime & Manga Club (Run by Sixth Formers)
On every Monday in 2.5 -> 3:10-4:10
Open to ALL YEARS

Feel free to come with suggestions as to what you'd like to watch!

Netball News

Senior Netball Surrey Storm Squad

On Wednesday 12th October, our two senior squads played against Emanuel School at home. Both games were tightly contested, with wins in both games: Senior 1st team winning 29-27 and the Senior 2nd team winning 20-15. Well done to **Bonnie** and **Georgia** for being selected as Player of the Match for great shooting. Even more exciting for the squads was to have their other coach, Felisitus Kwanga (Superleague Surrey Storm player and international player who captains the Zimbabwean netball team) there to coach the girls at the fixture. We also got to use our new high spec camera to film the girls playing so they can analyse their performances at training on Friday with their other coach Peace Proscovia (Superleague Surrey Storm player and international player who captains the Ugandan netball team).

Senior Development Squad (Year 11)

The senior netball development squad took part in the Wandsworth district netball tournament on Tuesday 4th October, hosted at Burntwood School. There were a variety of schools in the district invited including Ashcroft, Graveney and Burntwood. We entered both an A and B team into the tournament, which meant that because everybody played everybody, Saint Cecilia's A team played Saint Cecilia's B team in the 3rd round. Both teams played exceptionally well considering it was the first time some of the pupils have played in a team together. The B team placed 5th overall and the A team placed 3rd overall. Well done to all pupils!



A team: Bethany, Darcey, Kellesha, Melody, Olivia, Samantha, Tori (captain) and Unah

B team: Angelese, Ella (captain), Lana, Lucy, Mia, Nyx, Ruby, Rebecca and Talitha

Year 10

On Friday 7th October, the Year 10 A and B team took on Notre Dame School at home. They were both great games against a smart playing side. The A and B squads came out with comfortable wins and the atmosphere at the fixture was amazing. It is incredibly encouraging to have been called 'the nicest school we have played against'. Well done girls for a great afternoon of sport.

Year 9

On Thursday 6th October, the Year 9A and B teams played away against Chestnut Grove Academy, with both teams coming out with wins. The A team won 16-6 and our B squad narrowly won 8-4. Well done to all girls. With over four teams at training at the moment, it is now very competitive to get into the two squads. Keep up the great work in lessons and at practice!

Year 7

Year 7 A and B teams played in their first netball match of the season on Friday 7th October against Hollyfield School in Surbiton. Many of the girls were nervous as this was the first time that they have played in a school fixture. Both teams worked really hard and won with a huge goal difference. The A team won 18-3 and the B team won 13-3 which is a great start to the season. All girls showed great team spirit throughout and are to be congratulated on their first win of the year. Keep up the hard work and training!



Players of the Match:

A team – **Cassielle**

B team – **Sariah**

A team: **Cassielle, Devon, Hannah, Iman, Katie, Keziah, Vittoria (captain) and Sophia**

B team: **Abigail, Beatrice, Emma, Mia (captain), Rozalia, Rosie, Sariah and Zoey**

Harriet Field and Imogen Hamel
Teachers of PE

Cross Country Competition

Last week on Monday 3rd October, we attended the Wandsworth District Cross Country event on Tooting Bec Common. We entered more than 55 runners from Saint Cecilia's across Years 7-11, which was more than any other school competing. It was a very successful afternoon on a very windy day, with five of our runners getting medals for coming in the top three for their year group - **Grace, Jack, Bea, Sammy** and **Louis**. Well done to all runners who competed. The picture (right) is of all four siblings - **Bea, Joseph, Martha** and **Grace**, who were all selected to run at the Wandsworth cross country event for Saint Cecilia's - what a family achievement!



Monday 10th October was the first round of the English School's Athletic Association (ESSA) Cross Country Cup competition. This is the largest schools' team cross country competition in the country and the standard was higher in this race than the week before. We were only allowed to select a maximum of 30 runners across the five teams. This event was held at Dulwich College on a very sunny afternoon and was highly competitive. Particular well done to **Otis, Spencer** and **Jack** all coming in the top 10 in their races. Another huge well done to our inter boys team (Year 9/10) for coming in the top two, therefore qualifying for the next round of the ESAA cross country race on Saturday 12th November.



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Football



We are delighted to be able to share the success of two of our Saint Cecilia's pupils. **Harley** (Under 14s) and **Ashley** (Under 15s) have both been selected for their respective Surrey county schools football squads.

It is a big honour and a fantastic achievement to be selected from all the secondary school boys of their age group in the county. Well done to **Harley** (pictured left) and **Ashley** (pictured right).

Christopher Luke
Interim Curriculum Team Leader of PE and Year Leader for Year 11

Reminder - Applying to Saint Cecilia's

Just a reminder that if you have a child in **Year 6**, now is the time to apply for a place at secondary school. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2022. All applicants must use the common application form on your home council's website. If your first child was awarded a Foundation Place, you must apply for a Foundation Place for all siblings, or the sibling link won't count. Please find the additional forms for Foundation Places on [the admissions page of our website](#). If you have any queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8780 1244 (press 2 for admissions) or admission@saintceccilias.london

Sally van der Meer
Admissions Manager

The Friends AGM - 1st November



Calling All Parents and Carers!

The Friends of Saint Cecilia's will be hosting their **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7pm**.

It's a very important night for us. Please make every effort to attend, take part in the decision making and get involved in the following:

- **Voting** on School bids
- **Election** to recruit new committee members and trustees
- **Call for volunteers** to help support our events throughout the year

All current parents/carers of Saint Cecilia's pupils and students are welcome to join the Friends and come along to the meeting - you can sign up on the night. Come out and make a difference; let your voice be heard!

Valente Panattoni
The Friends of Saint Cecilia's

Year 11 Revision Resources

There is now a page on the school website dedicated to resources for Year 11 revision to help pupils in their GCSE work. It is available [here](#).

This week's revision tip gives a summary on how to use flashcards effectively. These can fit in very well with the Pomodoro technique that was distributed last week, as your child can set the timer, create some flash cards based on the information they want to learn, have a break and then come back in 20 minutes and test themselves. They can then be revisited every time they want to test themselves on the topic in the future.

James Owen
Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 20th October:** Year 9 Parent Partnership Event 6-7pm
- **Friday 21st October:** CPD Day (no pupils in school)
- **Monday 24th –28th October:** Half Term
- **Tuesday 1st November:** The Friends AGM 7-8.30pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **Monday 7th November:** Deadline for Sixth Form applications via SIMS Student App