



Message from the Headteacher

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you.'
(Ephesians 4:32)

Another busy week has flown by with lots of opportunity for pupils and students to show off their talent.

GCSEs have not stopped Year 11 pupils from continuing to shine outside of the examination hall. Jumping to new heights at the London Schools' Athletics Championships was **Charlie R** (Year 11), who won the Intermediate Boys High Jump. We also have two gold medallists in our midst after **Beatrice E** (Year 7) and **Casielle M** (Year 7) raced on the track and even broke long standing London records. Undertaking a challenge to represent Pi in an interesting way was **Grace E** (Year 11) who

achieved third place at the Think Maths National Competition. Grace represented Pi by running 3.14 miles and tracking her progress on a running app, in the shape of Pi. In the words of the judges, Grace's entry was both delightful and playfully original. Well done, Grace!

Public exams, the summer art exhibition, and rehearsals for the whole school production of *'Fame'* mean every spare room and space in school is a hive of activity. I hope you can feel the buzz as you read about everything your children have been up to this week. Enjoy a weekend of summer sunshine!

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'A new command I give to you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'
(John 13:34)

Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you read this, our Year 11s will have finished their GCSEs! I feel so happy and proud of them. If your child is one of them, I send a big congratulations to you for getting them this far. I may not see many of them around school, so please pass on my congratulations to them too.

As I mentioned last week, we have been revisiting the Fruit of the Spirit in our Collective Worship this week, starting with Love. The command that Jesus gives (in the verse above) isn't completely new. The Old Testament law has similar values to what we are going to see Jesus say next. What is new is that

Jesus is about to lead by example. It is also new in the sense that it is part of the New Covenant that Jesus ratified with his blood on the cross. In the Old Covenant, we could be right with God by right living; now we can be right with God by Jesus' work for us.

So, what is this new command? It is love. But this isn't just any kind of love: Jesus tells us we are to love as he loved.

Remember he is about to go to the cross, thus displaying the greatest act of love for us, and it is to this extent that we are to love those around us. We are to love those around us with the same sacrificial love. May God help us to grow in His kind of love.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Gold Medallists and Record Breakers

Beatrice E and **Casielle M** (pictured right) attended the London Schools' Athletics Association finals on Tuesday 13th June at Mile End Stadium. Representing the school and the borough, which in itself is a remarkable achievement, they both picked up gold medals by winning their respective events of 800m and 100m.

Bea was super composed and in control throughout the race, maintaining excellent form on the shoulder of the pace setter. Approaching the last bend she powered through to win comfortably in an excellent time. This makes **Bea** the fastest 800m Year 7 girl in London!! Well done **Bea** - we are very proud of you.

Casielle's performance was phenomenal and broke the London Schools' Athletics Year 7 Girl 100m record. This record had stood for many years at 12.9 seconds. **Casielle** smashed the record in **12.6 seconds!** Not only does this make her the fastest Year 7 girl in London, she is now the fastest Year 7 girl in London **EVER**. We are so proud of both girls.



Alex Bishop
Curriculum Team Leader for PE

Year 8 Ecologists

The whole of Year 8 were fortunate enough to participate in a day of ecology workshops put on by the Royal Parks charity. Pupils rotated in groups between several different stations to learn about the conservation efforts being made by scientists within the park. With glorious sunshine and an expert team delivering the day, the pupils all had a fantastic time.

Sampling meadow invertebrates: Pupils used sweep nets to gather a whole host of invertebrates and were able to carefully tip out the contents into a bioviewer for a closer look. There were crickets, beetles and spiders galore!



Building birdboxes: Our pupils were extremely enthusiastic about doing some woodworking to build nests for woodpeckers. For many, it was their first opportunity to use saws, hammers and nails. They were delighted, even if some of the boxes were a little wonky!



Maintaining grasslands with Shire horses: After the Shire horses had done the hard work of mowing the fields, pupils entered a competition to see who could create the biggest grass mound! Never have teenagers worked so hard with a rake!



Year 8 Ecologists Continued

Monitoring water cleanliness: Pupils used pond nets to investigate indicator species present in the pond – the more specific species identified, the healthier the ecosystem is. Some pupils were brave enough to hold the pond snails in their hands!



Sampling meadows: After a full day in the sun, pupils enjoyed being able to relax in the meadows and conduct a sample of some of the plant life. Using quadrats and species cards, pupils sampled the wild plants that were present and removed invasive species.



Well done to all Year 8s for their excellent attitude and enthusiasm on this trip!

Becky Butlin
Carter House Leader and Teacher of Science

Daniel Bowman
Teacher of Science

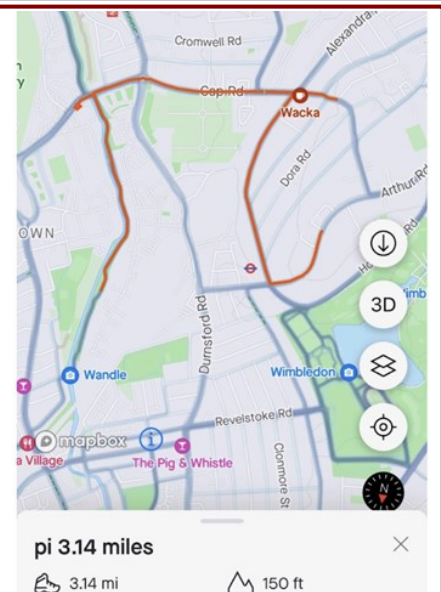
Another Maths Win for Grace!

On Pi Day (14.03 or 03.14 if you are American), Think Maths ran a national competition where they challenged pupils to represent π in the most interesting way they could think of, using any medium at their disposal. **Grace E** in Year 11 combined her love of maths and love of running, and ran 3.14 miles in the shape of pi (pictured right), which placed her third out of over 350 entries across the country. She was sent pi-related prizes from Think Maths, as well as being featured on their website: <https://thinkmaths.co.uk/pi-results/>

Here's what the judges said: *"In 3rd place is this 3.14 mile run in the shape of Pi by **Grace E** of Saint Cecilia's Church of England School. Grace did the run and tracked it on a run tracking app. We were impressed by the delightful and playful originality of this idea, with no-one in the competition doing anything similar. Making the route both look like Pi does and be exactly 3.14 miles would have required planning and not have been an easy feat."*

A massive well done to **Grace** for her ingenuity and success!

Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths



A Level Spanish is More Than Learning a Language

Year 12 are learning about Spanish artists this half term and explored this theme using a vast array of activities which we turned into inter-class competitions. They drew portraits in the style of Picasso. **Maddie P** was the winner with her portrait of Molly M. They had fun doing a virtual tour of Frida Khalo's blue house and enjoyed converting the MFL corridor into Prado's Museum.

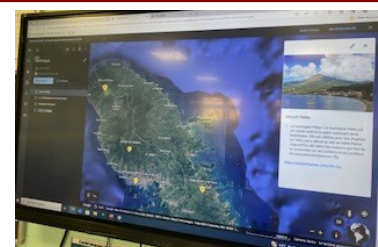


To get active, they learnt some flamenco dance steps and played the chairs game where **Eva D** was the winner. Finally, they created their own poems in the style of Ruben Darios who wrote 'A Goya' and the winner was **Molly M**.

Omara Muñoz Asensio
Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Year 10 French Enthusiasts

Year 10 French pupils are studying the topic of town and how to describe a town in detail. They used Google Earth to learn more about what there is to see in Martinique, a French-speaking country. In pairs, pupils had to click on a point in the map, take a photo of the description of the landmark and then race the other pairs to translate it. They rose to the challenge of translating vocabulary under speed from an authentic French website and writing an accurate English translation.



Maria P-S and Amanda D



Johanna S and Erin C



Chloe H and Charlotte M

Sylvia Basilious
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

BFI Southbank Trip

On 13th June, 30 Year 8 and 9 pupils attended a Key Stage 3 Spanish study day at BFI Southbank. This was an excellent opportunity to boost pupils' Spanish language skills through watching short films and completing interactive activities. Conducted in both Spanish and English, the morning session was made up of a clip-based presentation introducing a selection of short films, including 'Luminaris', 'Mi papá es director de cine' and 'Las Diablillas', which tackle some of the social issues in Spanish society, gender roles in Mexico and the 2007 economic crisis in Spain.

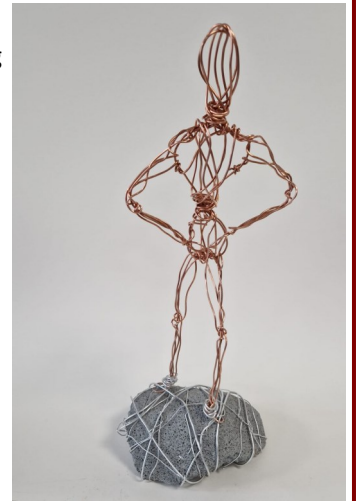
There were a range of activities aimed at extending pupils' vocabulary and encouraging them to join dialogue exercises. We were proud of the pupils' impeccable behaviour— they were excellent ambassadors for Saint Cecilia's School throughout the day.



Omara Muñoz Asensio
Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Artist of the Week

Raphaella M in Year 12 is studying Art A Level. She is exploring different ways of representing the human figure inspired by the artist Giacometti. Here, she has used wire to create a standing figure. Well done **Raphaella**, it is a wonderful sculpture.



Sarah Mulvey
Teacher of Art and Design

Library News

This half of term, Year 7 mentor group visits to the Library are focusing on some of the amazing information books we have on our shelves. With a huge variety of books, covering all the main curriculum areas as well as a range of other topics (from biographies to philosophy and cookery to mental health), there is something for everyone. Year 7s have been choosing books and picking out facts and ideas to share with the rest of the group. Here's a selection from visits this week:



- * Sharks do not have bones; instead they have cartilage – like we do in our ears.
- * Henri Matisse was originally going to be a lawyer, but became an artist after his mother gave him paints when he was ill.
- * We should step outside our comfort zones, start dreaming big and go after the impossible.
- * Green bananas are not regular bananas that haven't ripened yet, they're a totally different species.
- * Ancient Egyptians discovered adding yeast to bread, about 4,000 years ago.

Pupil Librarian Taster Session

Any pupils/students interested in becoming Pupil Librarians next year are invited to attend a taster session after school next Friday (23rd June). Spaces are limited and there is a sign-up sheet in the Library.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

First Roundnet Tournament



On Wednesday, our Year 8 and 9 teams took part in the first London Roundnet Schools tournament. Pupils enjoyed a coaching session by London Roundnet players, who also play internationally, before taking part in the huge tournament. Our top Saint Cecilia's team of the day was **Olivia R** and **Gael NPF** in the Year 8 competition, coming an impressive 5th overall out of 32 teams, only losing to the eventual winners of the tournament.



In the Year 9 category, **Daniel D** and **Rex R** also came 5th overall, only losing to the eventual tournament winners. It was a fun day for all and great to see how much they improved over the course of the tournament. I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm of the pupils both on the day, at lunchtimes and after school. We look forward to next year where they will improve even more.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Incredible Athletics Success

Our athletes have been busy competing in various championships this term.

London Schools' Athletics Championships

Last Saturday, we had over 14 pupils from Years 9-11 selected to represent Wandsworth at the London Schools' Athletics Championships in Battersea Park. The best athletes in the whole of London were competing so the standard was extremely high.

We are delighted to report that **Charlie R** (Year 11) jumped a staggering 1.77m and won the Intermediate Boys High Jump section! A huge well done to **Charlie** who has trained really hard to achieve this!

Here are some of Saint Cecilia's highlights:

Charlie R - 1st high jump

Arthur M - 1st in triple jump

Ella R - 2nd in high jump

Issy D - 3rd in 200m

Nyah N-S - Final in 100m



Nyah N-S



Arthur M



Alex B and Seb R

The following pupils also represented the school for Wandsworth in both track and field events:

Alex A - shot put

Kevin E - long jump

Louis E - selected for 800m

Alex B - hurdles

Seb R - hurdles

Jack H - 1500m

Sammy H - 1500m



Charlie R



Issy D

On Tuesday, the following students were selected to represent Wandsworth in the same

tournament in the Year 7 and 8 category: **De'Quan C-J**, **Ethan D**, **Otis J**, **Cassielle M**, **Henry H**,

Bea E and **Kayon B**. We are so proud of all of these athletes for being selected, and to all those who gained medals or made the final at a high level competition. A huge well done to all!

English Schools' Athletics Cup

On Monday, the next round of the English Schools' Athletics Cup was held and we had 54 pupils competing. All four of our teams qualified for this London final, where some of the strongest athletics schools in London were participating. There were some great performances, with every race, jump and throw contributing points for the team. Some highlights were the 200m races, with **Amaru G** (Year 8), **Cassielle M** (Year 7) and **Ella R** (Year 9) comfortably winning their races. Overall, our Inter Boys team came 5th/11, Junior Boys came 4th/10, Junior Girls finished 8/13 (only 10 points away from 5th) and Inter Girls came 7th/11. A huge well done to all. Despite the hot weather, a huge thunderstorm and a long coach delay, they were all in good spirits and it was a great atmosphere all day.

Finally, at another event, **Freddie A** (Year 13) and **Ella R** (Year 9) have both been selected to represent London at the English Schools' Athletics finals in July, in Birmingham. This is where all the best school athletes in the country will be competing. Both are competing in the 200m and have a strong chance of medalling!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Whole School Musical Production Returns with 'Fame'!



We are delighted that, after a three-year hiatus, next month sees the return of our whole school musical production. On **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July**, Saint Cecilia's will perform 'Fame Jr', which is sure to be a real highlight of the school year!

With just three weeks to go, the cast and staff have been working hard in rehearsals to ensure it will be a really great show.

Tickets will go on sale at 4pm Friday 16th June via Ticketsource (link below) for the two performances

–Wednesday 5th July at 7pm and Thursday 6th July at 7pm. Tickets need to be purchased in advance online here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/saintcecilias> and are £8.50 adults and £3 children plus a small booking fee. Please buy tickets as soon as possible as they will not be on sale on the door and will only be available online until lunchtime on the day of the performance or until all seats are sold.

Refreshments will be available in the Refectory from 6.30pm and in the interval. The doors to the auditorium will open at 6.45pm each evening. Thanks to The Friends for providing the refreshments.

Please come along and support our talented pupils and students!

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Enrichment Week 2023

A reminder that Enrichment Week 2023 is fast approaching so please pay for the activities:

Date	Year Group and Destination
Monday 17th July	Year 7 and Year 8: Chessington World of Adventures Year 9: The Imperial War Museum Year 10: Thorpe Park
Tuesday 18th July	Year 7 and Year 8: The Tower of London Year 9: Thorpe Park Year 10: The Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 19th July	Year 7 to 10: Sports Day at Wimbledon Park <i>*Pupils are required to wear their full PE kit on Sports Day</i>

Cost:

- For Year 7 and Year 8 pupils £30
- For Year 7 and Year 8 pupils (Pupil Premium) £15
- For Year 9 and Year 10 pupils £45
- For Year 9 and Year 10 pupils (Pupil Premium) £30

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already paid via ParentPay. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. Financial assistance is available where families are eligible for support. To find out more about this, please contact Miss Latesha Fleming via: finance@saintcecilias.london.

To support anyone who may be experiencing financial hardship, families can make a donation via ParentPay to 'Enrichment Week Contribution' to 'sponsor' another pupil, so that they can take part in the activities. During the week, pupils should bring a packed lunch. If your child receives Free School Meals, the Refectory can provide a packed lunch for each day. Please indicate via ParentPay whether your child will want a packed lunch made for them where they qualify for Free School Meals. This needs to be indicated to us no later than Monday 3rd July.

Andrew Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher



Historic Royal Palaces
Tower of London

Cheerleading STC Sparks



On Thursday 15th June, Saint Cecilia's cheerleading team, STC Sparks, had the opportunity to train at the UK's biggest, most successful and well-established cheerleading gym, Unity Allstars. The club is based in Carshalton and has over 20 competitive cheerleading teams, ranging from beginner to world level teams. Unity Allstars currently hold the 2023 World Championship title.

Visiting the club in itself was awe-inspiring for our pupils, made even better by having the opportunity to train using their fantastic facilities. As the National School Cheerleading Championships are fast approaching next week, this experience for the pupils was extremely helpful.

We spent two hours, practising and cleaning up the routine which pupils have worked so hard to perfect over the course of the year. They upgraded the stunt section, and perfected techniques in both the tumbles and jump sections.

The pupils and I are extremely excited to see what next week's competition brings. We are in a division with a number of other teams from around the country, so fingers crossed all the pupils' hard work pays off. Go STC SPARKS!

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Well done Year 11s!

Today marks the end of GCSE exams for all our Year 11 pupils. We are absolutely delighted with the way they have approached this long exam period. They have demonstrated maturity and composure and deserve to do well after all their revision. We wish them the best of luck and we look forward to seeing them back in school for Freshers' Week, DofE expedition and the Year 11 Prom.

James Owen
Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Wednesday 21st June:** Year 8 BFI Southbank Study Day from 9.30am - 4pm
- **Wednesday 21st - 23rd June:** DofE Silver assessed expedition (Year 11)
- **Friday 23rd June:** Year 13 Prom at the London Rowing Club 7pm - midnight
- **Friday 23rd June:** Cheerleading competition in Bournemouth
- **Monday 26th June:** Freshers' Week (Year 11)
- **Wednesday 28th June:** Year 10 Art/Textiles visit to the Tate Modern and Southbank
- **Friday 30th June:** Year 10 Art/Textiles visit to the Tate Modern and Southbank
- **Thursday 29th June:** Year 11 Prom at Home Café Earlsfield 6.30pm - 10.30pm
- **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July:** 'Fame Jr' whole school musical production at 7pm
- **Thursday 13th July:** University of Oxford library trip
- **Thursday 13th July:** Year 12 University of Surrey visit
- **Sunday 16th - 20th July:** Music tour to Moselle
- **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July:** Enrichment Activities
- **Wednesday 19th July:** Sports Day
- **Thursday 20th July:** Final day of term