



Message from the Headteacher

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people"
Colossians 3:23

In light of the sad start to term, I am proud of the way pupils and students have settled into their lessons and back into school life. Mr Iannarelli was a House Leader for Ives, so their Collective Worship was a perfect opportunity to pay tribute to him. We have opened a Memories Book in the Chapel, to give pupils and staff the opportunity to reflect on Mr Iannarelli's contribution to school. In time we will remember him more formally. Thank you again for your messages of condolence, and know they will be shared with Mr Iannarelli's family in due course.

We ran a busy extra-curricular fair this week with a particular focus for Year 7, so we fully expect all pupils to sign up and commit to an activity. Even beyond Year 7, there is much value in pupils being part of some type of activity outside the

classroom. Mentors will be strongly encouraging their mentees to join a club or attend a school event this year. I hope we can count on your support too.

Although early in the academic year, I am delighted to already be commending pupils on their achievements. Well done to **Darcey, Macaulay and Ruby** in Year 11, who entered the Young Writers' Competition, and will have their work published in an anthology of winners.

Finally, now that our Open Event Season is upon us, we are looking forward to welcoming prospective families to school. If you have friends or family making decisions about secondary transfer, please direct them to the school website for the dates of our remaining open mornings.

God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your prayers and messages of support for us in the last week. It has been felt and greatly appreciated.

Part of my key messages both to staff and students at the start of this term has been based on 'What does it mean to work/be in a Church of England school?' I have been so thankful to see some of the things I have spoken about: 'being a community of care' and 'dependence on a God who knows and loves us', being lived out in the last week.

We are continuing along those lines with our Collective Worship themes, revisiting our school values, and this week

we are focusing on '**Creativity**'. We want to promote a culture that encourages pupils and students to use the gifts they have already discovered, and to have the courage to try new things.

I am delighted to announce that our first Parents' Prayer Meeting of the year will be on **Friday 23rd September at 1 pm**. For ease of attendance, we are going to make this a Zoom meeting, and the details are:

Meeting ID: 384 874 8823

Password: Romans832

Every blessing to you in the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Artist of the Week

A drawing from **Ysobel** in Year 12 which she completed over the summer as part of her bridging work.

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design



Young Writers' Competition - Saint Cecilia's Success



Last year, seven of our pupils entered the **Young Writers' Competition**, where they wrote a poem or a short story around the theme of 'The Tree'. Across entries from over 70 London and Surrey schools, I am delighted to say that our pupils did excellently.

The results are below with the pupils' year group at the time of entry submission (last academic year). Every pupil should be incredibly proud of their hard work and the amazing quality of their pieces.

Author, Year Group in 2021-22	Name of piece	Award
Angelica, Year 8	Short Story: 'The Loving Tree'	Commended
Charlie, Year 7	Short Story: 'Trevor Tristan and the Tree'	Commended
Joshua, Year 8	Short Story: 'The Elemental War'	Commended
Ruby S, Year 10	Poem: 'The Elder Tree'	Commended
Darcey, Year 10	Poem: 'The Tree'	Highly Commended
Ruby W, Year 10	Short Story: 'Fatal Swing'	Runner Up
Macaulay, Year 10	Poem: 'Sestina of the Tree'	Runner Up

Darcey, Ruby W and **Macaulay** will have their work published in an anthology of winners, runners up and highly commended entries.

Congratulations to **Macaulay** and **Ruby W** who, as runners up in the competition, have been invited to the prize-giving event that will be held at the New Wimbledon Theatre on the 30th September. They will meet the author David Almond as well as the Chair of Judges, and receive their certificates, book prize and anthology.

Emma Rattier
Teacher of English

Chess Club

Here are some pictures from the first week of Chess Club, with some old members and some new Year 7s joining in!



Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths

A Level Biologists

Year 13 biologists are working on their first independent research project, investigating a factor that affects the rate of photosynthesis. The sample of pondweed has cooperated this week, and the results are... interesting! They'll have a lot of evaluation points to discuss in their write-ups.



Elizabeth Hogg
Curriculum Team Leader for Science

Cheerleading



Following the success of the school's cheerleading team 'STC Sparks' last year, school trials for this year's team were held on Wednesday this week. The turnout was phenomenal with over 45 pupils trialling from Years 7-11 and the talent was extraordinary!

Well done to all pupils, whether you were successful this year or not. If you were not successful, you can come and speak to me for individual feedback.

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Caterlink Winners



Our new school caterers, **Caterlink**, have started the term with an impressive array of menus on offer for pupils and students and a far improved presentation. We are also delighted to announce that **Toby** in Year 8 and **Zoe** in Year 13 are the winners of the survey competition we launched in August. Their responses have helped shape the menus launched in September. They both win a £30 Amazon voucher.



Please remind your child to bring a reusable bottle of their choice for the Generation Juice initiative so that we can all cut plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy hydration with the new chilled drinks.

Dave Cobb
Business Manager

Sign up to Group 64 Drama



If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8 and would like to take part in the Group 64 Drama workshops on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15pm please ask them to contact Miss Mouland. There is a cost for these workshops.

Sophie Mouland
Teacher of Drama

Year 7 Open Events - book now to guarantee entry



Prospectus for Year 7 Entry 2023
www.saintcecilias.london
Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

If you have a child in primary school, or have friends or neighbours with primary-aged children, our remaining open events for Year 7 entry in 2023 are now available to book. We have rescheduled the Open Event that was due to take place on Monday 19th September. Click on each of the links below to visit our Eventbrite page to book free tickets. Various time slots are available at each event.

[Wednesday 28th September 2022 9am - noon](#)
[Monday 10th October 2022 9am - noon](#)

Our prospectus for Year 7 2023 entry is available to read and download on our [Prospectus and Open Events page](#).

Kelly Turner
Marketing

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 22nd September:** Year 12 Parent Partnership Event 6-7pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **Monday 26th September:** Careers Fair from 12pm - 4pm in the Sports Hall for Years 10-13
- **Wednesday 28th September:** Open Morning for Year 7 entry in 2023 9am - noon
- **Thursday 29th September:** Year 10 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **Monday 10th October:** Open Morning for Year 7 entry in 2023 9am - noon
- **Thursday 13th October:** Open Event for Sixth Form entry in 2023 6:15-8:30pm