



### Message from the Headteacher

*'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.'*

1 John 5:14

As we race through the term, it can prove hard to keep up with everything pupils and students are involved in.

The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to test their oracy skills. With Fleur Anderson MP in the audience, I am very proud of **Heloise R** (Year 11) who hosted the event, and **Dejuan W, Jezreel S-X** and **Eva D** (all Year 10) who took part.

Exam season is already underway and students have made an excellent start in their A Level drama performances. This week we shared a parent webinar from the NHS on exam stress and began the 'big but gentle' push into exams for Year 11. Pupils have made good use of both strike days this week to kick start

revision. Upcoming assemblies, mentor time and subject interventions will focus on making the best use of the Easter break to prepare.

Following last week's visit to the Royal Institute, I am delighted that we have more maths success to share. **Grace E** (Year 11) won University of Greenwich's School of Computing and Mathematics competition. Well done, Grace!

Friday night is the Spring Concert. If the rehearsals are anything to go by, we are in for a spectacular evening. If you have been lucky enough to secure a ticket, I will see you there.

God bless.

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

*'Be still and know that I am God.'*

Psalms 46:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continued our prayer series this week, thinking about the need to pause and be still as an important part of prayer. The theme verse for this week is taken from Psalm 46 and is one of my favourites Psalms. Let me use my corner this week to share the Psalm with you in full:

**God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

He says, *"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."*

**The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Alex Shoderu**  
Chaplain

### Artist of the Week



This week's Artist of the Week is **Maggie P** from Year 8. Maggie has created this butterfly piano in response to the theme Surrealism and Metamorphosis. Using careful observational drawing skills with colouring pencil, she has created a realistic image that appears as if it is about to fly off the page. She has titled the piece 'Songfly', linking the beauty of the butterfly to the gentle tunes of a grand piano. Well done Maggie!

**Daisy Bernard**  
Teacher of Art and PSHE

## Jack Petchey Wandsworth Finals

Last Thursday 9th March, Saint Cecilia's hosted the Wandsworth final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. **Eva D**, **Dejuan W** and **Jezreel S-X** (all in Year 10) participated in this event and **Heloise R** (Year 11), last year's winner, compèred. It was a great event and I received lots of excellent feedback about our speakers and the Year 10 and 12 bands 'The Badgers' and 'The Pink Cadavers' who performed. Pictured below are our finalists with our local MP Fleur Anderson who presented certificates.



**Dejuan W**



**Jezreel S-X**



**Eva D**



**Heloise R**



**Pink Cadavers**  
(John C, Harry B and Tom D)



**The Badgers**  
(Oscar F, Anthony G, Felix F)

**Mairead Gibbons**  
Teacher of English

## Maths Whizz



**Grace E** (Year 11) attended last week's Maths Fest trip and entered a competition where she had to explain an incredibly challenging maths problem. This week we received the results, and I'm delighted to say Grace was the winner! She beat hundreds of other pupils from multiple schools, and was awarded a certificate and Rubik's cube from the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences at the University of Greenwich. Well done **Grace**!

**Megumi Davis**  
Teacher of Maths



## Dynamic Drama Performances

Last week, all GCSE Drama pupils and A Level Theatre Studies students performed modern texts, either through monologues or group pieces, in front of live examiners. This was worth 20% of their final grades. They all remained professional throughout their exam days and demonstrated their true ability within these performances. Congratulations to all who completed their final section of practical work – now on to the written exam!



**Carter W and Rashad E**



**Tsemaye M**



**Rebecca R**



**Joshua D**



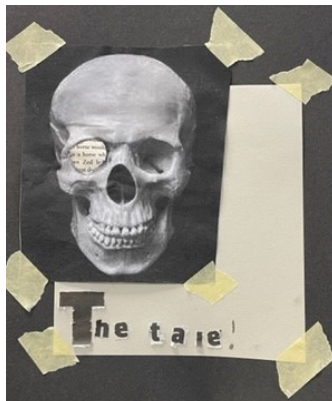
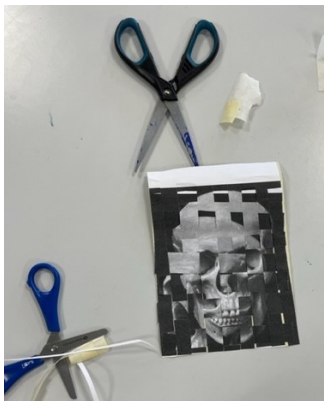
**Rebecca R, Joshua D and Tsemaye M**



**Iona J**

**Sophie Moulard**  
Teacher of Drama

## Film and Photography Club



In this week's Film and Photography Club, we focused on how to work with photographs. Pupils did this by choosing images to weave together to create a sense of movement, or cutting and dissecting images to make photomontages.

**Daisy Bernard**  
Teacher of Art and PSHE



## Cookery in PSHE

As part of the PSHE curriculum, Year 13 students have been preparing for life after school. They have been thinking about the life skills they will need and spent some time over the last few lessons planning a meal that would suit a student budget and be quick and easy to make. On Tuesday, they arrived in the Food Technology room armed with ingredients and cooked the meals. They chopped, peeled, sliced, baked, fried and boiled, all to create mouth-watering meals. Everyone produced a meal (without setting off the fire alarms) and they all had fun cooking together.



**Matthew B** - Sausage pasta



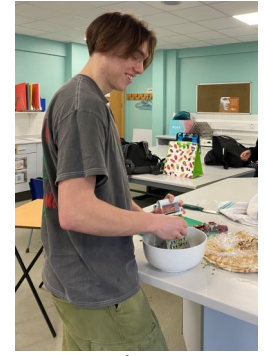
**Justine dIC, Reuben B and Louis W** - Serving up Chicken Souvlaki



**Aminata T** - Shrimp Spaghetti



**Raghuvir D, Danial B and Elvis S E** - chips



**Louis W** - Chicken Souvlaki



**Reuben B** - Chicken Souvlaki



**Alex, Edwin and Victor** - Burgers and chips

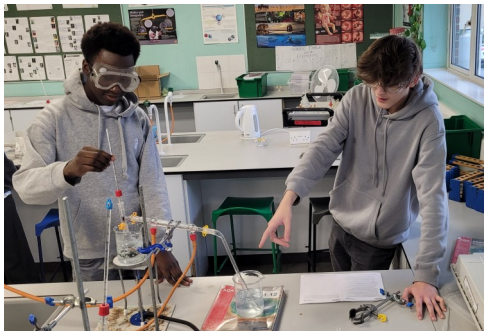


**Amalia S** - Grandma's secret recipe

**Cathy Bull**  
SENCo, Literacy Co-Ordinator

## Year 12 Science

Year 12 students conducted a lengthy practical on the oxidation of alcohols. They did a fantastic job!



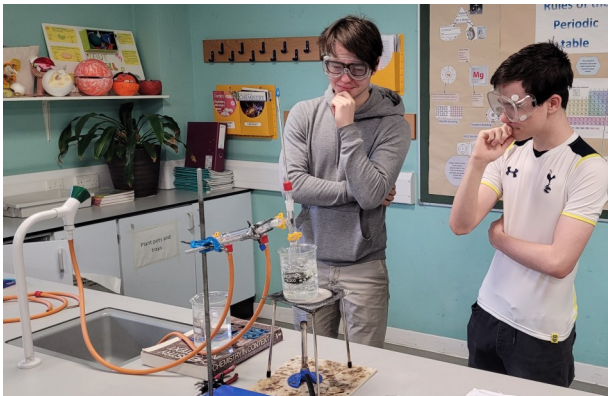
**Ezekiel O and Hadley G**



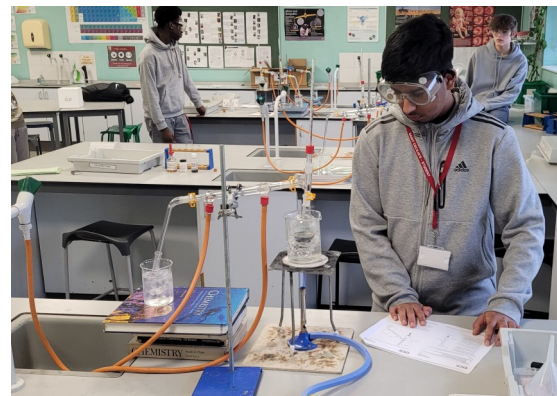
**Esther T and Nyx Q**



**Teni T, Lily D and Amelia F-M**



**Sasha C-T and Finlay**



**Fallah U**

**Rosemary Lonsdale**  
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Science



## Library News

### New Science Books

Hot on the heels of History and Maths, the Science department has teamed up with the Library to order a selection of new books. Particularly with Key Stage 4 and 5 in mind, there is plenty for those interested in extending their knowledge and reading around scientific themes. If your child is considering a science-based subject beyond Year 13, do encourage them to come and have a look.

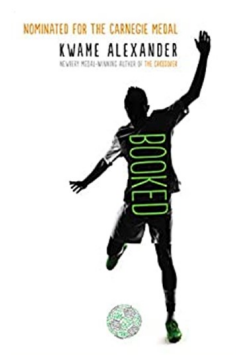
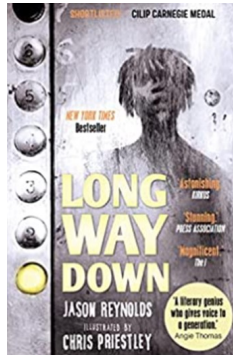
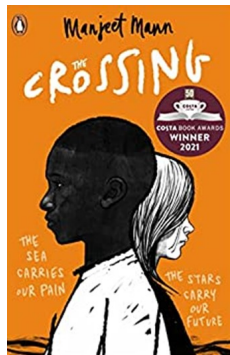


### Wandsworth FAB book awards

Our team of FAB readers has voted on the shortlist of books they have been reading this year and the top scorer (to the surprise of some on the team!) was 'The Lighthouse' by Fran Dorricott, closely followed by 'The Blue Book of Nebo' by Manon Steffan Ros. We are looking forward to taking some members of the FAB team to the awards ceremony towards the end of term where we will find out the overall winner as voted for by pupils and students across the borough. If your child has been involved in reading the FAB books, please look out for an email about the awards ceremony.

### Year 8 and 9 English classes in the Library

Each half of term, the Year 8 and 9 English classes have one lesson in the Library where they spend time with me, learning about a specific genre of literature and reading whatever they choose from the shelves. This half of term we have considered verse novels and the pupils listened to excerpts from a variety of texts. Why not ask your child what they thought of the titles pictured below? The aim of these lessons is to expose the pupils to genres and titles they might not otherwise try and help them to develop the habit of reading for pleasure. If you think your child would benefit from assistance in choosing what to read, please encourage them to come and have a chat with the Library staff.



Rachel Goodhart  
School Librarian

## Year 8 Creative Language Learning

Year 8 worked in groups to prepare an oral presentation on their favourite music in French. They could present it in any format they wanted: poster/PowerPoint/video (which they were allowed to use their phones to film)/song/quiz show style. They had to meet the success criteria which required using a range of connectives, opinions, verbs in the past tense and complex sentence structures. They produced some excellent work and enjoyed working together. To watch some excellent footage, click on the YouTube links below:



[Ava F, Caro B M and Aicha H](#)  
[Mehdi and friends](#)  
[Siena G, Bea R and Eliza C](#)

Sylvia Basiliou  
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

## Linguist extraordinaire!

Pupils in MFL have a rewards section at the end of their book where they are awarded stickers for good work, participation, and tackling a challenge. Usually, pupils take the whole year to fill it up, however, **Ermuun S** in Year 8 took only half a year to complete his rewards card. What an impressive achievement. He was rewarded with mini churros as per his wish!

**Sara Navarro**  
Teacher of Spanish



## Year 7 Boys Football Wandsworth Winners!



A huge well done to the Year 7B football team who won the Wandsworth tournament held at Southfields Academy last week. They won all of their group games and survived two penalty shootouts to come away as worthy winners! A big shout-out to **Noah S-A** for his goalkeeping heroics, a story I am sure that will be told for years to come. We are also extremely proud of our A team who were very unlucky to exit in a semi-final penalty shootout. They played excellent football throughout and were a credit to themselves and to the school.

**Kaan Cengiz**  
Teacher of Religious Studies

## U15s Girls Football Victory

On Wednesday 14th March, the U15 girls football team entered the 'Let Girls Play Wandsworth' tournament and came away victorious. They got off to a shaky start, but after a rousing team talk from **Micricia S**, the girls won their final group game 2-0 with Micricia scoring both goals. This put them through to the semi-final against Southfields Academy (the hosts). The girls took a well-deserved lead through a goal from team captain **Ella R**, but Southfields equalised to take the game to penalties. The girls won the penalty shootout to go through to the finals against Graveney School. With momentum behind them, the girls won the finals comfortably 3-0 and were worthy winners of the eight-team Wandsworth tournament. Well done to all!



Special shout outs to:

**Yvette D** (Year 8) who was playing against much older players, some two years above her. She was excellent in goal throughout the tournament and made two crucial penalty saves in the semi-final.

**Kiara B** who was a last-minute addition to the team and was excellent in defence.

**Micricia S** who was representing the school for the first time having only joined Saint Cecilia's in September. Her team-talk made all the difference!

Pictured: Back row (L-R): **Miyian D, Micricia S, Ella R, Grace Y, Kiara B**. Front row (L-R): **Aurelia O, Yvette D, Alexia B**

**Alex Shoderu**

## Running Champs



On Tuesday 14th March, it was the Year 7 and 8 inter-borough Cross Country Championships at Avery Hill, south east London. **Bea E** in Year 7 (pictured left) and **Spencer E** in Year 8 were both selected to represent Wandsworth at this event. Their selection was based on their impressive results at the Wandsworth cross country race last October. Spencer came 11th overall whilst Bea came a very impressive fifth place in the race, helping her 'Wandsworth' team get a gold medal overall. A huge congratulations to both runners.

**Harriet Field**  
Teacher of PE



## Netball News

On Tuesday 14th March, the Year 10A and 10B netball teams travelled away to Ursuline High School. The A squad was slightly depleted due to illness and injuries, but despite this, the girls came away with a draw, against a strong side. Player of the Match was **Chloe V** for her movement in the goal third. The B team won a convincing 21-5. Although some ball placement was not as accurate as in previous matches, the girls defence and shooting meant they came away with a solid win. Well done to all!

Also on Tuesday, the Year 7A, 9A and 9B teams travelled away to Ricards Lodge, and each team won their games. The 7A team won a convincing 11-2, with some great interceptions from **Iman A-H**. This was a good practice for the London Youth Games finals that the 7A team have qualified for next week. The 9A team had a rocky start but pulled ahead at the end. Well done to **Ruby H** for her calmness bringing the ball down court.



Year 7A Team



Year 9A Team

Harriet Field  
Teacher of Physical Education

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The Friends will be running a Second Hand Uniform Sale on Thursday 30th March from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

If you have any items of school uniform (in clean and good condition) that you no longer need, please drop it off to the school Reception.

Thank you in advance for any donations and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 30th March.

Fouzia Radi  
The Friends

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Tuesday 21st March:** Year 8 Escape Room, organised by Year 12 BTEC Business Studies students - SOLD OUT
- **Wednesday 22nd March:** Movie Night in the Chapel from 3.30 - 5.15pm. Organised by Year 12 BTEC Business Studies students - tickets still available on ParentPay
- **Wednesday 22nd March:** String Group, Concert Band and Musical Theatre Club all day rehearsals at Graveney School
- **Thursday 23rd March:** Year 8 Parents' Evening (virtual) 5-8pm
- **Tuesday 28th March:** Brighter Sounds Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. String Group, Concert Band, Musical Theatre Club and Choir will rehearse all day and perform at 7pm.
- **Thursday 30th March:** Second Hand Uniform Sale from 4-6pm in the Chapel
- **Friday 31st March:** End of term. Pupils and students dismissed after end of term assembly.
- **Monday 17th April:** Summer Term starts