



Message from the Headteacher

'This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it'.

(Psalm 118:24)

As we reach the end of another fruitful academic year, it is impossible to summarise all the events, successes and achievements that have been part of our busy school community. Pupils, students, and staff have worked hard together, with endless enthusiasm, to deliver such an abundance of activity, giving us so much to celebrate each week. They are a community full of thinkers, musicians, performers, sportsmen and women, creatives, entrepreneurs and leaders and I am proud of them all.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their dedication and support. They have earned their break

this summer. Thank you to Mr John Wells and the Music team for their hard work planning and preparing the music tour and to all those involved in organising and leading the Operation Wallacea expedition to South Africa. We look forward to hearing about these adventures on their return.

We remember all our pupils and students who are nervously awaiting exam results and look forward to seeing them in August.

Finally, I am very grateful for all the support for the school over the last academic year and wish you all a very good summer.

God bless and see you all in September.

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

Each term we award three children with a Jack Petchey Award. Pupils and students are nominated by their teachers and mentors. The award recognises young people who go above and beyond to achieve, push through challenges, help others, display bravery or experience a personal triumph beyond the classroom. This term our chosen pupils are:

Molly M (Year 12)

Bethany D (Year 11)

Ruby N (Year 8)



A huge well done to our three award winners!

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Upcoming Event Reminders for Summer and Next Term

- **Thursday 17th August:** A Level Results Day
- **Thursday 24th August:** GCSE Results Day
- **Monday 4th September:** Year 12 enrolment 2 - 3:30pm (for students who haven't enrolled on Results Day)
- **Wednesday 6th September:** Year 7 and Year 12 first day of term
- **Wednesday 6th September:** Year 7 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7.30pm
- **Thursday 7th September:** All other year groups (8, 9, 10, 11 and 13) first day of term
- **Thursday 7th September:** Year 11 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7.30pm
- **Friday 8th September:** Clubs Fair in the afternoon
- **Monday 11th September:** All Clubs start
- **Monday 11th September:** Year 8 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 12th September:** Year 10 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 13th September:** Year 12 Parent Partnership Event 6 - 7.30pm
- **Friday 29th September:** Saint Cecilia's Careers Fair

Music Tour to Mosel Valley, Germany

Pupils, students and staff began the music tour to Mosel in style. All of the students, pupils and staff are having a great time. Superb concerts so far with a nice mix of sight-seeing, fun and performing! More photos to follow in September, but here are some highlights from day one. Please click on the links below to see videos of two of our performances.

[VIDEO ONE](#)

[VIDEO TWO](#)



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Library News

The Library year in numbers:

79,989 visits to the Library

12,937 books issued this year

£2,797 of new books added

484 books borrowed by our 'top' borrower

£268 raised for charity

72 mentor group sessions hosted

66 English lessons in the Library

15 Pupil Librarians

7 titles read and voted on for the FAB Awards

5 Bronze DofE volunteers

3 trips

2 visiting speakers

1 fabulous Library!

Oxford University Libraries and Literature day trip

Our team of Pupil Librarians and some Year 7 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day in Oxford last week. Starting at Jesus College, the link college for Wandsworth schools, we were given a tour of the College and learnt about its history and what is involved in applying to the university. It was wonderful to hear so many of our pupils talking about how they plan to apply!

We were treated to a visit to the Fellows' Library – dating from the 1600s and where most books were around 400 years old. After lunch, eaten in the Dining Hall, we headed to the Story Museum for our WonderWalk around the city. We visited locations that related to and inspired authors such as Lewis Carroll, JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, Katherine Rundell and Philip Pullman. We saw the doorway that may have inspired CS Lewis in creating both Aslan and Mr Tumnus, and the roofs that prompted Katherine Rundell's 'Rooftoppers'. Finally, we made our way to the university's Bodleian Library where we were able to participate in a printing workshop. We discovered first hand how fiddly it is to typeset a page of text and were able to print both a keepsake with our own names and a page from 'The Tempest' on original presses.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian



Outside Christ Church – learning about Lewis Carroll's inspiration for 'Alice in Wonderland'



Outside the Radcliffe Camera, part of the Bodleian Library



Charlie L
operating the printing press



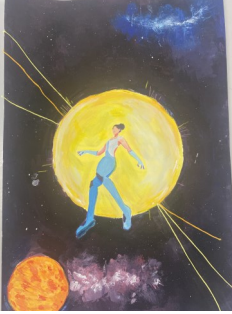
Dominic C,
Amelie G and
Miranda C in the Fellows' Library



Jesus Library

Artists of the Week

What a way to end a year! I'm thrilled to share these beautiful artworks created by fantastic artists in Year 8 and Year 9, who pulled out all the stops to create these as an end to their Summer Term projects. It was so difficult to choose between them so I decided to celebrate all of their hard work. We are very excited about what these, and our other talented artists, will go on to produce next year.



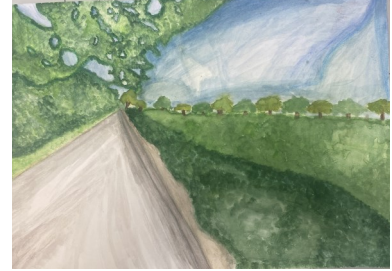
Cristina V, Year 9



Joa R, Year 9



Diana S, Year 9



Julia R, Year 8

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design



Jessie P, Year 8



Brooke M, Year 8

Artist on Show at the Royal Academy



Joseph E (Year 7) was selected earlier this year as one of our Artists of the Year. We are delighted that his picture of a jar of Marmite was selected to be on display at the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show. Pictured right is Joseph with his work at the show. If you haven't yet visited, it is a busy exhibition, but one full of inspiration.

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design



Saint Cecilia's Summer Exhibition



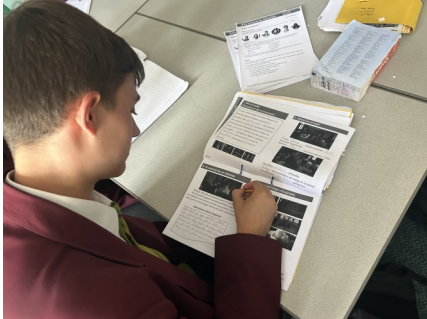
Earlier this term we held our Saint Cecilia's Summer Exhibition and it was a huge creative success. As much of the work is still to be examined, we are unable to publish it all, but I wanted to extend a huge thank you to **Levi O** in Year 11 and his father, Peter, for editing and creating the Art Exhibition film. Hours of editing work have gone into this and all of us in the Art Department are hugely grateful. It reflects the amazing talent of our pupils and students. We will share this next term once exam results are released.

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

News from MFL

Year 8 French literature

In Year 8, pupils have been working on a literature project based around the poem by Jacques Prévert, 'Déjeuner du matin.' Year 8 pupils (pictured right) watched a video in which the poem was interpreted by two people without words. Pupils had a set of pictures which they cut out and put in order, to recreate the poem from the short movie. They really enjoyed the task.



Year 9 Spanish Voces Inocentes

For their summer project, Year 9 Spanish pupils have been learning about the Civil War in El Salvador through the film 'Voces Inocentes'. The plot is set during the Salvadoran Civil War, and is based on the writer's (Óscar Torres) childhood. The film serves as a general commentary on the military use of children, which linked well with our topic on children's rights. They sang a song from the revolution with enthusiasm, as well as creating some posters comparing the rights of children in the UK and in Salvador.

Pupil comments:

Julian E: "Through watching this film I have learnt how badly children were treated in El Salvador and I have loved learning all of the vocabulary on war and poverty in Spanish."

Atina RF: "The movie is really emotional, but it is realistic and helps teach the truth about the consequences of war for children. I was surprised I could understand a lot of Spanish without reading the subtitles."

Georgia D: "I think learning languages through film is very interesting and very authentic as you can learn about the culture as well."

Melina P: "I have learnt lots of Spanish words and it helps me with pronunciation as my teacher is from Spain. It also teaches us to value our schools and life more."



Year 9 Spanish stars Georgia, Melina, Julien, Diego

Pictured left, in their home clothes, are some Year 9 star pupils who have earned the most stickers on their Spanish loyalty card. They have managed to get all these stickers by doing challenging work and demonstrating great effort and attitude in class or through extension homework. Well done to **Georgia D, Melina P, Julian E** and **Diego M-C!**

Year 10 City Project with Aloha School Marbella

During the second half of this term, Year 10 Spanish pupils have focused on 'your city,' which is one of our GCSE topics. Pupils collaborated with our exchange school, Aloha Marbella to create the video below. Pupils have had the opportunity to meet their exchange pen-pals and practise their listening and speaking skills in a real context. A special mention to **Patrick H** for making the videos, with English subtitles, for all of our projects.

Please click the image on the right to see the latest video.



Omara Muñoz Asensio
Curriculum Team Leader for MFL