



Message from the Headteacher

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

(Galatians 6:9)

Welcome back! We ended last term on such a high with excellent performances at the Royal Albert Hall. It was uplifting to receive positive feedback from so many parents afterwards (including being sent the photo below). The performances were a reflection of the hard work put in by our outstanding music department. So, it is wonderful to start this new term with continued musical success: a silver award for our Concert Band at the National Concert Band Festival in



Manchester last weekend. We were one of only two state schools performing. Well done to Mr James Robinson for conducting and to all our talented musicians.

I would like to reach out to the parent community of Saint Cecilia's as The Friends, our parent body, will be looking to recruit a new Chair from May 19th. We are extremely grateful to Mr Valente Panattoni who has led the committee and we appreciate his hard work to support the school community and raise essential funds for school projects. If you are interested in this opportunity, or have any questions about the role, please don't hesitate to email the Secretary of The Friends, Chavionne Richardson-Walker, at secretary.friendsofstceccilias@gmail.com.

This will be a busy term for everyone and we wish our pupils and students taking exams the best of luck. We will help them remain calm and be prepared.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.'

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and that you and your family had a good break over Easter.

With Year 11 and 13 sitting their final exams this term, my main thought is how the whole school community (pupils, students and staff) can be a good team around them. How can we encourage them? What little things can we do to cheer them on to success (hence 'cheerleading')? On Thursday, Year 11 and 13 had a special joint assembly from a speaker on

'Coping with Anxiety.' Year Leaders and House Leaders will use this as the focus of Collective Worship this week.

I thought I'd share this resource from Care for the Family with you, '[Four questions to put the brakes on anxiety](#)'. They are a great organisation with lots of great resources to help many issues faced by parents/families. I trust you will find this one useful, particularly if you have a child doing exams this year.

I will be praying that this will be a great term for all our pupils and students and that, as staff and families, we can have eyes to see how best to support them. Blessings to you and family,

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Artist of the Week

Sanika K in Year 8 has been exploring Surrealism, exquisite corpses and the work of Hannah Hoch. In her final piece, **Sanika** has combined collage, surreal insects and animals to great effect. She is my Artist of the Week.

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design



Year 7 Spanish Introductions

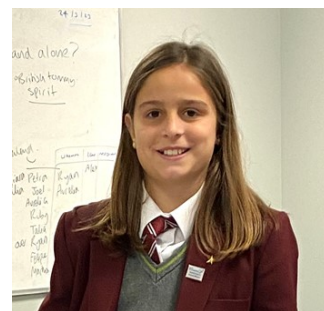
Over the Easter holidays, Year 7s were given the option to create a video talking about their families or invent an imaginary family. They had to describe their family members in terms of appearance and personality, as well as talking about what they do in their free time. I was so impressed with their videos. They've put a lot of work into them! Please click on their picture to watch each one.



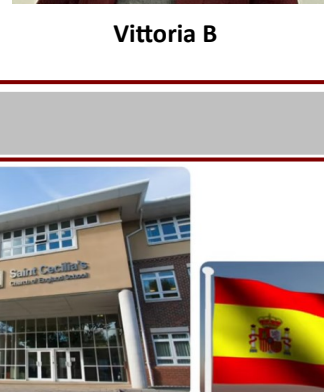
Sara Navarro
Teacher of Spanish



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Spanish Pen Pal Project

Year 10 Spanish pupils have been learning how to describe our school to send letters to their pen pals at Aloha College in Malaga. Our pupils have written their opinions on different aspects of Saint Cecilia's life such as rules, uniform, teachers, subjects, the Library, clubs and trips in Spanish. They are looking forward to receiving letters from their pen pals in return. Click [here to watch](#) a film made by pupils - there are subtitles to help.



Omara Muñoz Asensio
MFL Curriculum Team Leader



Penpal

Year 13 Spanish Trip



Spanish A Level students went to a screening of 'The Silence of Others' directed by Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar at BFI London. This award-winning film is billed as showing 'the epic struggle of victims of Spain's 40-year dictatorship under General Franco, who continue to seek justice to this day'.

Students enjoyed a clip-based presentation about the film and afterwards discussed the representation of political repression, the 'disappeared', memory wars and the struggle of victims who are still calling for justice. They had the opportunity to delve deeper into historical

and political issues, alongside learning about film language, developing film analysis skills and expanding their vocabulary. Here's their feedback:

Maddie P: "We were able to discuss some of the ideas and interview people who experienced what we learnt about in the film. It was good as it gave a better insight into what happened during this time, as well as the ripple effects afterwards."

Eva D: "I thought it was very useful to learn about Franco's regime to inspire greater research. I liked the presentation at the end; it was good practice for listening to Spanish being spoken very quickly."

Clemi M: "I found it very interesting because we got to learn about the Spanish dictatorship in more detail and what happened to people during it. I liked the fact that people could ask questions at the end to those who lived through the dictatorship."

Omara Muñoz Asensio
MFL Curriculum Team Leader

Year 13 Cooking up a Storm

Year 13 continue to cook up a storm in PSHE. As part of the unit on Independent Living, to support practical skills ready for life at university, college or work, they have been learning about food hygiene, kitchen safety and cooking basics. They created various dishes in our Food Tech room. Recipes included Greek salads, cheesy pasta, burgers and fried chicken. Some students admitted they needed more support, so teachers have been teaching basic knife skills, how to tell when meat or vegetables are cooked and, most importantly, how to wash up and clean surfaces!

Aleisha B was particularly impressive, cooking up a fantastic Jamaican jerk chicken pasta. She has kindly shared the recipe for you to try out at home (right).

Jamaican Jerk Chicken Pasta

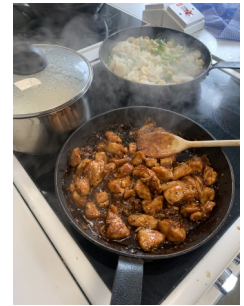


Ingredients:

- 2 slices of chicken breast (diced)
- 1 pack of penne pasta
- 1 tin of coconut milk
- 1 pack of grated cheese
- 3 sweet peppers (green, yellow, red)
- 2 Tbsp of Jerk seasoning
- Maggi all-purpose seasoning
- Parsley flakes
- A pinch of salt
- Vegetable oil
- Onions (sliced)

Method:

1. Dice chicken breast and season with Maggi all-purpose seasoning and jerk seasoning. Leave to marinate for 30 minutes.
2. Boil pasta with a pinch of salt and drain using a colander.
3. Heat sauce pan with oil. Stir fry chicken breast and set aside.
4. Lightly fry sweet peppers and onions in the saucepan.
5. Add the cooked chicken and 1/2 cup of hot water to the vegetables and stir until the pan is deglazed.
6. Add the coconut milk to the pan and allow to simmer for 1 minute.
7. Add cooked pasta and grated cheese. Stir and allow to simmer for 2-3 minutes.
8. Sprinkle parsley flakes on top.
9. Enjoy your meal! 😊



Anessa Lee
Assistant Headteacher

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NHS

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This significant development allows young people, carers and professionals to seek immediate crisis advice, guidance, consultation, as well as direct immediate support and brief interventions over the phone for young people/their carers struggling with mental health or in a mental health crisis. They will also provide support and direct referral to A&E (although in an emergency situation, always dial 999). This service has access to CAMHS electronic records and will liaise with any mental health professionals already involved, though we recommend trying to contact named/involved professionals first, before using this line for professional consultations.

Anessa Lee
Assistant Headteacher

Year 12 Hispanic Gastronomy



On the last day of term, Year 12 students cooked delicious Spanish dishes to tie in with the topic of Hispanic identity.

Vini D cooked Empanadas Argentinas. An empanada is a half-moon shaped pastry, made from dough and usually stuffed with savoury fillings. It can be either fried or baked and is commonly eaten throughout Spain and Latin America. Vini used his mum's recipe and he added olives and mincemeat to the filling.

Clemmie M and **Raphaella M** cooked Colombian Empanadas and Pan de Bonos. Pan de Bono (or pandebono) is a Colombian cheese bread made with cassava starch. This gluten free cheese bread is often eaten for breakfast or as a snack.

Maddie P and **Daniela H** cooked Churros con Chocolate. A fresh spin on doughnuts, these are piped Spanish-style and served with a thick and indulgent homemade dark chocolate sauce. They were delicious!

Molly M and **Eva D** cooked Galician Empanadas, a much-loved Galician regional speciality. The word empanada comes from the verb 'empanar' meaning 'to bread' and Galician empanadas are distinguished by their shape, their dough and their fillings, which typically contain tinned fish or seafood, leafy vegetables or meat.

Sara Navarro
Teacher of Spanish

BTEC Events Success

The Year 12 BTEC groups have now completed their unit on running an event. In total, the class raised £236.50 of profit for their chosen charities, which is a fantastic achievement.

Movie night made the most, donating £110 to NSPCC. The football tournament raised £66.50, donated to Humanity First. The Escape Room event made a total of £60, donated to the Earlsfield Foodbank.

This was a really fun series of events. With a smaller class than in some previous years, each team had more work to distribute between them and they all did a great job of running enjoyable and fun events, as well as raising money for charity.



Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for
Business Studies and
Computing

Senior Netball



On a beautiful sunny day on Tuesday this week, the Senior A and B netball squads travelled away to Lady Margaret School for a fixture.

They were tightly contested games, with both teams being just one goal ahead going into the last quarter. The A team won 15-12, and the B team won 11-8. Well done to opposition Players of the Match **Bonnie F** and **Ruby D**.

Well done to all. We look forward to their last game on Tuesday against Ursuline High School.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Library News

Budding literary critics attend FAB Book Awards ceremony



On the last day of the Spring Term, the FAB Book Awards team discovered who had won the Wandsworth Schools' FAB Book Award. The awards, hosted by the Wandsworth Professional Development Centre at Burntwood School, give students and pupils from local schools the chance to read a selection of books published the previous year and vote for their favourite. A quiz and presentations from each school about the books began the morning and we were privileged to have three of the authors present: Sita Brahmachari (*'When Shadows Fall'*), Alastair Chisholm (*'Adam-2'*) and Cynthia So (*'If You Still Recognise Me'*). We also watched

video messages from Manon Steffan Ros (*'The Blue Book of Nebo'*) and Fran Dorricott (*'The Lighthouse'*), before revealing that the overall winner was ... Alastair Chisholm for *'Adam-2'*!

Alastair was thrilled to receive the trophy and spoke about how special it is to win an award where the voters are young readers. There was time to meet and chat to the authors (and pose for photographs) while enjoying lunch and cake. Many thanks to our team of readers for their participation. We are already thinking about books to put forward for next year and hope for another enthusiastic team to be involved.

Yvette D Year 8: *"I enjoyed the chance to meet some of the authors as well as hear from them about how they came to write their books and what they mean to them; this made it much more personal. Sita Brahmachari told us that there are no limitations to your dreams and that even being not so good at English now doesn't mean you can't become an author when you're older."*

Dominic C Year 9: *"I thought it was cool to meet authors who had very different personalities and backgrounds but who had all written really good books. Manon Steffan Ros spoke in a video clip about researching the Welsh language as background for her novel and how this helped her to reconnect with her Welsh heritage."*

Abi EG Year 8: *"I really appreciated that three of the authors had made the time and effort to come to the event and speak to us. We were also able to talk to them, get them to sign our books and have photos taken after lunch."*

Jayda M Year 8: *"My favourite moment was when I was chosen to demonstrate empathy with Alastair Chisholm. We acted as cavepeople who didn't have language, and had to demonstrate empathy with actions rather than words".*

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

First X1 Football

On Wednesday 19th April, our Under 18s boys' football team played Graveney School. The game finished as a 3-3 draw. Our boys were very unfortunate not to win the game. Goals were scored by **Elijah S** (two goals) and **Jack E R**. Player of the Match was **Josh D**.



Christopher Luke
Teacher of Physical Education and
Year Leader for Year 11

Barnes Football Club Youth Academy



We encourage you again to take a look at this sporting opportunity. If your son or daughter is keen to play football out of school, Barnes Football Club might be the club for them. Established in 1862, Barnes is the sixth oldest football club in England and was a founding member of the Football Association.

Barnes FC Youth Football Academy coaches are FA qualified and have a broad experience of working with children of all ages and abilities. Their welfare officer is fully qualified and in compliance with FA safeguarding regulations.

If your child wants to join Barnes FC Youth Football Academy, please contact marketing@barnesfootballclub.co.uk

Chris Luke
Teacher of Physical Education

Parents' Prayer Meeting

Our next prayer meeting is on Monday 24th April starting at 1pm; the details for the Zoom login are below. We would be love to be able to pray over the Summer Term with you. However, if you cannot attend the meeting, but have school-related prayer requests, you are welcome to send them to me before Monday, and we will ensure that they are prayed for. Please feel free to eat your lunch at the meeting.

Monday 24th April at 1 – 1.40 pm on Zoom
Meeting ID: 384 874 8823

Password: Romans832

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Clubs List

The extra-curricular clubs list has been updated for the Summer Term. There is a vast array of activities for pupils and students to get involved in from music, drama and rehearsals for the school production, to Lego and the storytelling world of Dungeons and Dragons. Please click [here](#) to see all that we offer, for free, for your children to enjoy before, during and after school. The list will be updated once we have all the sports clubs confirmed.

Caroline Pypier
Marketing

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 24th April:** Year 12 Music BTEC trip to Crown Lane Studios
- **Monday 1st May:** Bank Holiday. School closed
- **Tuesday 2nd May:** Year 10 and 11 South Thames College visit
- **Friday 5th May :** DofE Bronze Year 9 practice expedition to Richmond Park. Meet in Peace Garden at 8.40am. They will be dismissed at about 3.10pm from Richmond Park.
- **Monday 8th May:** Bank Holiday. School closed
- **Tuesday 9th May:** Sports Awards Evening 6 - 8pm
- **Wednesday 10th May:** Years 9 and 10 visit to the National Opera Studio
- **Friday 12th May:** Year 13 Leavers' Tea in the Sports Hall
- **Thursday 18th May:** Year 12 Parent UCAS Information Evening 6 - 7pm
- **Friday 19th May:** The Friends' social evening and fundraiser in the Refectory from 7 - 9pm (see attached poster for information on how to buy tickets)
- **Thursday 25th - Friday 26th May:** Bronze DofE expedition

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