



### Message from the Headteacher

*"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."*

Romans 12:4-5

*'I had no previous impressions of the school and came with an open mind and no particular expectations. I was blown away by the polite and gentle manner of the children, and the friendliness of the staff, as well as the excellent facilities, standard of education and general ethos. First secondary school visit I have done, but the rest have a hard act to follow!'*  
Prospective Year 7 parent

I was both delighted and humbled to read such positive feedback from a prospective Year 7 parent after Open Evening last Thursday. Another huge thank you to Year 8, Sixth Form and Prefect tour guides, and all other pupils who assisted in subject departments on the night. Please spread the word about our Open Morning on Wednesday 28th September.

The partnership with netball Superleague team Surrey Storm got off to a fantastic start, with a visit from professional netballer, Peace Proscovia, the current captain of the Ugandan national team and member of Surrey Storm. Leading

the training session for senior netballers, Peace set the standard for what will be a year of high-quality coaching for our girls.

In the coming week, Collective Worship will highlight the importance of community, and give pupils and students an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a part of our distinctive school community. That focus on community, brilliantly reflects the coming together we will enjoy on Monday, as the local community enters the building to help us deliver our first ever careers fair for pupils and students in Years 10-13. Following many postponements due to COVID-19, I am grateful to the staff, parents and carers who helped to make this happen.

As expected, at this time of the year, the newsletter contains lots of practical information, including the use of SIMS Parent App. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's mentor in the first instance.

Wishing you a good week ahead.

God bless

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

*'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'*

Matthew 5:16

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you.

This week and into next week, I will have had the privilege of taking the whole of our Year 7s through what we call the 'Year 7 Retreat'. It's a day out of lessons with me in the Chapel, looking at teamwork, communication, personality types, anti-bullying etc. It's a full day, but one that I hope the pupils really enjoy and learn from. I will be leading the remaining four classes next week. The picture (right) is of the winning group in the 'Newspaper Towers' activity.

Our Collective Worship theme has been Excellence - the second in our Cecilia's series.


We want to promote a culture where pupils and students give their best in everything they do. We recognise that they will have strengths in different areas, so everyone's best will not look the same, but everyone must give their best. We want all pupils and students not just to get by, but to thrive.

Every blessing to you for the week ahead.




**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplain

## Careers Fair - Monday 26th September



Careers Fair  
For Years 10-13



26<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
12 - 4pm

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On the afternoon of Monday 26th September we are holding a Careers Fair for pupils and students in Years 10 to 13. We have an excellent breadth of representatives attending from more than 20 potential future employers including the Metropolitan Police, Financial Services, Healthcare, HR, Auctioneering, the Arts and Cyber Security, to name a few. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and students to come and enquire about future employment opportunities, including career paths, degree and A Level recommendations, apprenticeships and any other queries they might have. Please discuss this upcoming event at home with your child so that they can come prepared with some questions. Thank you to members of our parent body for volunteering their time and running a stand at the Fair.

**Alex Bishop**  
Interim Assistant Headteacher

## Upcoming events in the Library

We have a variety of exciting events planned in the Library this half of term, please look out for more information and encourage your children to get involved.

### AUTHOR VISIT— MONDAY 26TH & TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Next week, we are delighted that the author Vicky Holmes will be in school for a number of events. Best known by her pen name **Erin Hunter**, author of the *Warrior Cats* books, Vicky will be speaking to a selection of our pupils and students on Monday morning about her career as an editor and author. She will be available at the careers fair that afternoon and will speak to some local Year 5 pupils on Tuesday.

I hope that there will be a chance for other pupils to meet Vicky at break/lunch times, and if they have copies of her books they would like to have signed, they may bring them in.

### BOOK FAIR—FROM TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

The following week (from Tuesday 4th October) we will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the Library with **more than 250 titles** to view and purchase. Pupils and students can visit the Library now to find out what will be on offer, and to learn more about the Book Review competition where they could **win a £5 voucher** to spend at the Fair. We do hope many families will support the Book Fair as it also enables us to earn free books for the school. Please use [this link](#) to see a selection of the titles that will be available and for details on how you can pay.

### READATHON—FROM FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

From 7<sup>th</sup> October we will be launching our **Read for Good Readathon**. This sponsored read raises funds to provide books for children in hospital. We hope many of our pupils and students will be excited to get reading and support this excellent cause.

If any parents are interested in a subscription to **Britannica Magazine**, please use [this link](#) to sign up and select Saint Cecilia's from the dropdown list at the online checkout. You will receive a free gift, and we will receive a book voucher to help us boost our library stock.

Finally, just a reminder to keep an eye on the Library Portal [uk.accessit.online/stc08](http://uk.accessit.online/stc08). Here your child can see our latest news items as well as browse our catalogue, read and write reviews, and reserve or renew books from home!

**Rachel Goodhart**  
School Librarian

## European Day of Languages - Monday 26th September

The **European Day of Languages** is celebrated every year on 26th September. It's a day to encourage language learning for young and old. This year's European Language Day is also an opportunity to highlight the huge value of Europe's cultural diversity. We are celebrating this event at school with a range of special events and competitions to win house points.

### SPECIAL LUNCH MENU

Our school caterers, Caterlink, will be serving a special menu of some iconic French and Spanish fare for pupils and students to enjoy. The Refectory will also be decorated with flags and bunting to give a real festival feel.

### EUROPEAN BAKING COMPETITION

Is your child a good at cooking? Are they a future star baker? We are inviting pupils and students from all years to bake a cake that represents language and to send a photo into our European Baking Competition. Cakes can be any shape, size, and flavour. Five points will be awarded just for entering. The winners will each receive 10 points. Children should send their photo to me via email:

[omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london](mailto:omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london).

See the bottom of this article for some inspirational bakes.

### EUROPEAN T SHIRT COMPETITION

If your child loves art and design, we are also running a logo design competition. We would like pupils and students to design a logo to showcase the importance of learning a language. MFL department staff will choose the five best logos and print them onto T-shirts. These will be on show in future assemblies. Children should design their logo and send it directly to me [omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london](mailto:omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london). Again, we are awarding five points for entering, and the winners will get 10 points and their printed t-shirt.

Children are welcome to enter both competitions.

### MENTOR TIME LANGUAGE QUIZ!

Finally, this week in mentor sessions, children have had the opportunity to take part in a quiz all about the importance of languages. Pupils/students should write a fact they learnt from the quiz, with their name, and submit it to the language box in 0.2 to get two bonus house points.



**Omara Munoz Asensio**  
Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages



## Year 7 and 8 Interhouse Charity Fun Run - Friday 30th September

As part of our house events programme at Saint Cecilia's Church of England School, pupils can volunteer to take part in charity house events. This is a chance for our pupils to practise the Christian values of our school, to give something back to the community and make a real difference.

Under the supervision of House Leaders, Year 7 and 8 pupils have the opportunity to participate in an **Interhouse Charity Fun Run/Walk in Wimbledon Park**. The pupils who volunteer will either run or walk two laps around the park to raise money and awareness for **#TeamSeas**, a charity which aims to remove 1lb of waste from oceans for every £1 raised.

The event will take place after school on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Pupils should wear appropriate sportswear and/or costume. They are not permitted to cut or dye their hair as it does not adhere to the school Uniform Policy. Pupils are to meet in the Sports Hall and will leave school at 3.30pm. Pupils will walk with their friends and a House Leader to Wimbledon Park, just as they do in PE. They should come prepared for the weather and activity, so proper closed toe running shoes/trainers are required, regardless of the costume, and a light jacket might be needed.

Everyone should bring a water bottle to remain hydrated and have any inhalers to hand, should they need one. They will be released from the park once they have finished their run/walk, so please give your child clear instructions as to your expectations of getting home and what time they should be home. Pupils should be finished by 4.30pm at the latest.

**Please complete the permissions form on ParentPay to confirm your child's participation by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

We are looking forward to seeing as many pupils taking part as possible, to help raise money for this wonderful charity. If you would like to donate, you can do so on ParentPay as part of the sign-up process.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Becky Butlin**

**Teacher of Science, Carter House Leader**



**#TEAMSEAS**

**Year 7 and 8 Interhouse Fun Run!**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Wimbledon Park after school**

**#TeamSeas**  
For every £1 donated,  
1 pound of plastic is  
removed from the seas

Points for fastest time, best  
costume and the House  
with the most participants!  
Sign up on ParentPay!

## Artist of the Week

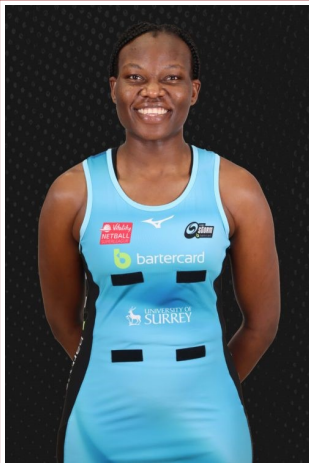
**Emily** in Year 11 has been researching the Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes. **Emily** created some textile patterns using computer aided design, and from there 'drew' these wonderful fashion illustrations using the free embroidery sewing machine.



**Victoria England**

**Teacher of Art and Design**

## Surrey Storm Partnership Training kicks off with Peace Proscovia



On Friday 16th September, the Surrey Storm Partnership training got underway. The Saint Cecilia's senior netball squads had their first training session with Peace Proscovia, who is both the captain of the Ugandan netball team and a key player for Superleague netball team Surrey Storm. After Peace competed in the Commonwealth Games over the summer, she returned to play for Surrey Storm this season, and to coach our senior netball teams. The girls are so excited to be coached by such a formidable and knowledgeable player, and we are all excited to see what these squads can achieve this season.

**Harriet Field**  
Teacher of PE



## Netball Fixture Updates

### Year 8:

On Tuesday 20th September, the Year 8 A, B and C netball squads had their first fixtures of the year against Ashcroft.

All teams came away with impressive wins: A: 11-4, B: 17-0, C: 6-2

A great start to the season for all the girls, with a particular well done to **Naomi, Daisy and Mahayla** for being selected as coach's Player of the Match for their games. We look forward to our next match.

### Year 9:

On Thursday 22nd September, our Year 9 A and B netball teams had their first fixture against Ashcroft 9A and 10A. We had mixed results, with a loss against their strong 9A team, but also a solid 10-0 win against their 10A team. I have been impressed with the improved commitment to school netball with this year group and the many new faces playing in the B team too. Keep up the commitment to school netball training as places for squads are now more competitive. Well done to all girls in your first game!



### Senior Squads:

On Wednesday 21st September, the senior netball squads had their first match of the season at home against Ewell Castle. After a slow start, both teams pulled away to impressive wins: Senior 1sts: 25 - 8 and Senior 2nds: 34 - 10.

A fantastic start to the season by all the girls. Their commitment to school training has meant they have lots of exciting combinations that have huge potential in both squads. Well done to **Lizzie and Ella** for being selected as Player of the Match in their respective games. We are excited to see what these squads can achieve this season.

**Harriet Field**  
Teacher of PE

## SIMS Parent App

The SIMS Parent App brings together much of the useful school information that parents need access to all in one place. The purpose of the app is to improve communication and ensure that information about your child's learning is readily accessible, and you will also be able to provide updates to contact and medical details quickly and easily.

Information the app can share includes:

- Activities information and updates (extra-curricular)
- Attendance records
- Behaviour updates
- School communication, letters and messages
- Timetable

The app is available on Apple iOS and Android devices, via the relevant app stores, and you can also access the information via the website [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)

If your child is new to the school, you will receive an invitation to create a parent account. Please click on the link for the [Parent Registration Guide](#) to create your account and download the app.

Thank you

**James Robinson**  
Assistant Headteacher

## SOCS Password

At Saint Cecilia's we use SOCS for parents and carers to access team sheets and full details of sports fixtures. The new password for SOCS to access team sheets is:  
**stcpe2022**

**Alex Bishop**  
Assistant Headteacher



## Uniform

It is imperative that all items of clothing your child brings into school are clearly labelled, including PE kit. We currently have over 20 unnamed PE shirts at Reception. If an item is mislaid, please ask your child to go to the Reception where lost property is kept for a short period. If the item is named but not collected, Reception staff will endeavour to return it to your child's mentor. All unnamed and unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of each term.

Thank you

**Reception Team**

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 26th September:** Careers Fair from noon-4pm in the Sports Hall for Years 10-13
- **Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th September:** Year 7 Retreat sessions in the Chapel
- **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
- **Friday 30th September:** Year 7 and 8 Inter House Charity Fun Run in Wimbledon Park 3:30-4:30pm
- **From Tuesday 4th October:** Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- **Thursday 6th October:** Year 8 Parent Partnership Event 6-7pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **From Friday 7th October:** Read for Good Readathon
- **Monday 10th October:** Final Open Morning for Year 7 entry in 2023 9am-noon
- **Thursday 13th October:** Open Evening for Sixth Form entry in 2023 6:15-8:30pm