



### Message from the Headteacher

*'Wisdom is supreme - so get wisdom. And whatever else you get, get understanding'*  
(Proverbs 4:7)

This week we welcomed close to 30 exhibitors from a variety of professions to Saint Cecilia's first ever Careers Fair. It was a great success! A wonderfully diverse group of professionals were on hand, to not only talk about their careers, but also their educational journeys.

We also welcomed much younger visitors, as Year 5 pupils from St Michael's Primary School popped in to meet Vicky Holmes, better known as Erin Hunter, author of the Warrior Cats books. As we continue to embed a culture of reading across school, please encourage your children to get involved in the Readathon to raise funds to provide books for children in hospital.

We are moving on from a challenging start to term with much positivity, and I am grateful for the support of the Parent Prayer group. This group holds a Zoom meeting with the

Chaplain each half term to pray for staff, parents, students and pupils. The group is open to all parents, and is always happy to welcome new faces. If you would like to know more, contact Chaplain Alex Shoderu [ashoderu@saintcecilias.london](mailto:ashoderu@saintcecilias.london)

We head towards another fantastically busy week with lots coming up, including the coffee morning with the Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service on Monday 3rd October. For more details please contact the SEND team at [send@saintcecilias.london](mailto:send@saintcecilias.london)

Finally, a plea and gentle reminder from me as Headteacher, to not park over and block the driveways of our neighbours on Sutherland Grove. Thank you.

Have a lovely week ahead,  
God bless

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

*'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)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you as we approach a new month and new season as Autumn begins. In our Collective Worship this week, we were looking at Community and Inclusivity. The verse from Romans above speaks so clearly about both of these values. The different parts of our bodies do not look the same and do not have the same functions, but all belong and play a part in the health of the body- that's Community. And though there are many parts to the body, each part belongs to all the others - that's Inclusivity.

My hope is that as we focus on these Cecilia's values over the next few weeks, they will start to be internalised by our pupils and students and lived out.

They are the same principles I've had the privilege of trying to instil into our new Year 7s as part of their retreat days. Pictured here (right) are a couple more of the winning groups in the newspaper towers competition.

I am praying that these Year 7s will go on to have a great year and a great time here at Saint Cecilians over the next seven years!



Blessings to you in the week ahead.

**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplain

## Saint Cecilia's First Ever Careers Fair

On Monday 26th September, we welcomed close to 30 delegates into school for our inaugural Careers Fair. Many of the delegates came from the parent body, to whom we are very grateful. All of the pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 had 45 minutes to circulate the fair, having received information on the delegates in assembly the week before and guidance on what questions to ask. The energy in the hall represented a real interest in finding out about the myriad of careers and industries on show.

Pupils had a great time, with one Year 13 thrilled to have secured a contact for work experience and several Year 10 girls delighted to find out about careers in animation. Many of our delegates commented on how engaged the pupils and students were and they were impressed with the questions put to them. We hope that this will become an annual event. We will build on our experience of the fair this year so we can make it bigger and better for next year and beyond.

Below are pictures showing our engaged and interested pupils and students.



**Alex Bishop**  
Interim Assistant Headteacher

## Vicky Holmes inspires the authors of the future

On Monday a group of pupils was privileged to come to the Library to meet and hear from Vicky Holmes – best known as Erin Hunter, author of the Warrior Cats books. Here are some thoughts and comments from a few of those who were there:

- *'I think that it was a very good idea for Vicky Holmes (aka Erin Hunter) to come for an author visit. She has inspired many young authors by coming. Her series, The Warrior Cats, is an international bestseller and has many fans worldwide. It has the largest fandom for a book in the world. She shared with us the difficulties and excitement of being an author and had lots of good wisdom to share. She has written many books under many different names, allowing her to be able to write in many different voices.'* **Sebastian d P** Year 7
- *'It was fascinating to meet an author, especially one of a very famous book series (Warrior Cats). Whether it was hearing about the books she had written, or the path that led her to being an author, everything was interesting. She explained how to be an author - you can't just be an author, you need to have done other things in life, otherwise your books will feel empty. I myself have never read one of her books, but after meeting her I was inspired to open one of her many books. To see inside the mind of an author was fascinating: whether it was how she changed the pen name of her books because of the different voice she uses for each book (Erin Hunter, Daisy Meadows and even Lucy Daniels) or how she came to write her books.'* **Finlay C** Year 7
- *'Having an interest in creative writing, I came to this event and had a lot of fun! I enjoyed hearing about her various books and pen names, and was pleased that I had already read some of her books, so wasn't attending the event clueless! I'm keen to read Warrior Cats now!'* **Jayda M** Year 7
- *'She told us how hard she finds it to write the beginnings and ends of books.'* **Luka R** Year 7
- *'Erin Hunter is such an inspiration; she has encouraged me to write a story! I'm so glad she came.'* **Katie L** Year 7
- *'Erin Hunter told us how important reading poetry is when you're writing a book because in poetry every word has to work.'* **Hannah H** Year 7
- *'Erin Hunter's visit was really fun! All my questions were answered and we even got many tips about becoming an author.'* **Alice M** Year 8
- *'I appreciated the in-depth insight into everything that goes into publishing a book; from the thought-processes involved in writing to the help you get from an editor.'* **Ethan F** Year 10



### School Book Fair:

Our Book Fair will be open to pupils and students from Tuesday morning. Click [here](#) to see a full list of the titles available, but the best option will be for your children to come and browse and see what they would like to buy.

Please note, we will NOT be able to take cash payments. You can pay using this QR code or by going to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

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Rachel Goodhart  
School Librarian

Scan the QR code to pay for your books online  
or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

## Autumn Harvest Appeal

Our next house charity event this year will be the Autumn Harvest Festival. One of the ways we can glorify God and honour our community is by continuing to donate food items around this important time of year. It is fantastic that we all come together and donate for those less fortunate than us.

Each year we collect donations for our local food bank. Dried and tinned goods can be delivered to Chaplain Shoderu's office. Please tell your child they must let their mentor know when they've donated so they can get points for their house!

Wandsworth food bank put together a list of items that they are asking schools to donate for their Harvest collection:

Tinned fruit  
Tinned fish  
Tinned meat (beef or chicken)  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned custard  
Tinned rice pudding  
Cooking oil (small bottles)  
Chocolates  
Loo rolls (4 per pack)  
Laundry tablets (non-bio)  
Toothpaste & toothbrushes  
Tinned dog and cat food  
Tin openers



Thank you so much once again for collecting food to share with local people and families in hardship this Autumn. We're still seeing high levels of need in our community, and your generosity this Harvest will go a long way to helping us meet this need.

Sarah Wood  
Teacher of English

## Astronomy Club

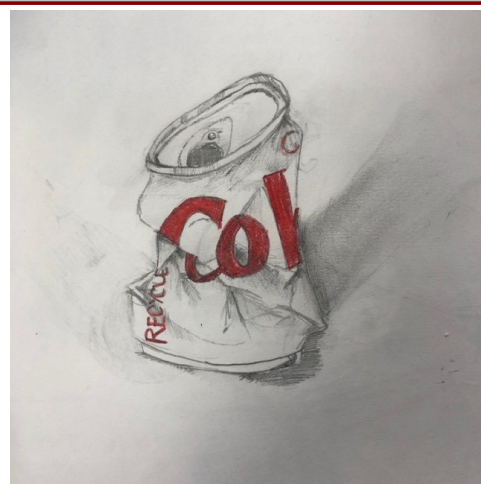


On Wednesday 28th September, the pupils in Astronomy Club studied impact craters. They modelled these impacts by using ball bearings and tennis balls as the meteorites, and flour and a thin layer of cocoa powder as the Earth's surface. They were able to recognise why these models were useful, and when they matched actual observations, and when they didn't, and why. They were also able to see some of the physical phenomenon in these situations, such as the rim/ridge around the crater, and the ejecta. It was rather messy, but a lot of fun, and well worth it!

Rich Leitch  
Teacher of Science

## Artist of the Week

Our Artist of the Week is **Rosie** who has drawn a crushed can as part of the Year 8 Pop Art project. **Rosie** has been successful in showing the shading and distorted lettering on the can. Well done **Rosie**!



Sarah Mulvey  
Teacher of Art and Design

## Cheerleading



The cheerleading squad has been selected for this academic year and pupils are a couple of weeks into their training. So far, training has been a success and commitment has been fantastic! In training sessions, we have been predominantly working on our stunts in groups and individual tumble skills. We are all very excited for our choreography to begin in the next few weeks. Well done girls and boys, keep up the hard work and commitment! A reserve list has now been announced and pinned up on the PE notice board for those waiting for a space in the squad.

**Imogen Hamel**  
Teacher of PE

## Senior Netball

The senior development A squad had their first fixture of the season this week. They played in a match against Notre Dame School in Elephant and Castle. Their first game was a success, dominating the game and winning 11-3. Well done to all who played! Good luck in the district tournament on Tuesday next week. Player of the match: **Melody**

Netball team photo (right): **Paige, Melody, Jess, Tori, Darcey, Samantha, Ruby and Unah**

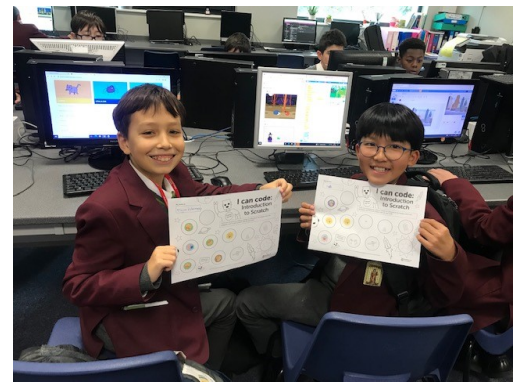
**Imogen Hamel**  
Teacher of PE



## Coding Club

A selection of photos from this week's coding club:

**Lisa Morris**  
Curriculum Team Leader for  
Business Studies and  
Computing



## Year 10 Dissection

Year 10 were fully engaged in their assignment this week which was the dissection of lambs' hearts.

**Becky Butlin**  
Teacher of Science



## London Irish and Surrey Storm Upcoming Trials

If you have a child in Year 11, please encourage them to come to the Sixth Form Opening Evening on Thursday 13th October to learn more about the selection and opportunities for senior athletes in our Surrey Storm Netball and London Irish Rugby Academies. Trials for the 2023 squads take place this term. Time and dates of the trials are on the flyers below. Please email [admission@saintcecilias.london](mailto:admission@saintcecilias.london) if your child would like to register a place at the trials.



### Saint Cecilia's Church of England School



### OPEN EVENING AND TRIALS

Study A Levels or BTECs and receive coaching and training from Surrey Storm professionals in our Netball Academy

OPEN EVENING	TRIALS
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm - 8.30pm Saint Cecilia's, London, SW18 5JR	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 12.30 - 3.00pm Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, GU2 7EA

See website for prospectus and how to book open evening tickets.  
Email [admission@saintcecilias.london](mailto:admission@saintcecilias.london) or call 020 8780 1244 to register for the trials.  
[www.saintcecilias.london](http://www.saintcecilias.london)



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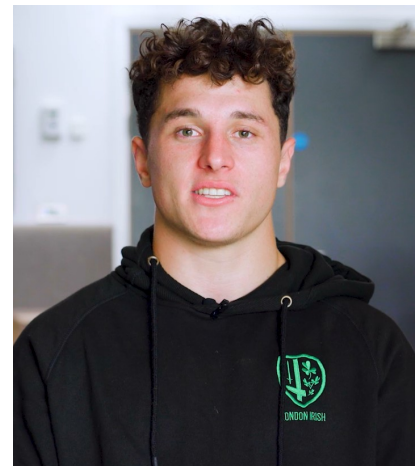
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To register and for more information, please contact [sixthform@saintcecilias.london](mailto:sixthform@saintcecilias.london) or call 02087801244



**Alex Bishop**  
Interim Assistant Headteacher

We are also delighted that Henry Arundell, who played a key role in the London Irish under-18s squad that won the Under-18 Academy League title, sent this video to wish our triallists good luck in their upcoming trials for our London Irish Academy. Click on the image to the right to see the film, or [click here](#).



## Parent Coffee Morning with WAAS

Date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Time: 9.15 am

Location: Saint Cecilia's

Topic: Get to know WAAS

Come along to find out more about Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service, and how they can support you and your child. To sign up scan the QR Code and complete the online registration form.



# Parent Coffee Morning with WAAS

For parents of children who have a diagnosis of Autism or are on the pathway for diagnostic assessment



We are delighted to invite the parents/carers of pupils and students with an Autism diagnosis and who live in Wandsworth, to our coffee morning with the Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Please scan the QR code or click [here](#) to book your place.

**Cathy Bull**  
SENCo and Whole School Literacy Coordinator

## Year 11 Mock Timetable

The Year 11 mock timetable will be sent out to parents by the end of next week and will be published on our school website. We will also be sharing revision tips for all Year 11 pupils on a weekly basis via the newsletter and the website.

**James Owen**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Year 8 Parent Partnership Event Time Change

This is a reminder to Year 8 parents that the time of the Year 8 Parent Partnership Event has changed to **5.30 - 6.30pm on Thursday 6th October**. Thank you

**Mairead Gibbons**  
Teacher of English

## Sixth Form Entry in September 2023



Prospectus for Sixth Form Entry 2023  
www.saintcecilia.london  
Saint Cecilia's

The prospectus to enter our Sixth Form in September 2023 is now live on our website, available to view and to download [here](#). It contains information on our range of A Levels and BTEC/CTEC courses, and full details of how to apply. If your child is in Year 11 and you haven't yet booked to attend our Open Evening on **Thursday 13th October**, tickets are still available on Eventbrite [here](#).

**Paul Bishop**  
Director of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **From Tuesday 4th October:** Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- **Thursday 6th October:** Year 8 Parent Partnership Event 5.30-6.30pm at Saint Cecilia's NEW TIME
- **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