



Message from the Headteacher

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We have come to the end of another exciting and highly productive term. Pupils, students and staff should all be proud of everything they have achieved. Everyone is deserving of the Easter break ahead. The term certainly culminated on a musical high with the electric performance at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday night. This was a wonderful reflection of the hard work and talent of our staff, musicians and performers. The full write up and pictures will feature in the first newsletter of the Summer Term.

As ever, I would like to congratulate all those celebrated in this week's newsletter, including our artists, chess players and sportsmen and women.

We are currently advertising three vacancies at Saint Cecilia's, and we would be grateful if you could direct people in the local community, who might be interested in applying, to our website for them to see further details.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys a restful break.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you at the end of this term.

As you know, prayer has been the focus in our Collective Worship this half term. This week, our theme verse (above) is a strong encouragement from Paul the Apostle to keep praying during every season. He writes, 'pray continually,' not meaning that we should be praying every minute of every day, but rather that we should be consistent and persistent with our prayers. It can be so easy to give up on something we've been praying for if it seems that we've been praying for it for a while, and it hasn't yet happened. But remember, prayer in

the true sense is not just a religious tick box exercise, or about getting what we want. It's an invitation for dialogue and to have a relationship with the God of the whole universe. The God who gave His only Son for us.

Because of all that Jesus has accomplished in his death and resurrection, prayer doesn't need any formal words, formal dress or formal positions. We are all invited to 'come as we are'.

Every blessing to you and your family over this Easter break.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Artists of the Week

Year 8 pupils have been exploring surrealism and creating their own surreal collages in the style of Hannah Hoch. These three artists have created some stunning examples.



Gwennie S



Evie F



Grace S

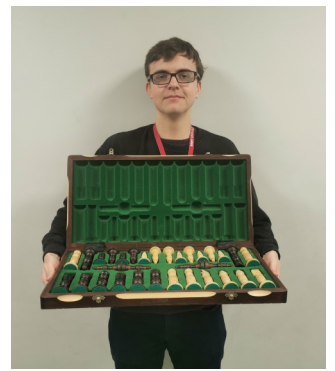
Sarah Mulvey
Teacher of Art and Design

Chess Winner



Last week, Mr Allan (Ms Stella Allan's father) donated an incredibly generous gift as a prize for the recent chess tournament winner. **Victor B** (this year's champion in Year 12) was thrilled to receive the prize. Other pupils were wowed by the beautifully hand-carved pieces as it was presented to him during mentor time. Congratulations once again to Victor, and a big thank you to Mr Allan!

Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths



Year 13 Chemists

Year 13 chemists have been making esters this week. They are chemicals used in flavourings and each one has its own smell. Students experimented with different combinations of chemicals to find different smells. This was done with varying levels of success: the best smelling of toothpaste (ish!) and pear drops; the worst smelling of nail varnish remover or just generally hideous! They had lots of fun though.



Pictured: Aleisha B, Danial B, Justine de LC, Kanye JC, Ellie K, Kaleb M, Delis N, Anna O, Precious O, Isabelle PC and Aminata T

Rosemary Lonsdale
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Science

Film and Photography Club

Here are a few images from this week's Film and Photography Club where we were using eggs to create surreal photographs. Pupils harnessed their creative minds to tell a story – some used photographs, some created their own mini film sets and some used digital enhancements.



Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and Design and Teacher of PSHE

Wandsworth Music at the Royal Albert Hall

On Tuesday 28th March, our Musical Theatre Club, Concert Band, Strings and Choir performed in Wandsworth Music's 'A Brighter Sound' concert at the Royal Albert Hall. It was a fantastic evening and we are extremely proud of all the pupils and students who took part. More to follow in the newsletter after Easter.



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

The Friends Spring Social - New Payment Link

The Friends cordially invite you to our Spring Social on Friday 19th May from 7pm at Saint Cecilia's.

The evening will include live bands + DJ + free canapés.

A silent auction including some incredible items:

- Aboubakar Kamara Fulham home match jersey
- Brand new 55" LED Panasonic flat screen TV
- Tea at the Ivy Restaurant
- ++++ loads of other great items +++++

Get your advance ticket today, only £5 per person.

Advance ticket holders will be entitled to one free drink on arrival!

Limited tickets are available via the NEW ticketsource link below. Get your tickets today to avoid disappointment:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-moemage>

If you have any questions, please email friendsofstcecilias@gmail.com.

Valente Panattoni
Chair, Friends of Saint Cecilia's

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Library News



Is your child looking for something new to read? Why not encourage them to check out the 'Bookflix' display in the Library corridor. This shows lots of the new fiction and non-fiction books that are ready to be borrowed, and has suggestions for a variety of tastes. If nothing on here appeals, we are always happy to help pupils and students find just the right next book.



From school to stage

Effie Anshah's visit in the first week of term is now fully booked. We look forward to welcoming all those who have reserved seats on Tuesday 18th April at 3.15pm.

'Noughts and Crosses' production photos © Robert Day

Pupil Librarians

LIBRARIAN

Miss Pempere and I would like to express our thanks to our hardworking Pupil Librarians and Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. They do a great job in so many ways: tidying the shelves, processing new books, serving on the desk and generally helping to keep the Library running smoothly. We are also thrilled that so many Year 7 pupils have already expressed an interest in joining the team; information on how to apply will be provided in the Summer Term.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Barnes Football Club Free Coaching

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 working with children of all ages and abilities. Their welfare officer is fully qualified and in compliance with FA safeguarding regulations.

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

Chris Luke
Teacher of Physical Education

Year 7 Netball Stars

On Tuesday 21st March, the Year 7A netball team was invited to represent the Wandsworth district at the London Youth Games after qualifying by winning the district tournament in December. This was a fantastic achievement in itself and we are extremely proud of the girls for qualifying! There were over 28 teams competing in the tournament, one representing each London borough.



We were unfortunately drawn into a very hard group for the first round of the tournament, with two private schools and one other state school. Royal Russell School from Croydon put up a fantastic match and beat us 8 – 4. Our match against Northwood College from Hillingdon was a very close match and we were drawing at half time 3-3. The game was intense and the standard of netball was outstanding, but unfortunately the girls didn't manage to hold their own during the short seven-minute second half. Our final game in the group was against Brampton Manor Academy from Newham. The girls had a fantastic match and managed to hold on, winning 7 – 4. Unfortunately, losing two games meant we came 3rd in the group and didn't qualify for the second round. However, it was such an amazing experience for all ten girls who played throughout the course of the day. We are proud of each and every one of them and their achievements this season. Keep up the hard work – we cannot wait for Year 8 netball with you all next year!



The team: **Iman A (Vice Captain), Sariah B, Vittoria B, Sophia de RF, Bea E, Hannah H, Mia H (Captain), Libby K, Katie L and Cassielle M**



My Player of the Tournament: **Vittoria B**

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of Physical Education

Rugby Warriors

It is always inspiring to hear of pupils' success outside school and last weekend was no exception. **Tom B, Olly B, Kamil H and Sam B** (Year 11, pictured right) played a top class rugby match as they competed in the finals of the Harlequins Stoop Cup in what was a fitting end to an unbeaten season of games by Wimbledon Warriors OE Barbarians U16 RFC.

It was a hard fought match against Rosslyn Park, who were hosting the finals of the Harlequins Cup on Sunday in Camberley, Surrey. Wimbledon Warriors won 35 points to 15.

Kamil H scored an important try in the second half after some quick thinking when the ball came out of a ruck on Rosslyn Park's try line. All the boys worked so hard in every training session and played in all of the games this season.



Chris Luke
Teacher of Physical Education

Prefects Focus Group

A group of Year 7 prefects have been working hard alongside the marketing team on a revamped interactive booklet for new starters joining us in September. Here they are crafting and presenting mood boards to show their recommendations for designs, colours and photo styles.



Kelly Turner
Marketing Manager

Christian Union

Christian Union meets every Monday after school in the Chapel. Please encourage your child to come along and join in with some games as well as a chance to read and chat about a passage from the Bible. Everyone is welcome, whether they consider themselves a Christian or not. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain



Work for Saint Cecilia's - Two New Positions

Are you looking for a new job and have transferable skills? While it would be ideal for applicants to have experience, we are keen to encourage local people with transferable skills who might like a new challenge. The two new roles are school hours and term-time only posts.

Careers Officer

We are looking for a dynamic and motivated Careers Officer to lead on planning, developing and implementing a Careers and Employability strategy across the school. Developing our careers provision is a strategic focus for Saint Cecilia's. We know effective careers education can broaden mindsets, increase aspirations and open doors for pupils and students, both in the classroom and beyond. This role is designed for anyone who shares these values and is committed to giving young people access to the most enriching opportunities. The successful applicant will work with our experienced Careers Advisor to implement high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) throughout the school, as well as develop the school's work experience programme.

Fundraising Officer

This is an amazing opportunity to create, establish and lead a fundraising strategy with campaigns that deliver excellent facilities, activities and opportunities for our pupils and students. Using events and communications, you will significantly enhance the school's contact with its community, raise the profile of the school and generate a range of fundraising initiatives. With proven relationship skills, you will quickly build strong foundations within the school community and create an extensive portfolio of existing and new donors, working with individuals, organisations and businesses in order to secure much needed funding to extend our excellent provision. Robust administration, numeracy and database management skills are vital for this role. We welcome applications from both experienced fundraisers and those with transferable skills and capabilities.

All our roles are available to [look at here on the TES page](#) where it is very easy to apply.

Details of each job and how to apply are also available on the school website: <https://www.saintcecilias.london/workforus>

Dave Cobb
Business and Development Manager

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 17th April:** Summer Term starts. Week A.
- **Tuesday 18th April:** Visit in the Library from actor, Effie Ansah at 3.15pm