



### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

*'And the angel said unto them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."*

(Luke 2:10-11)

Last night we held our Celebration Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils and students being rewarded for their hard work, both inside and outside of the classroom. The final speech was given by



Akwasi Akoto, a former student of Saint Cecilia's, and was entertaining and insightful for all in attendance. Both Akwasi, and all those receiving prizes, really highlighted the hard work that all the staff put in to make sure our pupils and students succeed and are given the knowledge and skills to lead successful adult lives. A full list of winners is at the back of this newsletter.

This week has seen a number of trips, including a Maths trip to the West End, a Business Studies trip to Westfields and a cyber conference for a group of Year 8 girls at Putney High. In school, House Leaders have been making arrangements to raise as much money as possible for local charities in the run up to Christmas. Events planned include the Year 7 'Little Sleep Out' and a 'Quizmas' event for the end of term.

The coming week will see the Year 11s continue with their mock exams. We have had Art, Drama and Spanish exams this week, and the pupils have approached them in a very mature manner. If you would like some last minute revision tips, then please do look at the page on the website, where the weekly revision tips that have appeared in the newsletter can be found.

I read this week that the 1<sup>st</sup> December marks a turning point in school, as pupils, students and staff can begin to see the end of a very long and busy term. There is still an awful lot to cram into the next two weeks, but we know that our pupils and students will continue to be as kind, polite and hardworking as they have been all term.

I wish you a great week ahead.

**James Owen**  
Deputy Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent - a season in the Christian calendar of reflective preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and the expected return of Christ in His second coming. Our house Collective Worship times will help students reflect on this over these last few weeks of term.

I thought I'd share this Advent poem with you to help us all get into the spirit of the season. I have chosen this one, called 'The Light', in view of the early darkness that comes with this time of year and as a pointer to the One who Advent is about: Jesus: 'The Light of the world'.

#### The Light

Shining in the darkness  
Is a light  
That has been from the beginning  
A light  
That cannot be extinguished  
That the darkness  
However much it engulfs

All around it, all before it  
Cannot eliminate  
A light  
That penetrates, that pierces  
The light  
That penetrates, that pierces  
The light  
Has come into the world  
To shine into the hearts  
Of men  
The darkness  
Cannot put it out.

Every blessing to you in the week ahead.

**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplain

## CyberFirst Trip

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we took a team of four girls to Putney High School to take part in a workshop and online challenges as part of the CyberFirst competition. The CyberFirst competition is open to all abilities and gives girls an opportunity to learn all about cyber security.



Amaya S-P

We started the workshop with a short talk from a former Metropolitan Police cyber expert, and learnt about how to keep data safe and the main risks we all face with our data online. We had a lovely lunch with time to get to know each other, followed by a session completing some of the online challenges. The challenges were in different categories, which were consistent with subjects within the Computer Science syllabus pupils learn in school. However, the competition also contained some advanced cyber topics not covered in traditional education, which stretched the lateral thinking and additional cyber knowledge of the teams.

The girls learnt some new skills and enjoyed trying to solve some tricky puzzles and challenges. They now have one week to carry on completing challenges at home to build up points in order to get through to round two. There are 11 teams in total taking part. **Grace S** and **Amaya S-P**'s team (Year 8) are currently doing amazingly well having accumulated nearly 2,000 points. With just two days to go until the qualifying round finishes, we are keeping everything crossed that they make it through to round two!



Grace S

Lisa Morris

Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing

## Little Sleep Out

On Thursday 8th December, our Year 7s and Sixth Formers will be taking part in the sixth annual Saint Cecilia's 'Little Sleep Out' to raise funds for Crisis. This will see the pupils and students swapping cosy sofas for sleeping bags on the playground, not overnight, but for three hours 4–7pm. This challenge doesn't replicate sleeping rough, but simulates the situation of thousands of young people at breaking point, who face this as a reality during the cost-of-living crisis.

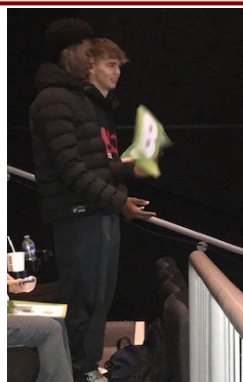
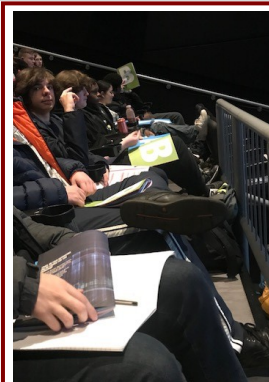


If you are able to give anything towards Crisis at Christmas, which opens its doors to people facing homelessness at this particularly tough time of year, please donate on the JustGiving link below:

[Saint Cecilia's Church of England School is fundraising for Crisis \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/saintceciliasschool)

**Mairead Gibbons**  
Teacher of English

## Year 13 Revision Conference



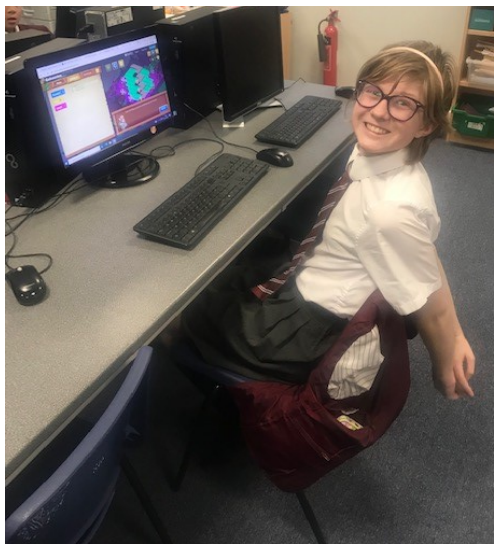
This week, a small group of Year 13 Business Studies students attended a 'revision buster' conference to help them prepare for their finance module exam in January. The conference was held at Westfields White City. There were sessions on finance topics, examination techniques, how to tackle the calculations and lots of fun activities. **Bruno S** and **Kwaku M** got through to the last six students (out of about 200!) in a quiz, narrowly missing out on winning a prize. The students had a really useful and informative day. They were able to get top tips from examiners on things that they need to focus on for the upcoming exam, mistakes to avoid and

some great revision advice. This exam counts for a large part of their final BTEC grade, so we wish them every success in January.

Lisa Morris

Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing

## Coding Competitors



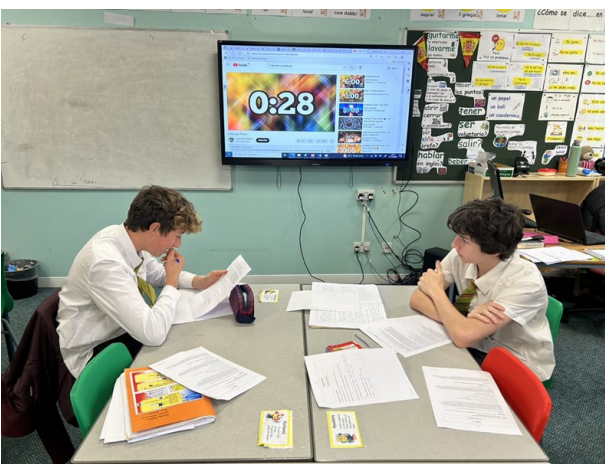
This week at Coding Club, pupils used all of the skills they have been learning this term to enter the Hour Of Code - International Coding Competition. This competition will run over the next two weeks (to coincide with Computer Science Education Week) and involves pupils taking part in a range of online challenges to learn more about programming in order to earn stars and points.

Pupils can continue to complete tasks at home, and we will carry on in Coding Club, up until the Christmas break, to see how many points the group can achieve. All pupils taking part will get a certificate and will be learning skills that will help them develop their coding skills in the process.

**Emily B** picture left

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

## Year 11 Mock Oral Exams



Year 11 have completed their oral exam that counts for 25% of their final mock grade. Pupils have been practising role play where they had to book a ticket, explain a problem in their hotel room or ask for a particular item in a shop. They also had to describe a picture and answer different questions about the various topics they have studied.

Pupils have been preparing hard for this in their classes and in our Revision Café held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.15-3.45pm. Some of the pupils who did particularly well were:

In Spanish: **Samuel B, Tom B, Grace C, Sarah G C, Oliver D, Evie H, Olivia H, Katie K, Drew L, Bea L, George O** and **Amie P**.

In French: **Barnaby D, Bethan D, Grace E, Billy F** and **Noa M**.

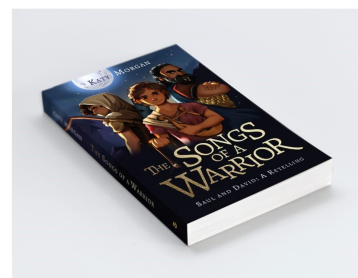
**Omara Munoz Asensio**  
Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

## Bad Idea Cover Art

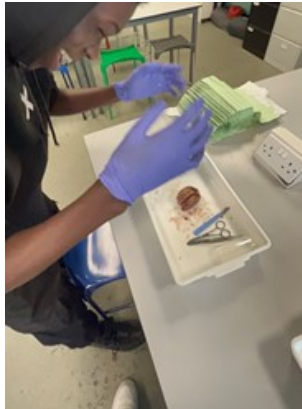
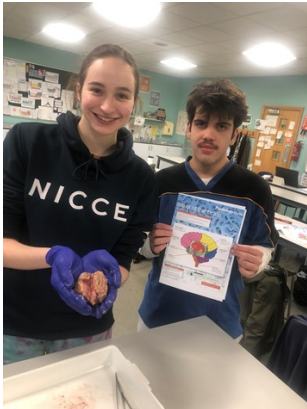


Huge congratulations to two Sixth Form Art students who are published book cover illustrators. **Megan P** in Year 12 created a front cover for teen novel, 'The Songs of a Warrior' (pictured below), and **Eve J** in Year 13 created a back cover for the comic 'Odinns Eye', issue 3, which came out earlier this year (pictured left). Both artists used Procreate, a digital illustration app. Although they created these illustrations out of school, GCSE pupils and A Level students in the department have access to drawing with Procreate on iPads we have in the department.

**Stella Allan**  
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design



## Brain Dissections



Year 13 Psychology students have been studying the anatomy of the outer and inner sections of the brain, and their important functions. This week, they had to dissect a lamb's brain using a scalpel and had the opportunity to examine it fully and take photos. They all seemed to enjoy the session, despite some hesitations at first. It was an amazing opportunity for them to see one of the most prized and misunderstood organs up close. A few pupils are planning on taking medicine and neuroscience at university, so this was a great introduction.

**Rachel Skinner**  
Teacher of Science, Turing House Leader and Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

## News from the Library

### Advent Calendar draw

There was a buzz of excitement and anticipation in the Library at Key Stage 3 morning break on Thursday as Mr Shoderu drew the winning names from the festive Santa hat! More than 60 pupils were in with a chance of winning one of the four Advent calendars by virtue of having borrowed one of our Christmas books over the past two weeks. Congratulations to **Jackie W, Joshua, Sam W and Wasay K.**

Pictured right, Mr Shoderu with some of the winners (or their twin brother in one case!) **Muqet K, Sam W and Jackie W.**



### FIFA World Cup predictions

Any pupils or students who would like to participate in predicting the outcome of the final three rounds of the FIFA World Cup are welcome to enter the Library's competition. Please tell your child to come to the Library to complete an entry form on Wednesday or Thursday and let's see who is most 'on the ball'. House points will be awarded to all entrants.

Your name:

**Who will bring it home this year?**  
The most accurate prediction wins a prize!  
(House points for all participants)

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Semi 1

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FIFA WORLD CUP  
Qatar 2022

Final

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WINNER:

For a bonus point, who will score in the final?  
Goal Scorer:

Fill in your predictions and hand your sheet in to the Library before 4 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December... Good luck!  
(Only one entry per person.)

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Semi 2

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**Rachel Goodhart**  
School Librarian

## Artist of the Week

Year 8 have been looking at Pop Art and creating their own pencil cases where their designs are printed onto fabric and then pupils sew them together. Here is **William G's** topical design. He is currently adding the finishing touches, sewing his pencil case together and will add some decorative hand stitching. Well done **William G.**

Victoria England  
Teacher of Art and Design



## Promoting Drama

Group 64 drama group for young people based in Putney are offering Saint Cecilia's pupils and students a free trial class. You can book for your child using the QR code in their ad below.

**GROUP 64**  
Theatre for young people

Book your free trial for one of our weekly classes today!

G64 is an inclusive young people's theatre company based in a theatre in Putney. We focus on empowering young people and ensuring their voices are valued and heard, through a creative and safe environment. We offer a varied performing arts programme, whilst supporting our young people to develop confidence and skills that will have a positive impact on all areas of their lives. Supporting the mental health of our young people is at the core of all our work.

We offer assisted places and one-to-one support for those who may need it.

An inspiring, inclusive young people's theatre company.

“My six-year-old is so much more confident. She's found her voice.”  
KAREN, LOCAL PARENT

“I've made new friends and discovered new things I love.”  
JAMES, 9

“I realised you don't have to fit in to belong.”  
LAUREN, 12

“I've turned drama from a hobby into a passion.”  
MARK, 17

www.g64.org.uk | info@g64.org.uk | 020 8788 6935  
Putney Arts Theatre is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with charity number 1157481

Sophie Moulard  
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for English & Drama

## Netball News

On Monday 28th November, the Year 7 A and B netball teams played in a fixture against Notre Dame School in Elephant and Castle. The girls dominated both games and won both matches convincingly. Well done girls!

The As won 23 - 2

The Bs won 11 - 0

A team Player of the Match: **Libby K**

B team Player of the Match: **Sariah B**

A team pictured with purple bibs : **Iman A-H, Vittoria B, Sofia D R, Hannah H, Libby K, Katie L and Casielle M C**



B team pictured with blue bibs: **Sariah B, Immy C, Nyah C-H, Keziah D, Abigail D J, Beatrice E, Rozalia O and Zoey O.**

**Imogen Hamel**

Teacher of PE

On Monday 28th November, the Year 10A and 10B squads played against our Senior 1st and 2nd team in a friendly internal game. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10s to play against a strong opposition, with the Seniors winning both games 21-9 and 15-8. Well done to all girls for playing some excellent quality netball, both seniors and Year 10.

On Wednesday 30th November, the Seniors played against Holy Cross School at home. As they lost these games, the girls were understandably upset by this result, given how well they played last week. This Friday they will watch the game back, as we used the new video camera to film the girls playing. Felisitus Kwangwa from Surrey Storm will help talk through the mistakes that were made. Picture above is the Seniors at home.



**Harriet Field**

Teacher of PE

## Year 7 and 8 Girls' Football

On Tuesday 29th November, our Year 7 and 8 girls' football team represented the school fantastically at the U13s EFL Cup tournament organised by AFC Wimbledon.

The Year 7 girls, who were playing in their first competitive fixture, were outstanding. They played alongside our Year 8s and Year 8 teams from other schools. After three wins, two draws and one loss in the group stages, the girls made it comfortably through to the semi-final where they beat Graveney School 1-0! It was then a closely fought final match against Surbiton High School, which they sadly lost 2-0. A massive well done to all the girls and a special shout out to **Zoey O** (four goals), **Zara P** (four goals) and to **Yvette D** for her excellent goalkeeping.

The team:

Year 7: **Beatrice E, Emma H, Zoey O, Kyanna T**

Year 8: **Yvette D, Sharon O, Zara P, Amber H**



**Alex Shoderu**

School Chaplain

## Year 13 Devised Performance

Year 13 A Level Drama and Theatre Studies students completed their devised performances this week as part of Component 1 of their A Level. The piece has been created using a playtext called 'The Trials', which formed part of their stimulus. It was performed in the style of 'Theatre of the Cruelty' by Antonin Artaud, a form of theatre which requires performers to affect the emotions of the audience through interaction and performance elements. A big congratulations to all students who have now completed a large portion of their A Level.



Students involved were **Joshua D, Oritsetsemaye M, Cater W, Rebecca R and Rashad E**

**Sophie Moulard**

**Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for English & Drama**

## Sixth Form invent their own World Cup



**Mr Ken Dwyer, Mr Kaan Cengis, Mr Emmanuel Asamoah-Mensah, Mr Romaine Walrond, Mr Chris Luke, Mr James Aldridge and Mr Alex Shoderu**



**Ghana Team**

*"On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Sixth Formers held an Inter-house football competition to mark the World Cup season and to raise money for the Sixth Form's chosen charity, St Paul's Pantry. Many students got involved and formed teams, naming themselves after countries participating in the World Cup. After the competitive rounds it came down to Ghana vs the staff team. The staff team won 3-1 with Mr Luke scoring a hat trick in the final. There was loud encouragement from other students who came to spectate. It was a good opportunity to raise money for charity and bring the students together."*

**Precious O**

**Year 13 student**

## Year 11 Revision Resources

There is a page on the school website dedicated to resources for Year 11, revision to help pupils in their GCSE work. It is available [here](#). We know that pupils have been working really hard recently so it is also really important to relax. The focus for this weekend is to relax and unwind in order to start next week feeling refreshed.

**James Owen**  
Deputy Headteacher

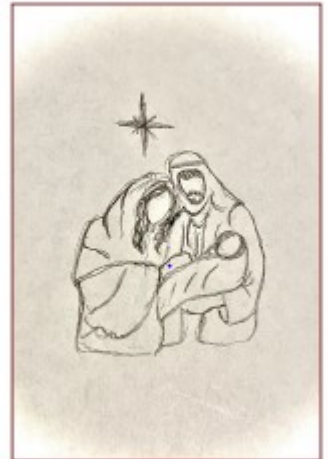
## Christmas Cards on Sale

We are now selling the two designs of Christmas Cards to benefit the local charity, Home Café. This year's winning design 'Joy' by **Joanna C** in Year 7 and the popular design from last year 'Mary and Joseph' are available to purchase via ParentPay. Packs of five high-gloss A6 cards, left blank for your own message, are priced at £2.50 per pack. They will be distributed to your children via mentors.

If you are joining us for our Carol Service on 13th December, you can also purchase packs there.



Joy - 2022



Mary and Joseph – 2021

**Caroline Pyper**  
Marketing

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next second-hand uniform sale will be at Saint Cecilia's on Thursday 15th December from 4 - 6pm. There is still time to clear out wardrobes and donate uniform your children have outgrown. Please bring in any donations of good condition used school uniform and leave at Reception. We would be particularly grateful for donations of PE kit.

Thank you.

**Fouzia Radi**  
The Friends of Saint Cecilia's

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 8th December:** Christmas Jumper Day for Year 12 and 13
- **Thursday 8th December:** 'The Little Sleep Out' for Year 7 pupils from 4 - 7pm
- **Thursday 8th December:** Year 9 Music Scholars recording session at Crown Lane Studios from 6pm
- **Friday 9th December:** Winter Sounds Concert at Fairfield Halls, Croydon from 11am - 9pm
- **Monday 12th December:** Year 12 and 13 ice skating trip to Glide at Battersea Power Station
- **Tuesday 13th December:** Annual Carol Service from 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road SW19
- **Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th December:** Christmas lunch for pupils. Pre-book now on ParentPay.
- **Thursday 15th December:** Sixth Form Christmas lunch and quiz
- **Thursday 15th December:** Friends of Saint Cecilia's Second Hand Uniform Sale at Saint Cecilia's 4 - 6pm.
- **Friday 16th December:** Term ends.
- **Tuesday 3rd January:** Spring term starts



**Saint Cecilia's Celebration Evening  
Academic Awards for Year 2021 - 22**

**Year 7 Awards**

Art & Design - Otis J  
Computing - Sophie G  
Drama - Rashaun M  
English - Carolina B M  
French- Cara M  
Geography - Spencer E

History - Josh S-E  
Mathematics - Bea R  
Music - Jessie P  
Religious Studies - Evelyn N  
Science - Gwenie S  
Spanish - Ermuun S

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**Year 8 Awards**

Art and Design – Florence C  
Computing – Ivo D  
Drama - Rex R  
English - Hannah B  
French - Meike G  
Geography - Cristina V

History - Dominic C  
Maths - Daniel C B  
Music - Ethan B  
Religious Studies - Petra B  
Science - Dominic C  
Spanish - Jude

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**Year 9 Awards**

Art and Design - Ema K  
Computing - Patrick H  
Drama - Lucy E  
English - Patrick H  
French - Mia O  
Geography - Joshua O

History - Bethan H  
Maths - Katrina S  
Music - Oscar F  
Religious Studies - Sharelle D'M  
Science - Sophie T  
Spanish - Bethan H

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**Year 10 Awards**

Art and Design - Deya S  
Biology - Darcey C  
Business Studies - Jonas B  
Chemistry - Vuk B  
Computer Science - Safwaan A  
Drama - Kimmi D-T  
English - Grace E  
French - Emily M

Geography - Joel B  
History - Isaac F  
Maths - Elizabete D  
Music - Grace C  
Physics - Kester I  
Religious Studies - Joseph G  
Combined Science - Heloise R  
Spanish - Amelie M

## Celebration Evening award winners

### Year 11 Awards

Art and Design - Ysobel B  
Biology - Nyx Q  
Business Studies - Rhianna W-B  
Chemistry - Amy H  
Computer Science - Victor B  
Drama - Maximus W  
English - Nicole K-P  
French - Amanda A

Geography - Grace E  
History - Layla A-S  
Mathematics and Physics - Tara M  
Music - Thomas D  
Religious Studies - Anna-Maria A  
Combined Science - Vinicio D  
Spanish - Eva D

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### Year 12 Awards

Applied Science - Elvis S E  
Art and Design - Eve J  
Biology - Rachel J  
Business - Delis N  
Chemistry - Jude P  
Computer Science - Wallace D  
Drama and Theatre Studies -Rebecca R  
English -Natasha S  
French - Jeannier B A  
Further Mathematics - Jude P

Geography - Jake  
Government and Politics - Natalie  
History - Destinee P  
Mathematics- Samuel  
Music - Charlotte  
Music Technology - Elijah  
Physics - Samuel  
Psychology - Eve J  
Philosophy and Ethics - Joshua M  
Spanish - Gabriel O  
Travel and Tourism - Amalia

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### Year 13 Awards

Applied Science - Jakub B  
Art and Design - Oliver P  
Biology - Jamal B  
Business - Isabelle R  
Chemistry - Moudood T  
Computer Science - Nathan D  
Drama and Theatre Studies - Claudia B  
English - Amelia R  
French - Heejin L  
Further Mathematics – Nathan D

Geography - Victoria L  
Government and Politics - Sadie D  
History - Isabella G  
Mathematics - Joseph B  
Music - Joseph E-G  
Music Technology - Judah A  
Physics - Joseph B  
Psychology - Gabriel L  
Philosophy and Ethics - Alexia M  
Spanish - Adrien B  
Travel and Tourism - Zuzanna L

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### Specialist Awards

The Extended Project Qualification Award – Gabriel L  
Library Awards - Michael S, Joe S-L, Ben G  
The Music Specialism Award – Louis W  
The Mathematics Specialism Award – Jude P  
The Niall Gallagher Fruits of the Spirit Award - Angel R  
The Bishop of Kingston Award – Sam M  
The H.R. King Award – Ruby S  
The Headteacher’s Award – Joe S-L  
The David Iannarelli Award - Aminata-Louise T

## Celebration Evening award winners

### Saint Cecilia's Celebration Evening Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

#### Bronze 2021

Samuel B	Bethany D	Kester I	George O
Matilda B	Kellesha E	Isaac I	Talitha P
James B	Grace E	Iona J	Amie P
Olly B	Samantha G	Katie K	Jack R
Alice B	Heather G	Bea L	Charlie R
Tom B	Claudia G	Emily M	Heloise R
Nathaniel C	Louis G	Amelie M	Ewan S
Darcey C	Olivia H	Joe M	Ruby S
Barnaby D	Robert H	Eva M	Lucy T
Oliver D	Jack H	Levi O	Thomas W
			Ruby W

#### Bronze 2022

Sophie A	Albie E-R	Patrick H	Aleksandar M	April S
Jamie A	Faith E	Bethan H	Emilie M	Chloe S
Martin A	Robin E	Jade H	Louis M	Viktor S
Amelia A	Rory E	Chloe H	Arthut M	Jezreel S-X
Mary A	Max E	Felix H	Charlotte M	Katrina S
Harrison B	Olivia E	Jasmine H	Saim N	Maxwell T
Sophie B	Oscar F	Joon-In H	Dylan N	Kiara T
Esther B	Jack F	Ruby R-B	Joshua O	Kate T
Reuben C	Ethan F	Harry J	Mia O	Sophie T
Ted C	Ronan F	Danny K	Alex P	Liv T
Erin C	Felix F	Matteo K	Kayden P-S	Moyin T-A
Jenna C	Callum G	Teddy L-C	Isaac R	Chloe V
Nicolas d SS	Joshua G	Lily L	Tom R	Tayja W
Amanda D	Alfie G	Thomas L	Ariadne R	Liam W
Isabelle D	Phoenix G	Daniel L	Sebastian R-F	Teddy W
Abigail D	Emily G	Yegor L	Nic R	Barnabas W
Eva D	Sam G	Francis L	Adam R	Zeke Y
Louis E	Anthony G	Gabriel M	Azzura S	Benoit Z

#### Silver 2021

Charlotte H  
Jude P

#### Silver 2022

Samuel B  
James B  
Oliver B  
Tom B  
Barnaby D  
Oliver D  
Jack H  
Joe M  
George O  
Charlie R  
Thomas W