



Message from the Headteacher

*'I have come so that you might have life and have it abundantly'.
(John 10:10)*

Another exciting week is behind us. The local area is busier than usual as the Wimbledon Championships kicked off on Monday. I was fortunate enough to see two of the opening matches on Monday evening and kept a look out for any of our wonderful pupils and students performing the role of Ball Boys and Girls across the courts. We have broken all school records this year and have seventeen pupils and students representing the school. Our boys and girls have been so impressive that eight have been selected for Centre Court and No. 1 Court action, so look out for them on TV.

Progressing confidently through the athletics season, **Freddie A** (Year 13) and **Ella R** (Year 9) both medalled in silver positions at the National Championships in their 200m events. They have bright futures ahead of them in their sporting disciplines and we can't wait to see their final timings at the end of the season.

Pupils and students were back on stage this week for the whole school production, *'Fame Jr'*. If you were fortunate

enough to secure tickets, I am sure you will agree that our talented actors and musicians continue to shine brightly. I would also like to commend the large number of pupils and students who offered their time and expertise in lighting, props and sound to support the equally important backstage roles. It was an impressive show!

Moving on to next Thursday 13th July, we are looking forward to hosting our Special Rewards Day acknowledging pupils and students for the excellent behaviour and focus demonstrated all year, and particularly in recent weeks. Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes (appropriate for school) for the day. In addition, the school will fund food for all pupils during their 40-minute break.

Finally, a gentle reminder that Friday 14th July is a staff training day. Pupils and students return to school on Monday 17th July for Enrichment Week activities, Sports Day and the end of year Collective Worship and celebrations.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

*'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'
(Romans 12:21)*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness, the sixth Fruit of the Spirit, is about actively doing good. It is sometimes defined as 'kindness' or 'gentleness' in English, but different Greek words are used for each. Gentleness (Greek: *chrestotes*) is more passive, meaning it is also attributed to being forbearing (long-suffering) and waiting without complaint; it is related to who a person is.

Goodness (Greek: *agathosune*) relates to *doing* intrinsically good actions; a zealous activity to do good for another person's benefit. Defining 'goodness' in the English language denotes numerous synonyms, like moral excellence, good behaviour, freshness or competence.

In Greek, however, it is the specific meaning of being energised to act in a benevolent (on behalf of others) way. It implies that one can demonstrate goodness when exhorting or rebuking, when it is for someone's good.

It is like projecting 'tough love' with discipline, with the purpose of making someone better. This is how we can see God correcting or chastising His children, sometimes in what

we would think to be severe, and it is goodness in action which will bring about change or transformation into the image of Jesus.

Doing goodness for the purpose of blessing or benefitting others, occurs when the Holy Spirit makes us alive in our spirits. It is an act that stems from our very soul or being.

The Bible is clear that in and of ourselves, mankind is incapable of being or doing good. It is God who works in a believer's life to become more like Jesus, which is the whole point of the Fruits of the Spirit — to make us into the image of Christ.

After a very busy term, we would like to invite you to a Parent Prayer Meeting with a focus on thanksgiving. The meeting will be **Monday 10th July at 12pm** here in the school Chapel. We will aim to finish by 12.45pm to avoid parking issue for those with cars. (The restrictions start on Sutherland Grove at 1pm).

Blessings to you for the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Fame Jr

A huge thank you to all our amazing pupils, students and staff who made 'Fame Jr' such a success. We are so proud of them all. If you came to see it, we hope you enjoyed the show. We all look forward to another one next year. Here are some photos of our amazing cast in rehearsal and on stage.

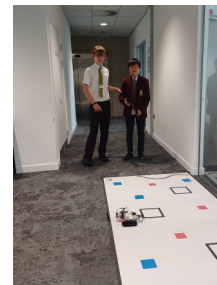
John Wells, Curriculum Team Leader for Music,
Sophie Mouland, Teacher of Drama and
Rachel Skinner, Teacher of Science



Science and Technology Experts

On Wednesday 28th June, **Leah V, Dominic C, Fareeha A, Grace Y, Oliver C-S, Michael S, Amari S and Angel R** represented Saint Cecilia's at a science and technology day held at Richmond College. They participated in activities including building and programming Lego robot cars, constructing profiles of crime suspects using the latest E-fit software and using diagnostic methods to diagnose patients. They behaved impeccably, showed high levels of curiosity and should all be very proud.

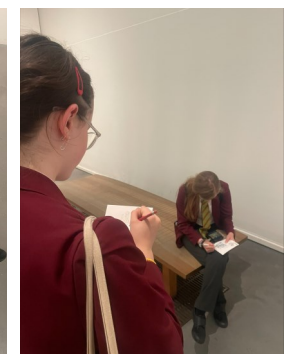
Tessa Lashley
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Science



Year 10 trip to the Tate Modern

Year 10 GCSE Art and Textiles pupils visited the Tate Modern last week. They spent the day sourcing content and inspiration for their latest coursework project, sketching, photographing and observing. The pupils had a brilliant day and created some really amazing work.

Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and Design



Learning about careers in Media



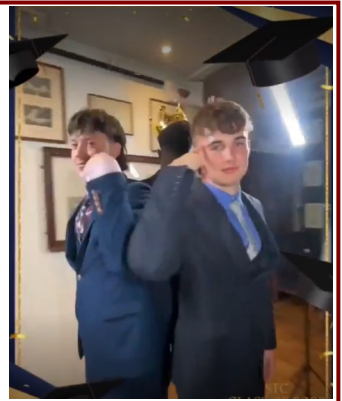
As part of our careers offer, we love welcoming parents into school to speak to our Sixth Formers about their jobs and career paths. This week we were very fortunate to hear from Ben Jones, parent of two children at school, talk about careers in media to Year 12 students. This inspirational talk gave an insight into the many facets of media. Ben showed Sixth Formers some of his work and encouraged them to grasp all opportunities that come their way. Many thanks to Ben for giving up his time to speak to us.

We would be delighted to have more parents come into school on Thursdays to deliver a 10-15 minute presentation on their job to the Sixth Form. Please contact me or Mr Paul Bishop if you would be able to give your time to the school to do this.

Joanne Osborn
Sixth Form Year Leader and Curriculum Team Leader for Geography

Year 13 Leavers' Celebration

On Tuesday 27th June, we welcomed a record number of Year 13 students and their parents (over 200 visitors) and staff for the Year 13 Leavers' Celebration. The students reviewed each year brilliantly, there were speeches from our Head Girl **Aminata T** and Head Boy **Joel G**, and a moving tribute to Mr David Iannarelli from Miss Joanne Osborn. However, the highlight was undoubtedly the video produced by the students to mark the end of their time at Saint Cecilia's. [Click here to watch it.](#)



Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

University of Liverpool Trip

After a four-year break due to COVID-19, this week we were able to run the trip to the University of Liverpool once again. Demand for places was very high and on Monday 3rd July we took 86 Year 11 pupils, who have applied for a place in our Sixth Form, for a two-day visit.

The train only takes 2hrs 15mins from Euston and we arrived soon after

1pm. Once ensuite rooms were allocated in Vine Court halls of residence, we had a talk about the university in an amazing state-of-the-art lecture theatre in the Yoko Ono Lennon Centre. This was followed by a tour of the campus and the city. There were some tired legs when we settled down for dinner in Pizza Express before we returned to our halls via Matthew Street, where the famous Cavern Club is located.

After a few hours' sleep, we were provided with an amazing breakfast followed by talks and a workshop before catching the train home. Pupils appreciated the opportunity to sample university life in action.



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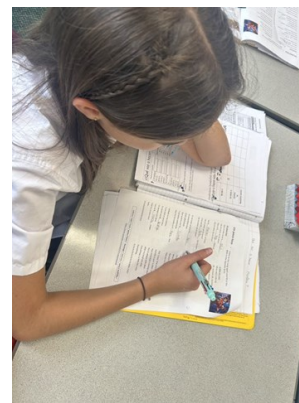
News from MFL

Year 7



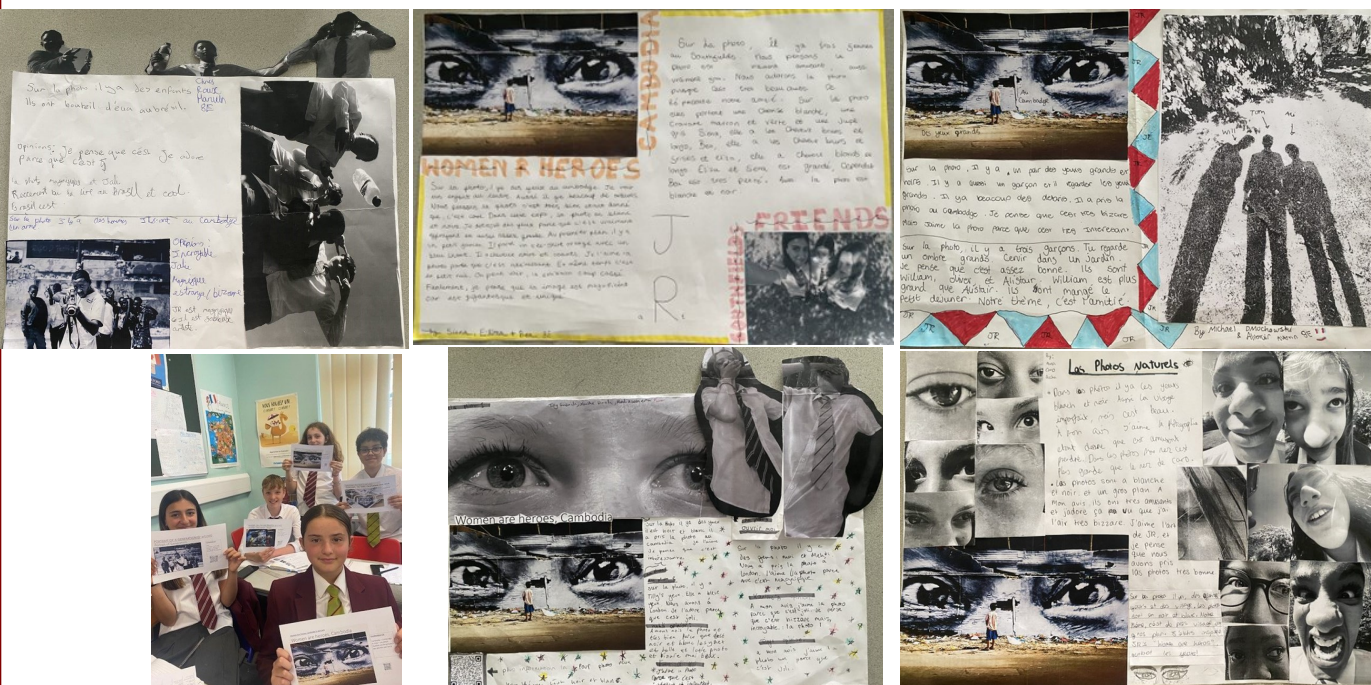
As part of our summer project, Year 7 Spanish are learning about Mexican Culture through a six-week project based on the film 'Coco'. The idea behind this summer project is to link vocabulary to a real film, while learning about South American culture, especially Mexican civilisation. They watched the film 'Coco' in Spanish with English subtitles to be able to analyse la Familia. Please click on the link below to listen to the pupils singing enthusiastically in Spanish whilst involved in activities to practise relevant topic vocabulary.

[Click here](#)



Combined Art and French Project

The Art and French department have worked on a cross-curricular mini-project, studying the work of a French photographer called JR. His aim is to use art to change the world and break down barriers, by pasting gigantic mono photographs on walls. His work has taken him to India, Brazil, Israel and Cambodia. Year 8 pupils studied a French article and watched a video in French about his work, before choosing one of his photos to describe. They took their own photos and wrote about it in French. Here are the wonderful and diverse results:



Year 6 Taster Lesson in Languages:

No matter the language, you will have fun!

Incoming Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to come and spend time learning languages with us this week. They learnt the alphabet and the numbers in both French and Spanish. At Saint Cecilia's, lessons are conducted in the target language, they are energetic and dynamic. Please read below a selection of the positive feedback we received:

Acacia, Oasis Academy Putney: *"I enjoyed the whole lesson in French and Spanish because we had to dance and sing. What I liked the most was doing mimes and the class had to guess the number. I think Saint Cecilia's is very good and friendly as the teachers make the lessons interesting."*

Maya, Wimbledon Park Primary School: *"I enjoyed learning the numbers and singing a French rap with the numbers. I think this is an amazing school."*

Rosie, Wimbledon Chase Primary School: *"I love Spanish and French lessons because they were fun, we played lots and the teacher had everyone involved."*

Charlotte, Thomas's Clapham: *"I enjoyed singing the alphabet song and the competition where you had to be quicker than the other team to greet someone. I love Saint Cecilia's because of the kind teachers and musical opportunities, even in Languages."*

Omara Muñoz Asensio

Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Artist of the Week

Year 8 have been studying landscape painting and the work of various landscape artists. Here is a work in progress by **Tilly G** from a photograph she took herself. The subject, colours, composition and brushstrokes are reminiscent of Cezanne's work and I am looking forward to seeing the finished piece.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Library News



Next Wednesday (12th July), we will welcome one of the librarians from Southfields Library to school. Silvia will be talking about the Wandsworth Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge and explaining how pupils/students can get involved – with the opportunity to win prizes. We are keen to support our local libraries and hope many pupils and students will come along to Library Club after school on Wednesday to meet Silvia and find out more. Everyone is welcome, whether they've been to Library Club before or not.

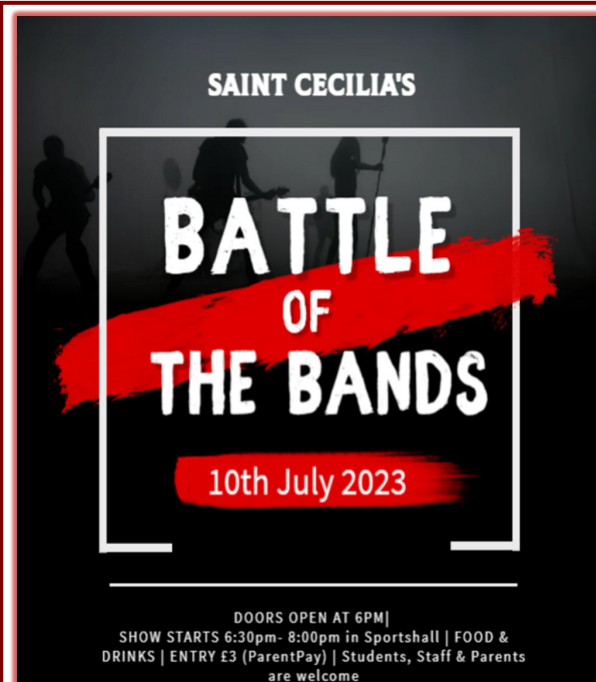
We will lend pupils/students up to three books for the summer holiday, so please remind your children to come and pick some – we have lots of new titles in stock for them to choose from!

A Level reading

Over the past year we have been boosting our stock of information books to enable Sixth Formers (including those going into Year 12) and others to read around their subjects more broadly. Please see links to some of these new titles here; there will be more available soon. [Geography](#), [Maths](#), [History](#), [Science](#)

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Battle of the Bands - Book Tickets Now!



This is a reminder that we are holding Saint Cecilia's inaugural **Battle of the Bands** on **Monday 10th July** from 6.30 - 8pm. Parents and families are invited to come along to watch four amazing bands battle it out for the grand prize. It promises to be an explosive contest. The bands headlining the event are: The Badgers, Spree, Impulse and The Imperfects.

The Friends will be supplying drinks and refreshments. We also have four talented lip sync acts performing between bands.

Tickets have been in high demand. If you haven't purchased yet, tickets are £3 and can be purchased on ParentPay. All profits raised from the evening will go to our nominated local charity, Homecafé, in Earlsfield.

Sarah Wood
Teacher of English

Running Success!



We are delighted to share the news that **Freddie A** (Year 13) and **Ella R** (Year 9) both won silver medals in their 200m races at the National Championships last Saturday. Please click on the link below to watch their outstanding performances.

Ella is at 5:52.00 Freddie at 5:19:00. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KewqZpAG_yw

Alex Bishop
Curriculum Team Leader for PE

Girls Football



Pictured left:

Back row: **Kyanna T, Kezia D, Sura L, Sharon O**
Front Row: **Bella H, Yvette D and Bea E**

On Thursday 29th June, Year 7 and 8 girls represented Saint Cecilia's at a six-a-side tournament hosted by AFC Wimbledon. The girls easily got through their group with one draw (0-0) and two wins (7-0 and 3-0). This put them through to a semi-final match against Harris Academy, Wimbledon. It was 0-0 at full time and sadly the girls lost on penalties. Special shout outs to **Yvette D** who again selflessly played in goal and to **Bea E** and **Bella H** who both got four goals in the tournament.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Enrichment Week 2023

A reminder that Enrichment Week 2023 is now just around the corner, so please pay for the activities on ParentPay if you haven't done so already.

Date	Year Group and Destination
Monday 17th July	Year 7 and Year 8: Chessington World of Adventures Year 9: The Imperial War Museum Year 10: Thorpe Park
Tuesday 18th July	Year 7 and Year 8: The Tower of London Year 9: Thorpe Park Year 10: The Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 19th July	Year 7 to 10: Sports Day at Wimbledon Park <i>Pupils are required to wear their full PE kit on Sports Day</i>



Financial assistance is available where families are eligible for support. To find out more about this, please contact Miss Latesha Fleming via: finance@saintcecilias.london.

Andrew Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 10th July:** Parent Prayer Meeting in the Chapel at 12pm
- **Thursday 13th July:** Special Rewards Day for pupils (non-uniform day)
- **Thursday 13th July:** University of Oxford library trip
- **Thursday 13th July:** Year 12 University of Surrey visit
- **Friday 14th July:** **NEW DATE - INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- **Sunday 16th - Thursday 20th July:** Music tour to Moselle
- **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July:** Enrichment Week activities
- **Wednesday 19th July:** Sports Day
- **Thursday 20th July:** Final day of term