



Message from the Headteacher

'Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart'.

Proverbs 3:3

House activity season has taken off at a great pace this term. Much preparation is going into the Cultural Fashion Show, and pupils are being encouraged to undertake research in the Library to help with creating their designs.

The school bakers in each house have been busy practising, as Saint Cecilia's gets ready to host the annual Great STC Bake Off competition. This year I am joined by guest judge, Mr Owen, who has been practising his 'Hollywood Handshake', ready to help me choose the most delicious cake.

I am delighted to announce that this year's HR King award winner, **Ruby S** (Year 11), has decided to donate her prize money to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. Ruby would like her award to help support pupils who may not be able to afford the cost of participating. Thank you, Ruby!

I am sure, like us, you are all looking forward to a restful half term, but first, I wish you a lovely week ahead.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Collective Worship theme was about creating space for awe, wonder and reflection. Here are some excerpts from a Psalm I shared with staff that invites us to take stock of the beauty in creation and to give thanks to the Creator.

"Praise the Lord.

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.*

*Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.*

*Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.*

*Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,*

*you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations.*

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens."

Psalm 148

Next week is National Well-being Week and I will be creating some special prayer zones in our Chapel. They will be spaces where pupils and students can visit to be still, to reflect, to pray and to be reminded of all that we have to be thankful for, before school and during their break and lunchtimes. Please remind and encourage your child to make some time in the week to come to visit the Chapel.

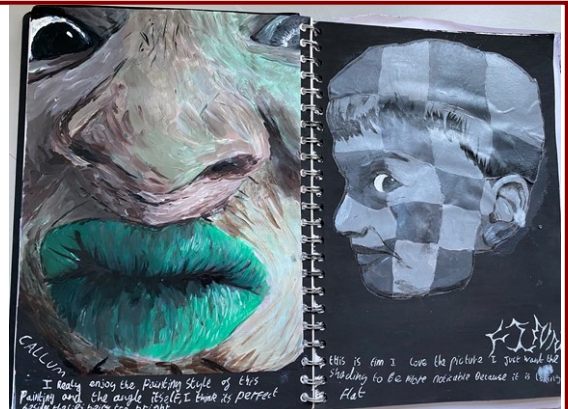
Blessings to you in the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Artist of the Week

Our Artist of the Week is **Jack P**, Year 10. This is one of Jack's Jonathan Yeo inspired portraits, created as part of a project on facial structures. Jack has taken Yeo's characteristic style and made it his own with delicate mark-making, unique angles, atmospheric colour palettes and bold expressions.

Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and Design



Year 7 Active Maths

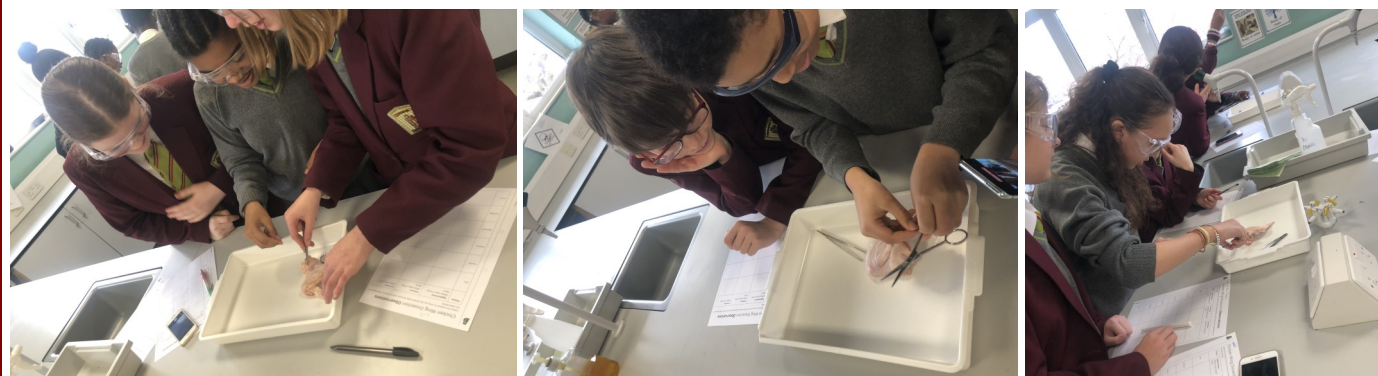
On Tuesday 31st January, Year 7 enjoyed consolidating their understanding of equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages in an active match-up game.

Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths



Year 7 Explore the Musculo-Skeletal System

On Monday 30th January, Year 7s had a fabulous time exploring the musculo-skeletal system and the similarities of our anatomy to that of a chicken! They were able to dissect some chicken wings to learn more about the structure of muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones. The class were a bit apprehensive at first, but when they removed the skin they were 'wowed' by how shiny the tendons are (and how tough they are!) and were able to pull these tendons to move the wings. Some pupils were extra scientific and recorded their investigation with videos and pictures so they could refer back to it.



Rachel Skinner
Teacher of Science

Year 10 Explore Explosions

Year 10s are exploring Chemistry and had front row seats to watch the reactions of alkaline metals with water. Lithium was the least impressive, but potassium gave us a show with some small explosions that looked like mini fireworks. Pupils were impressed by the popping noises from the explosions and the pretty purple flames!

Rachel Skinner
Teacher of Science



Bake Off 2023 Reminder

A final reminder that the eagerly anticipated Saint Cecilia's Bake Off 2023 is on **Monday 6th February**. Please see details below:

- Winners from each house will get Amazon vouchers and the overall first place winner will get 1,200 points for their house!
- Entries need to be left in the Food Technology room before 8.40am on the day (clearly labelled with child's name and house).
- Taste testing, judging and winners will be announced after school in the Refectory followed by a cake sale.
- All house entries will be tasted by their House Leader.
- Pupils and students can bring in cakes (homemade and shop bought) which won't be entered in the competition but used for the cake sale, raising money for Home Café.

Sarah Wood

Teacher of English



Year 11 French



Year 11 are learning about environmental issues in French and what the human population can do to tackle them. We have been studying Victor Hugo, a French romantic writer and politician, who makes interesting and critical references in his novel '*Les Misérables*' to the environment. They have also been practising their listening skills with a song on taking care of the planet, '*Aux arbres mes citoyens*' from Yannick Noah, the French former professional tennis player and singer.

There is no doubt that the part our pupils have enjoyed the most has been singing the environmental rap that they created. Some pupils, including **Kano T**, **Billy F** and **Grace P** have not only sung, but have been performing their rap with accompanying dance movements with great enthusiasm!

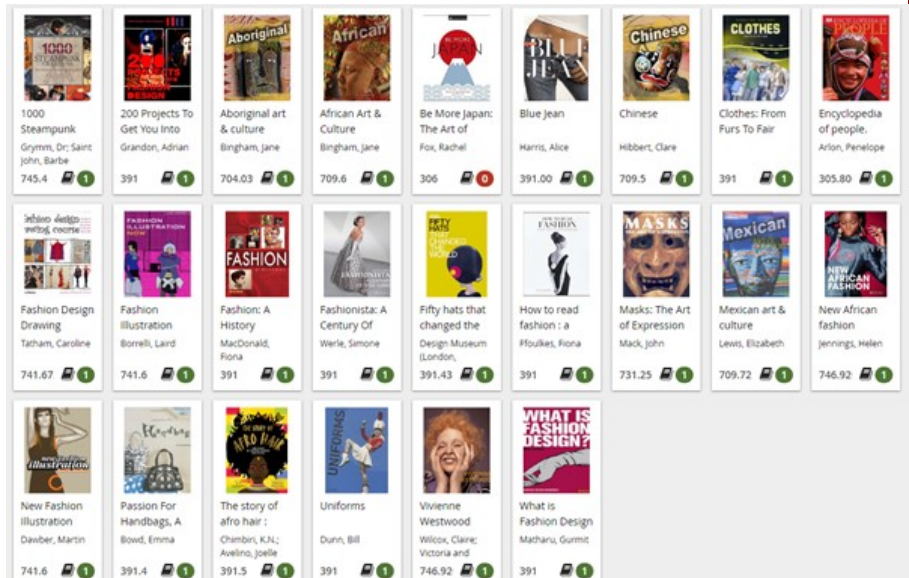
Omara Muñoz Asensio

Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Culture Club Fashion Show Research

Miss Goodhart, Librarian, has put together an amazing list of books on fashion and culture that might be of interest and help to Culture Club members for their fashion show project.

This is a [link to the list](#) and pupils and students can access it directly via Accessit. It's called Culture and Fashion and contains these books pictured right.



Sara Navarro

Teacher of Spanish

Library News

Did you know that our Library catalogue is visible via the **Accessit Web app**? Pupils and students can visit this from the Library Portal icon on any school computer, and it can be accessed from anywhere at this address: uk.accessit.online/stc08.

Once logged in, pupils and students can search the catalogue, reserve books, write reviews, renew books and use the unique OneSearch facility to assist with any research they may need to do. The homepages (dashboards) are updated regularly and these give an insight into various promotions and competitions in the Library, as well as providing links to other resources that may be of interest.

Some Accessit functions are also available through the **Accessit Library app** from the App Store or Google Play. Pupils and students can download the app, then use this QR code. Once they have done this, the Library will be able to give them their user details so that they can log into their own Library account.



Hope is for life, not just for Christmas!

We launched the Hope Bank in the Library towards the end of last year, and it is here to stay! The idea is that, like a food bank, some people will be able to give for the benefit of those in need, while others should feel free to come and take what they need. We would love to see more pupils and students coming and taking a note to give to someone to encourage them, or just to keep for themselves. And everyone is welcome to come and write new notes to benefit others.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Friends' Silent Auction and Spring Social Fundraiser Friday 3rd March

Please join us on **Friday 3rd March from 7.00pm** at the school for our Spring Social Fundraiser. This term, we are organising a silent auction which is sure to be a wonderful opportunity to connect with the school community and to raise valuable funds to support our children's learning.

As well as coming along to the event, please help us to make it a huge success. Can you donate something to our silent auction? Or maybe you have something you can offer for the raffle? Please consider what talents, skills, contacts or ideas you have that can be donated to our auction to raise money for our school. For example, could you offer:

1 hour dog walk or perhaps a weekend dog sitting?

Afternoon tea for eight people?

A batch of cinnamon buns?

Paella for six?

Work experience for the day?

A celebration cake?

Car wash?

Personal training session?

1 hour tutoring session?

A case of wine?

Carpentry?

Something else?

To make an auction donation [just complete this simple form](#), or, email the details to friendsofstcecilias@gmail.com

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the night with either serving refreshments/food, DJing or playing live music to get the party started or to be part of the planning committee. Even 30 minutes of your time would help! Thank you everyone!

Karen Naples
Communications Secretary, Friends of Saint Cecilia's



Salsa in Style in Year 8



Year 8 have been studying how to use the future tense in Spanish. A great song to practice this is the salsa song called 'Vivir mi Vida' (Living my Life) by Marc Anthony.

Pupils were incredibly engaged, especially as they had **Nadia EC, Tehya R** and **Joshua S-E** teaching them a little bit of salsa dancing - what stellar performances!

[Click here to see video.](#)

Sara Navarro
Teacher of Spanish

St Paul's Pantry

Here are the dates for the opening times of the community pantry at St Paul's Church, Augustus Road, Wimbledon for those who would like to access it. Feel free to share this information with others.

St Paul's Pantry
St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside
120 Augustus Rd
www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk

A complimentary bag of groceries
Available from Community donations
All welcome
No referral necessary

First and third Thursday each month
6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Next dates are:
Thursday 2nd February
Thursday 16th February
Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 16th March
Thursday 30th March
Thursday 6th April (Early opening TBC)
Thursday 20th April
Thursday 4th May
Thursday 18th May
Thursday 1st June
Thursday 15th June
Thursday 29th June

If you are unable to come to collect the bags,
please contact:
pantry@stpaulsparkside.org.uk
OR: 020 8788 2024

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Year 11 Revision

**THE 9 BEST
SCIENTIFIC
STUDY
TIPS**

Are you still struggling with helping your child revise?
Here is a really good video with some excellent advice for how to make sure your child gets the most out of their revision time.

[The 9 BEST Scientific Study Tips - YouTube](#)

James Owen
Deputy Headteacher

Netball News

On Monday 30th January, both the Year 7A and 8A netball teams played in a home match against Ark Bolingbroke Academy. It was great to see the girls play on home turf for once, and was uplifting to see some familiar faces supporting them out on the courts! Both the home teams dominated their games with another set of comfortable wins!

Final scores:

7A won 15-4

8A won 19-0

7A team (Green bibs)

Iman A-H, Sophia d R F, Bea E, Lily G, Hannah H, Mia H, Libby K, and Katie L

8A team:

Abigail A, Eliza C, Yvette D, Evie F, Siena G, Naomi I, Olivia R, Tehya R and Gaby V

Well done to **Yvette** and **Evie** for being chosen as the opposition's Player of the Match. Well done to **Evie** for playing so many positions, showing how versatile she is on court, as well as **Siena** and **Eliza** who shot well together. We are excited to see what this squad can achieve. Well done girls!

The following day, Tuesday 31st January, Year 7A and B teams travelled to Croydon to play in a netball match against Oasis Academy Shirley Park school. As we don't often play against OASP, we had no idea what the opposition would be like. The girls were all very tall and athletic, making it a challenging game. Both our A and B squads managed to work their socks off, come together as a team and win both matches! Both teams pictured together (right).

A team final score: 7-3

B team final score: 4-0

A team: **Iman A-H, Sophia d R F, Melody D, Bea E, Lily G, Hannah H, Libby K and Katie L**

B team: **Rosie B, Sarriah B, Immy C, Nyah C-H, Abigail d J, Keziah D, Emma H and Mia H**

Imogen Hamel

Teacher of PE

On Monday 23rd January, Year 9A and 9B netball teams took convincing wins over Ewell Castle School at home. The A team won 26-14 and the B team won 15-2. **Grace** was fantastic at shooting and was awarded Player of the Match for the B team - it was the best this team have every played. Well done girls! (9A and B pictured top left).



On Tuesday 31st January, Year 9A and 9B travelled away to Notre Dame School. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and, after a solid warm up, the girls took to the court. The A team won 14-11, thanks to some lovely centre passes. Well done to **Nyah N-S** for her much improved passing. The B team also enjoyed a convincing win 11-4. Particularly well done to **Ella R** for some fantastic defence through court. (Pictured bottom left).



Last Wednesday 25th January, the senior netball team travelled away to Holy Cross School, with a very depleted team due to mock exams. This meant a slow start to the game which would have made a win impossible. However, as the game went on there was clear progress with the girls timing and passing, and they won the next two quarters. Well done to those who played, especially **Chloe H** and **Mia O** for being selected to play for the team, despite being in Year 10. Surrey Storm coach, Felisitus, gave Players of the Match to **Dimona F** for her defence work, and **Mia O** for her impressive holding in the shooting circle.

Harriet Field

Teacher of PE



Half Term Cooking Classes

A local resident, who has been running cookery classes for children for many years, will be holding sessions for teenagers at Saint Cecilia's in the food technology classroom over the half term break. The cooks, in small groups, will have their own work station and food safety and hygiene will be discussed together with more in-depth cooking techniques to create three dishes.

The three-hour sessions will be led by Natasha, a trained Le Cordon Bleu Chef, who has been teaching cooking classes since March 2020. She has a particular interest in teaching young people not just how to cook, but how to feed themselves and how to use different ingredients and tools within the kitchen to make meals for themselves and for their loved ones. Sign up before places go by visiting the [Mix & Munch website!](#)

Caroline Pyper
Marketing



12-15 Year Old Holiday Cooking Classes

3 hour (drop off) sessions where we cook and eat 3 dishes - Jam tarts/Chicken Provencal/Hassle backs/Double Chocolate Cookies on:

Wednesday 15th February

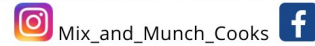
At: **9.30-12.30 AND 2.00-5.00pm**

Where: St. Cecilia's School, Sutherland Grove, SW18

Cost: £36 per child (£66 for 2 siblings)

www.mixandmunch.com (BOOK ONLINE) or contact me

Email: hello@mixandmunch.com Phone: 07989 346084 (Rachael)



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Children's Mental Health Week

LET'S
CONNECT



Saint Cecilia's will be supporting National Well-being Week for Children from 6 -10th February with a focus on our whole community from pupils and students to staff and parents. The aim of the week is to encourage people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

- Pupils in Key Stage 3 will have well-being activities to complete at home
- Pupils, students and staff will be encouraged to 'wear something yellow' on Friday 10th February for non-uniform day, donating £1 to our mental health charity by paying on ParentPay.

Join our activities by supporting the theme 'Let's Connect' at home as well. Please click [here](#) to see a parent/carers' tips booklet created by Place2Be.

Anessa Lee
Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum Team Leader for PSHE

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Saturday 4th February:** Year 8 CyberFirst Girls' Competition at Deloitte London from 9.15am - 4.15pm
- **Monday 6th February:** Inter-house 'Great Saint Cecilia's Bake Off' in the Refectory from 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Tuesday 7th February:** Year 12 and 13 trip to 'Othello' at the Lyric Hammersmith from 7pm - 10.50pm
- **Wednesday 8th February:** Year 11 Geography Juniper Hall trip in Dorking from 7.30am - 6.00pm
- **Wednesday 8th February:** Year 9 booster vaccinations
- **Wednesday 8th February:** Years 10 and 11 French BFI Southbank Study Day from 9.30 - 4.30pm
- **Thursday 9th February:** Year 9 BFI French Southbank Study Day from 9.30 - 4.30pm
- **Thursday 9th February:** School chess tournament. All day
- **Thursday 9th February:** Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5 - 8pm - virtual
- **13th - 17th February:** Half Term