



Message from the Headteacher

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you attended the Celebration Evening in the Summer Term, you will remember the inspirational key note speech given by Femi Oresanya, trustee of the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Trust (OWMT). Femi was back in school this week to interview me for a special feature in the Trust's termly magazine. Whenever Femi returns, I am always struck by his enthusiasm for Saint Cecilia's, and the many similarities between the school that was, and the school we are now. Next week, we host the OWMT choir reunion, and trustees will attend the Celebration Evening on 1st December to award the HR King award, for outstanding contribution and progress.



Artists, computer scientists and aspiring medics were all in action this week. I am delighted our artist of the week is a Year 7 pupil, **Jude**, and that Code Club is going from strength to strength. In this week's newsletter, you will read about the positive impact the Ibstock Place medic's day had on students in the Sixth Form. If you think you could spare some time to inspire pupils about the job you do, get in touch with Mr Alex Bishop or Ms Lucy Bush who currently oversee careers and work-related learning.

This week the Harvest Appeal begins, and I would appreciate your support in reminding pupils to leave their contribution in the Chapel.

Year 11 pupils and parents, along with external visitors, are warmly invited to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 13th October. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.

Have a lovely week ahead,
Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you. I mentioned in my previous Chaplain's Corner that I have been holding Year 7 retreats over the last couple of weeks. Yesterday I sat and read through their feedback forms. I was really encouraged by many of their responses so I thought I'd share a few with you:

What did you learn about yourself on the retreat?

- I realised I didn't have to be someone I wasn't
- To be yourself, to be a upstander and don't be a bully
- To not let others affect your confidence
- I enjoy big class discussions and games
- That I am a good leader

What did you learn about other people in your class?

- I learnt that other people have some differences to me and that's ok
- I learnt that there is another side to people than meets the eye
- Everyone is different and special in their own way
- We should praise each other when we have done

something good and should take a loss and not just blame it on one particular person

- That these people are actually interesting

Did you learn anything about God today?

- Yes. That God made us beautiful. If someone says you are not beautiful, don't trust them. God made us wonderful
- Don't let anyone bring you down because of your looks. That's how God made you, you don't need anyone's approval. God thinks you're amazing
- He is amazing and loving and kind and fabulous and everything
- That He is always looking out for us, saves us and He will always be there to protect us from any danger.
- I learnt that no matter what mood you're in, sad or happy, God is always there for you

I hope you enjoyed reading through these comments as much as I did. Given that one of our themes for this week is actually love for learning, I thought it would be apt to share this with you.

Peace and blessings to you for the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Library News

School Book Fair:

Thank you so much to all those who have supported the Book Fair by buying books this week. It's been exciting to see the flurry of bodies each breaktime, browsing and writing their 'Wish Lists.' I'm thrilled that so many of the books on offer have now found new homes – and also that we will benefit from many free books in the Library as a result – details of the amount raised will follow next week. Last chance to buy books this weekend before the remaining copies are collected on Monday morning. You can pay using this QR code or by going to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

St Michael's Year 5 Visit Saint Cecilia's:

As well as speaking to our pupils and students about creative writing, author Vicky Holmes also conducted a session with the Year 5 classes from St Michael's who were very excited to meet the creator of the Warrior Cats! Here are some of their comments afterwards:

Lexie - "It was so exciting to meet an established author. She had great tips, was inspiring and her words will help me in the future."

Galilea - "If you want to be an author, Vicky Holmes said that you should read and read and read."

William - "The author read her book and it made me want to read more!"

Chloe - "She likes to write stories which are exciting, violent and dramatic."

Jan - "Her books are translated into different languages so that everyone can have a chance to read them around the world."



Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

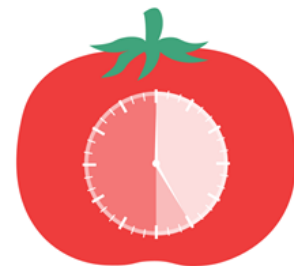
Year 11 Mocks and Revision Information

Year 11 families have been emailed the December mock timetables today. Accompanying this email is a topic list for each subject to help pupils prepare for their exams and a brief description of the Pomodoro revision technique. These documents can be accessed via the links below.

The Pomodoro technique is a very useful method to help your child revise as effectively as possible. It is named 'pomodoro' after the Italian style kitchen timers that are in the shape of tomatoes. The technique works in the following steps:

- They identify what the topic/subject/skill is that they want to revise (use the topic list for this)
- They decide how they are going to revise the information. Where are they going to get the information from? This could be using a textbook, exercise book, internet site or revision guide. What are they going to do with the information? Some suggestions could be to make revision cards, make post it notes, make a mind map, create a story or draw a picture.
- They put their phone well away from them (unless they are specifically using it to gather information)
- They set a timer for **25** minutes
- They carry out the revision
- When the timer pings/buzzes, they stop revising
- They give themselves a 5/10 minute break
- They test themselves – this could be by writing a practice answer, answering short questions, doing an online quiz
- They ask: do I know more than I did before? Put a big tick on their topic list! If not, don't panic, try a different revision method when they come back to the topic.
- Before starting again, they give themselves a proper break

Pomodoro Technique



25 min working
5 min resting

[Year 11 Mock Timetable](#)
[Time Management \(Pomodoro\)](#)
[Mock Exam Topics List](#)

James Owen
Deputy Headteacher

Autumn Harvest Appeal

This is a reminder for pupils and students to support our Autumn Harvest Festival appeal. We would be grateful if donations could be brought in by **Friday 15th October**. 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

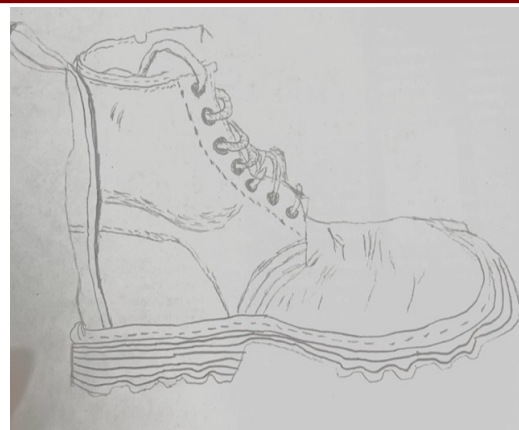


Thank you so much for collecting food to share with local people and families in hardship this Autumn. We're still seeing high levels of need in our community, and your generosity this Harvest will go a long way to helping us meet this need.

Sarah Wood
Teacher of English

Artist of the Week

In one of his first art lessons of secondary school, **Jude** in Year 7 shows off his artistic skill in this drawing of his shoe. **Jude** showcases his understanding of perspective, mark-making and tone.



Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and Design

Readathon

For the next three weeks (from Monday 10th October and through half term), all pupils and students are invited to join our **Read for Good Readathon**.

They can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics, audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed; it's all about reading for fun. The money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.



Please encourage your child to get involved. They'll be helping provide books for children in hospitals, our school receives free books and the reading itself will benefit them in so many ways – there really is something in it for everyone.

Pupils can be sponsored at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> or they can pick up a sponsorship form from the Library and then bring either cash or a cheque to school, or pay using ParentPay. Please send all money and forms back to school by Wednesday 2nd November. For more information, visit www.readforgood.org.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

News from the Modern Languages Department

Here is a picture of Year 13s celebrating Hispanic heritage month by eating some delicious Venezuelan food that **Jeannier** kindly brought in for us. She cooked everything for us and it was delicious. We had a repas, tequeños and empanadas. ¡Qué rico!



European Language Competition

A European Baking competition which can train you for the Bake Off

Pupils at Saint Ceciliass' have been actively celebrating languages and putting into practice their creativity using their own cultures and identities. See some of the best baking examples below. The winning entry was **Emily R** in Year 7– well done **Emily!**



Ca va?' cupcakes are arranged as the French flag
Emily, Year 7



Gwenie S in Year 8 made a traditional Greek cake



Craig, Year 7



Isaac, Year 7



Jackie, Year 7

European T-shirt Logo competition

Saint Ceciliass' pupils have been busy designing a logo to showcase the importance of learning a language.



Vittoria, Year 7



Leon, Year 7



Natalia, Year 7



Jackie, Year 7



Elijus, Year 7

Shout out for help!

If we have any parents who speak French or Spanish and would like to help the MFL Department to support with speaking, please do let us know

French: sbasilious@saintcecilias.london

Spanish: omunozasensio@saintcecilias.london

Omara Munoz Asensio
Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Crochet Creativity

Crochet Club is in full swing with more than 20 participants learning lots of different stitches and techniques thanks to Sixth Formers **Zoe** and **Aurelia**.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Code Club Champions

Saint Cecilian is proud to be a registered Raspberry Pi Code Club centre. Code Club is an extra-curricular coding club for pupils aged 9-13 years run by the Raspberry Pi Foundation. Pupils are working towards certificates in Scratch, CSS and HTML and learning coding skills whilst having lots of fun. Over the coming weeks, pupils will be completing different Code Club projects, learning skills whilst creating their own games, animations and websites. Code club members also have exclusive access to some very fun activities coming soon! Code Club only started last week, and **Joshua**, **Elijus**, **James** and **Myles** (pictured right), have already earned their first certificate after completing six mini scratch projects.



Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for
Business Studies and Computing

Make Me a Medic Day



Ten students from Years 12 and 13 travelled to Ibstock Place School for an afternoon of activities designed to help them think and prepare for potential medical school applications. They held a Q&A session with doctors from a variety of specialities, had a session on how to write an effective personal statement, a session on medical ethics, and a mock mini interview.

Liz Hogg
Curriculum Team Leader for Science



Applying to Saint Cecilia's

If you have a child in **Year 6**, now is the time to apply for a place at secondary school. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021. All applicants must use the common application form on your home council's website. If your first child was awarded a Foundation Place, you must apply for a Foundation Place for all siblings, or the sibling link won't count. You can also apply for a Specialist Music Place if your child is musical; the deadline is Monday 10th October. Please find the additional forms for Music and Foundation Places on the admissions page of our website (<https://www.saintceciliass.london/admissions>). If you have any queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8780 1244 (press 2 for admissions) or admission@saintceciliass.london

Sally van der Meer
Admissions Manager

Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service (WAAS)

For young people with autism and their families living in Wandsworth, support can be accessed through the Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service (WAAS). WAAS aims to support the inclusion of children and young people with autism and social communication disorders in Wandsworth through the promotion and delivery of best practice leading to positive outcomes.

The service is made up of a multi-disciplinary team working in our borough. The service can offer support across a wide range of areas related to autism and social communication differences. In addition, the team also have extensive knowledge and experience across multiple areas including SEND, youth work, schools, inclusion and Wandsworth Local Offer.

Their universal offer includes parent coffee mornings, parent workshops/training, telephone consultation line and groups for young people (WAAS Tadpoles, UNITE, Power up!)

For further information, or to request support, please email the team: AutismAdvisory@wandsworth.gov.uk

Catherine Bull
SENCo, Literacy Co-Ordinator and Teacher of English

Sixth Form Open Evening - 13th October



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

- **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
- **Thursday 20th October:** Year 9 Parent Partnership Event 6.00 - 7.00pm
- **Friday 21st October:** CPD Day (no pupils in school)
- **Monday 24th –28th October:** Half Term