



### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Welcome back to Saint Cecilia's. It was a first week of mixed emotions. It was wonderful to welcome our new Year 7s on Monday and our whole school community back on Tuesday. We have plans in place for an exciting and challenging year ahead for all pupils and students.

However, the start of our school year has been overshadowed by the untimely death of our much-loved colleague Mr David Iannarelli on Wednesday and the news on Thursday of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Iannarelli's family and the

Royal Family. We will ensure that your young people are supported through this time by their mentors, teachers, senior leaders and our school chaplain. We have also arranged for Educational Psychologists to be in school, to help support pupils, students and staff to come to terms with their loss.

**James Owen**  
Deputy Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Echoing Mr Owen's words, it has been a hard start to the school year.

In light of Mr Iannarelli's death, my thoughts and prayers are with our whole school community, and particularly for colleagues who have worked with him during the nine years he was here. I've also been praying for older students who may have known him as a teacher/mentor/House Leader. At the other end of the school, I also know of Year 7s who had been introduced to him as the Ives House leader, who are feeling the loss. Your prayers for staff, pupils and students are much appreciated at this time.

In light of Her Majesty the Queen's death, we will be guided by the Government and by the Diocese in how we create opportunities to commemorate her life and service in the days and weeks to come. I've been encouraged afresh by the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm in these last couple of days, so I'd like to share them with you:

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me."*

(Psalm 23:4)

I will be using my corner of this newsletter to keep you updated with some of the themes and topics that we are covering with pupils and students in our Collective Worship, as well as any Chaplaincy news and events happening throughout the year.

We have a Parents' Prayer group which meets two or three times each term and I would love to invite you to be part of it if you are able. Further information to follow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. Peace and blessings to you for the week ahead.

**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplain

### Year 11 Parents' Information Evening



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Parents' Information Evening on Thursday. We hope you found the evening informative. All the information we covered is available on our school website under Letters and Newsletter downloads. You can view the [Presentation](#) and the [Year 11 revision materials](#).

**Chris Luke**  
Interim Curriculum Team Leader of Physical Education  
and Year Leader for Year 11

## Introduction to the Library

We were pleased to welcome each Year 7 mentor group to the Library on Monday for a brief induction session and have been thrilled to see so many of them (as well as more familiar faces from other year groups) coming to make use of the Library since then.

The Library is staffed from 8:00am - 4:15pm every day and pupils/students are welcome to come in to browse, read, study and make use of the computers during their breaks and lunchtimes, as well as before and after school.

We update our stock regularly and this photo shows some of the new books we will be putting out on the shelves next week!

**Rachel Goodhart**  
School Librarian



## Enthusiastic for Textiles



This year promises to be a very exciting year for us in the Art and Design Department as we are delighted that 24 Year 10 pupils have picked to study Textiles for GCSE. This is a record number! We look forward to displaying their creative work over the upcoming terms.

**Victoria England**  
Teacher of Art and Design

## Free School Meals

**Free  
School  
Meals**   
**Are you entitled?**

We are aware that for many families, there have been some changes at home during the last 18 months, which might have had an impact on your child's eligibility for free school meals. If you qualify for free school meals, not only will your child receive free meals, but during the school holiday period, vouchers (£15 per child) are allocated to spend at the supermarket to support with food shopping over the breaks. For more information and details of how to apply, please click [here](#).

If you are not sure if you are eligible, please complete the form and we will check whether you are eligible or not. If you need support with applying, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

**Sandra Page**  
General Office/Examinations Manager

## Extra-curricular Timetable Autumn 2022

We are delighted to offer a vast array of extra-curricular activities for pupils and students this term. These clubs take place before, during and after the school day. Our clubs are run or supervised by staff members, and are all offered free of charge. Today we held the fair at school for pupils and students to sign up. If your child has not yet signed up for a club, please encourage them to do so. They can also discuss these opportunities with their mentor, or just turn up to the club! The full list of clubs is found here on the school website where it is kept up to date:

<https://www.saintcecilias.london/extracurricular-clubs>



**James Robinson**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Update from The Friends



# Get Involved

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Saint Cecilia's welcomes you to the new school year 2022-2023! Whether this is your first year here, or you are a long-standing member of the school family, we are so glad to have you here!

When you support us, you're also making new friends, strengthening the school community and helping to make your child's school an even better place.

Our goal is to provide funding to help enhance and further the students' and pupils' learning experiences and opportunities. Our funds benefit the school and come from the fundraising initiatives and events we hold during the school year. In recent years, we've funded virtual reality headsets, djembe drumming workshops, greenhouse gardening supplies and other equipment for the English, Drama, Music and Art departments.

We all have something to give. You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. The most important skills you can bring are enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

Join the Friends by completing the form [here](#).

Want to donate to the Friends, please click [here](#).

Feel free to contact us at any time at [friendsofstcecilias@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstcecilias@gmail.com)

**We would also like to put some dates in your diary:**

**The Friends Annual AGM 18th October 2022 at 7:00pm**

**Friends Autumn event, Save the Date - 18th November 2022**

**Chavionne Richardson-Walker**  
Co-Secretary, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's



## Instrument Lessons

Instrument and voice lessons will begin w/c 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you applied over the summer, individual music teachers (or in some cases Saint Cecilia's staff) will contact you this week about lessons and times. Please only contact [musicadmin@saintcecilias.london](mailto:musicadmin@saintcecilias.london) if you have NOT received any lesson information by end of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Please can all parents and carers ensure that ALL instrument cases are **clearly labelled** with your child's full name and mentor group on the outside to avoid any mix ups at school. Inside, you should put a card with a contact number and address, in case the instrument is found somewhere outside school (e.g. left on a bus or tube).

Instruments can be stored in the music cupboard (accessible by using school ID card during the day) but only if labelled and at the owner's risk. Instruments must not be left overnight.

Thank you.

**John Wells**  
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

## Introducing the new Caterers

We are excited to have appointed **Caterlink** as our new school caterer. Please click [here](#) and scroll down to the menu buttons to see the great selection of food that is available to all our pupils and students in the Refectory.

We have also kicked off the new term by launching an exciting new drinks selection with the aim of reducing our plastic use and encouraging reusable bottles at school. The Generation Juice Drinks Hubs are being introduced to enable students and staff to buy a variety of drinks. These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then tapped into their reusable bottle. They are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients. The drinks will cost 20% less at only 90p per 500ml portion, which is a welcome change with the many price increases we are all facing. Our caterer, will also be including the drinks in all their meals deals to offer even more value every day.

Please remind your child to bring a reusable bottle of their choice so that we can all cut plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the new chilled drinks.

**Dave Cobb**  
Business Manager

## Year 7 Open Events - now booking



If you have a child in primary school, or have friends or neighbours with primary-aged children, our open events for Year 7 entry in 2023 are now available to book. Click on each of the links below to visit our Eventbrite page to book free tickets. Various time slots are available at each event.

[Thursday 15th September 2022 5:15 - 8:15pm](#)  
[Monday 10th October 2022 9am - noon](#)

Our prospectus for Year 7 2023 entry is available to read and download on our [Prospectus and Open Events page](#).

**Kelly Turner**  
Marketing

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 12th September:** Bronze DofE Parent Information Evening Year 9 from 6 to 7pm in the Sports Hall
- **Thursday 15th September:** Year 7 Open Evening for entry in September 2023 from 5:15pm - 8.15pm
- **Friday 16th September:** Year 11 trip to An Inspector Calls from 7pm - 10pm
- **Friday 26th September:** Careers Fair from 12pm - 4pm in the Sports Hall