



Message from the Headteacher

'For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil'

(Ecclesiastes 12:14)

Pupils and students took part in the first stage of the Royal Parks Green Futures Project, funded by the Kusame Trust. Whilst COP27 marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, I am delighted Year 8 and the Sixth Form, are playing their part in creating a greener future, here in the UK. The Science team are determined to bring learning to life and get pupils out into the community, with this opportunity for older students to develop leadership skills and their knowledge of conservation, and then teach pupils in Year 8 out in the field. If you are visiting London after Christmas, do look out for flowers, planted by Year 8, that will pop up in the spring, by Victoria Gate at Hyde Park.

This morning, the school came together to mark Armistice Day, and share in a moment of reflection as we remembered. We paused, we listened to a reading of the poem 'For the

Fallen' and the playing of the Last Post. In the afternoon, we were joined by former Wandsworth School pupils, representing the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Trust, for a special remembrance service to honour former pupils who had given their lives in the world wars.

As I write, the musicians are busy rehearsing ahead of the NCBF Regional Festival on Saturday, and the autumn concert on Thursday 17th November. Whether your child is performing or not, do come along and join us for what will be a lovely evening on Thursday.

I wish you all a good week ahead.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you in Jesus' name.

Our Collective Worship theme in year assemblies this week was 'Connection', whilst our house assemblies focused on Remembrance Day in the lead up to 11/11.

On the theme of Connection, some members of the Old Wandsworthians visited us at school today to commemorate Remembrance Day and to build the relationship and connection between our past and present pupils and students.

Reflecting on the theme verse, my encouragement to our staff team was that we can continue to find ways to spur on one another so that we can in turn spur on our pupils and students to great things. I continue to host staff prayer meetings every Wednesday to create a space where staff can come to get spiritual refreshment through God's word, prayer and

fellowship with each other.

Similarly with our pupils and students, I want to continue to create spaces through lunch clubs, Christian Union and student prayer times, where they can feel connected with their peers and with God.

Lastly, I know that we can't do well as a school without maintaining a good connection with the families of our pupils and students, and I know that there are many ways in which our school seeks to do that. I pray that those connections grow stronger and more valuable.

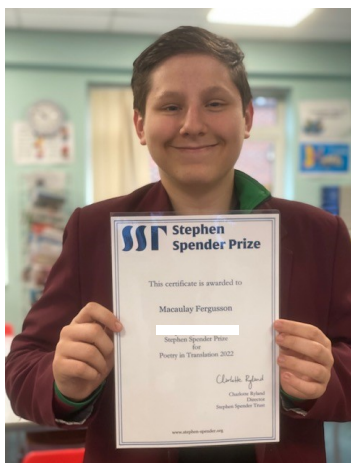
All of this points me to a God who values relationships and created us to be connected with each other. So I pray that we continue to be intentional with doing just that. Amen.

Every blessing to you in the week ahead.

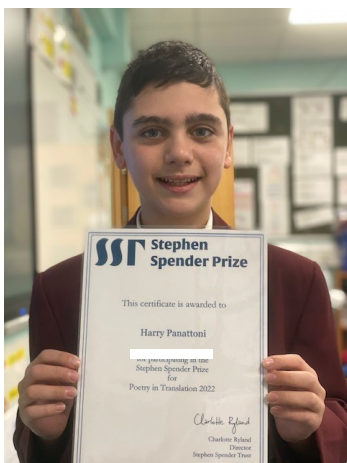
Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Stephen Spender Trust Competition

At the end of last year, the following students entered the national Stephen Spender Trust competition. This involved translating a poem from any language into English and writing about the challenges they faced doing this. We had some excellent entries and **Macaulay's** translation of an extract from 'Spleen' by Baudelaire was identified as highly commendable as he just missed out on winning in his category. Below are pictures of them receiving their certificates with the language of the poem they translated in brackets:



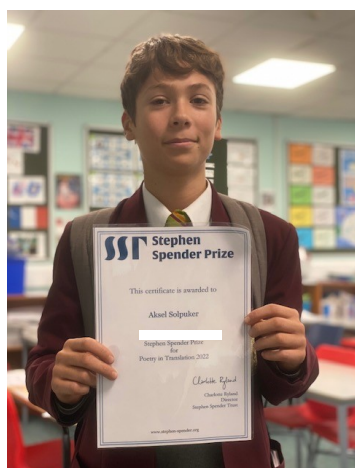
Macaulay (French)



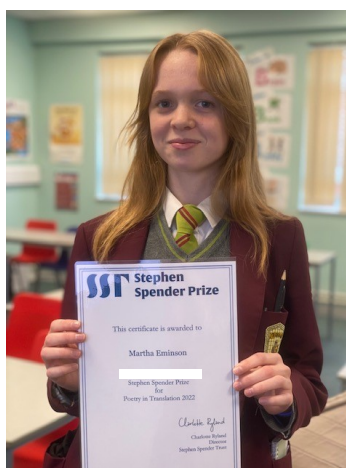
Harry (Italian)



Martin (Bulgarian)



Aksel (Spanish)



Martha (French)

Sylvia Basiliou
ACTL Modern Foreign Languages

Articulation Day at the National Gallery

On Tuesday 8th November, Art and Textiles A Level students **Zoe, Rebecca, Eduardo, Victor, Eve** and **Jeannier** spent the day at the Whitechapel Art Gallery taking part in the Articulation Day run by the National Gallery. They spent the morning visiting contemporary artworks by Zadie Xa and Donna Huanca and a film installation called Moving Bodies, Moving Images. Following this, they worked with students from other schools to write a script and present their own thoughts and findings on the works. The day gave the students a wonderful opportunity to meet the director of the gallery, work with curators from the National Gallery, learn how to analyse art at a deeper level and articulate to a group. Well done to all who took part.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Chess Club visit Bletchley Park

On Thursday 3rd November, we took the Chess Club to Bletchley Park to look at codebreaking during the war. Here's what **Dominic** (Year 9) wrote: "Last week, around twenty pupils (including me) from clubs run by the Maths department went to Bletchley Park on a trip. On arrival we went into the main entrance which was a low building by the car park called Block C and we began a self-guided tour around the huts and grounds. This was incredibly informative, as we saw an Enigma machine and several different exhibitions, including what Alan Turing did for code breaking and computing. An Enigma machine essentially scrambles every letter so complexly that the chances of breaking the code were 1/150 sextillion! After lunch, we were taken to the Manor where the people who were invited to work at Bletchley were briefed (they were made to sign the Official Secrets Act), and one of the huts where people worked, which included projectors showing where and how people worked. In addition, there were some things to interact with to see probability problems and why it was such a challenge to break code.



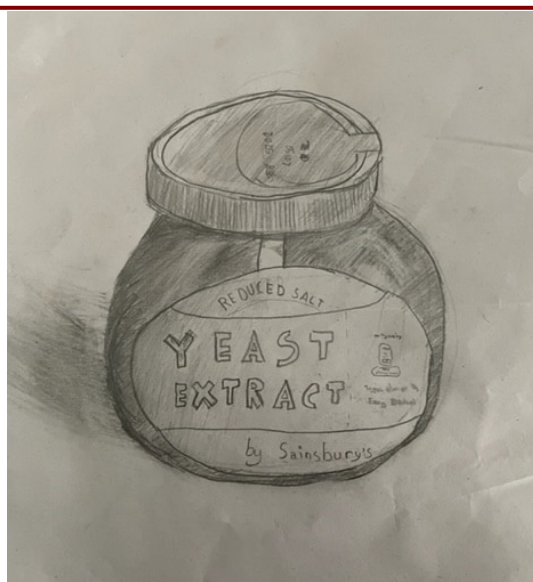
We had an hour long workshop, which personally was my favourite part, which showed how an Enigma machine was set up and why the Nazis thought it was unbreakable. We then went around the room solving codes to find out a spy's name and were allowed to use a real Enigma machine! It was one of the best school trips I've ever been on and would recommend it to anyone who wants to know more about WW2 or codebreaking! Bletchley Park tried to crack the German code every day throughout the war, shortening it by up to two years."



Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths

Artist of the Week

George in Year 7 has shown his artistic skill in his observational drawing homework, where he has used shade and tone, mark-making and directional lines to create an image of a jar of marmite from his kitchen cupboard. Well done **George**!



Daisy Bernard
Teacher of Art and Design

Last call for entries! Extension until Monday

This is a final reminder for your child to design the Headteacher's official Christmas card, which is sent across the borough to churches, schools and organisations who have supported or collaborated with our school. It is open to all year groups, and we are encouraging everyone to get involved, so please talk to your child – this is an ideal activity to keep them busy this weekend!

They can use any materials, e.g. watercolour, pencil, coloured pencil, fineliner, biro, acrylic, ink, digital editing as long as it is on the A4 entry form. Pupils and students can design straight onto the entry form or attach their final artwork in the space provided using glue or double-sided tape (no staples). Entry forms are available to download [here](#) to print at home or can be collected from Reception or the Library. If they would like to produce digital art, this can be emailed from their school email address to sallan@saintcecilias.london.

Their design should bring to life this year's scripture theme of Joy (Luke 2:10-11) and, in particular, this verse:

'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)

The final card will be professionally printed with the artist's name credited on the back. Artwork must be original.

If they would like to discuss any ideas or need help in deciding what materials to use, please ask them to talk to their Art teacher or see Ms Stella Allan, Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design.



The closing date for entries is now **Monday 14th November**. The final winner will be announced in the newsletter the following week. Good luck!

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Closing Date: Monday 14th November

Library News

Readathon Update

Many thanks to all those who took part in the Read for Good Readathon. We raised £240 for this charity, helping to provide books and story-tellers for children in hospital. Our top two fundraisers were **Innes** in Year 7 and **Joe** in Year 8 who will each receive a book token as a mark of our appreciation.

Library Club

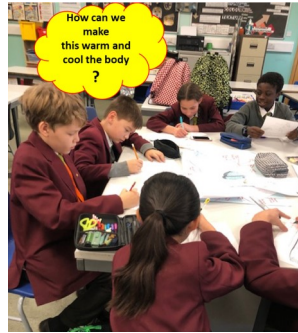
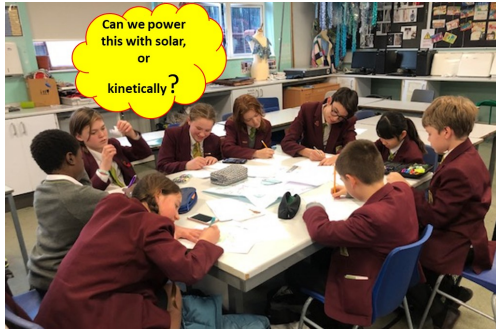
Our weekly Library Club has a committed crew of Year 7s and Year 8s who enjoy playing games, colouring bookmarks, eating biscuits and listening to the next few chapters of *'The Everest Files'* by Matt Dickinson as a relaxed end to Wednesdays.



Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Innovation Club

The pictures here show Innovation Club hard at work inventing the next cutting edge product and hoping to earn themselves a place in this year's V&A National School's Challenge.



Innovate members are: **Phoebe, Jesiah, Zach, Evie, Sophia, Patrick, Amber, Sasha, and Jacob.**

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Philosophy Club

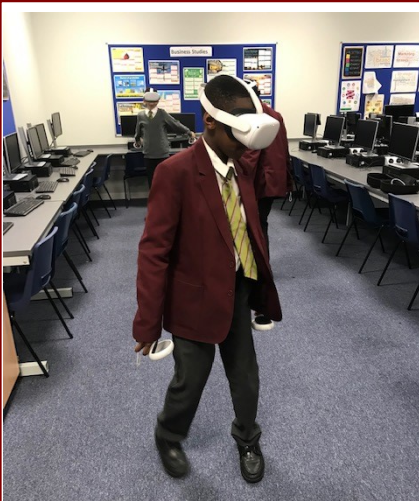
This week we held the first Philosophy Club of the term. There were many new faces attending. After talking to these pupils, I found out that they were interested in joining Philosophy Club because they were encouraged by friends who are members. This was the first trial of the new system to have 'roles in society', and it worked exceptionally well. Everything was very ordered, which served the whole purpose of this new system.

This week the question was: 'What if Germany won WW2?' After stepping back in time and watching a few videos about WW2 and Hitler, the pupils discussed their thoughts about this question and concluded that the world would be completely different to how it is now. Some pupils suggested that "we would be like robots" and be trapped under the captivity of Hitler, with no freedom whatsoever. Afterwards, we discussed The Butterfly Effect which is a philosophical idea that small things can make an impact on complex systems. This is linked with this week's discussion as it gave us time to reflect on all the situations that have happened in history and the impact they have on the society we live in today. Lastly, at the end of this session, the pupils were given chocolate and biscuits for their contribution and attendance.



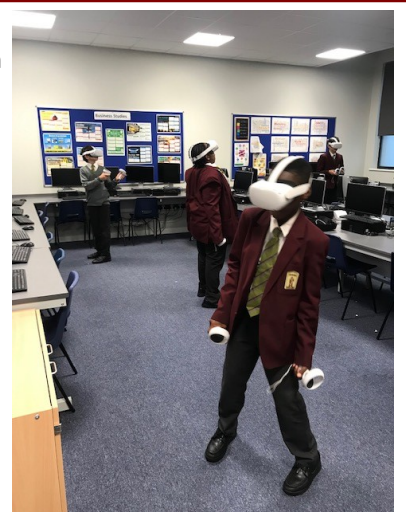
Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies

Coding Club



This week in Coding Club, pupils had fun with VR head sets - learning how the coding they have been using to create games could look in the future.

Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing



Netball News

Over the last fortnight, many of the Saint Cecilia's netball squads have travelled to play against Emanuel School, where we took on their top netball teams, including our 8A, 8B, 8C, 9A (pictured below far left), 9B (pictured below middle), 10A (pictured below right), and 10B. Despite a majority of losses, it was good for our girls to play against top teams of strong local private schools and it enabled us to play some good quality netball. The most exciting of these was the 9A team game with a nail-biting draw, followed by the all important match teas for all! Particular well done to Coaches' Player of the Match for each team: **Naomi** (8A) **Daisy** (8B) **Gwenie** (8C), **Ana** (9A), **Zarah** (9B), **Faith** (10A) and **Abi** (10B).



8B and 8C arriving



The 9A and B netball teams also had their district netball tournament at Burntwood School on Wednesday. The 9A team won all their pool games apart from one, which meant they came runners up in their pool. In the matches they won, they only conceded a total of two goals and scored an impressive 38 goals. The 9B team were in the other pool, where they played against both A and B teams across the district and ended up also coming 2nd in their pool. This is the highest placed B team of any school, showing real depth in this year group. Players of the Tournament were **Alexia S** (9A) for some wonderful interceptions and great feeds into the circle, as well as **Ella** (9B) for her passing and versatility in positions played. All the players will receive their certificates in assembly.

The senior squads travelled away to Putney High School, who are currently deemed one of the best netballing schools in the country. Regardless of losses in these games, with the A team losing by just two goals, it was a great learning experience, giving their Surrey Storm coach, Felisitus Kwangwa, an insight into what the girls need to work on, and highlighted potential exciting defensive and attacking combinations.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Inter-house Football and Netball

Throughout the week, we held the highly anticipated netball and football inter-house competitions. The atmosphere at each event was electric, with huge numbers participating and great camaraderie between the houses; it was a real success. Each house played each other in a round-robin style tournament, the top two houses after this played in a final to determine the overall winner. At every event there were announcements for the Player of the Tournament for each sport, as well as the player who demonstrated the highest level of sportsman/womanship. It was great to see so many boys and girls playing both sports and being both competitive and excited.

The overall winners will be announced in assemblies next week.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



Call out for Bottle Caps



The Science department are in urgent need of bottle caps that look like the one pictured. Year 7s are going to experiment with defying gravity and will make hovercrafts that levitate. If you have any of these at home, please send them in to Reception—we need them for next week.

Thank you.

Rachel Skinner

Teacher of Science, Turing House Leader and Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Free Online NHS Wellbeing Workshops for Parents and Carers

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust are running a series of workshops for parents and carers of children who attend secondary schools in the area. They are delivered by their NHS-in-schools wellbeing service and cover a range of topics including coping with anxiety, stress, sleep problems, low mood and exam stress. They are all free and will be held online. The first session is next week and they run through until May 2023. Full details with a QR code to take you to the Eventbrite booking page is at the back of this newsletter.

Catherine Bull

SENCo, Literacy Co-ordinator and Teacher of English

Support the School with Christmas Trees



We would like to encourage you to order top quality Christmas trees for fantastic prices from the Friends of Saint Cecilia's and help raise money for the school.

These Christmas trees are extremely popular, so if you would like to place an order, please complete [this form](#) by Friday 2nd December 2022. Prices start from £24.50 for a 3-4 foot tree.

Tree collection will be on Saturday 10th December approximately 9-11am (TBC on 9th Dec) from the school.

Any queries, please email secretary.friendsofstcecilias@gmail.com.

Valente Panattoni

Chair, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's

Year 11 Revision Resources

There is now a page on the school website dedicated to resources for Year 11 revision to help pupils in their GCSE work. It is available [here](#). This week's revision strategy, found [here](#), focuses on nine different methods that can be used to embed and retrieve knowledge. Every child learns differently, but by trying some of these methods there is a good chance that they will find out what works best for them.

James Owen

Deputy Headteacher

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next second-hand uniform sale will be at Saint Cecilia's on Thursday 15th December from 4-6pm. More details in a forthcoming newsletter.

Valente Panattoni

Chair, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's

Term Dates for 2023/24

The term dates for the academic year 2023-2024 are now published on the school website [here](#).

Kelly Turner

Marketing

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Saturday 12th November:** NCBF Regional Festival for the Concert Band
- **Wednesday 14th November:** Year 12 Art visit to Embankment and Tate Modern
- **Tuesday 15th November:** Year 12 and 13 trip to see 'Hamilton' at the Victoria Theatre
- **Thursday 17th November:** Autumn Concert 7- 8.30pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **Friday 18th November:** Year 13 EPQ trip to Southampton University
- **Monday 21st November:** Year 9 Printing Workshop at the National Gallery
- **Wednesday 23rd November:** Year 8 National Cyber Security Centre talk at Putney High School
- **Thursday 1st December:** Celebration Evening at Saint Cecilia's, 6.30-8.30pm. More details soon.
- **Tuesday 13th December:** Annual Carol Service from 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road
- **Thursday 15th December:** Second Hand Uniform Sale at Saint Cecilia's 4-6pm.



Education Wellbeing Service



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23 Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

22ND,
26TH OR
27TH
SEPT

Mental Health during the teenage years -
an introduction and overview
For year 7 & year 8 parents

9TH,
10TH OR
15TH
NOV

Supporting your teen through emotional
storms - emotion regulation skills and
strategies
For all secondary school parents

26TH,
30TH OR
1ST
JAN/FEB

Understanding and supporting anxiety
during the teenage years
For all secondary parents

13TH,
16TH OR
17TH
MAR

Supporting and managing exam and
assignment stress: top tips and ideas for
parents
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus

4TH,
9TH OR
11TH
MAY

Understanding and supporting teen sleep:
an overview of the research and
recommendations
For all secondary parents

We also provide free 1:1 support programmes for parents to support with their
child's anxiety or behavioural challenges. Speak to your school to find out more

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or
search:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989

