

Message from the Headteacher

"Do not cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your father, to my God and your God.'"

(John 20:17)

Sporting achievement and celebration is the highlight of this week's newsletter. With over 500 pupils across the school involved in some sort of sporting activity, the PE department had a huge task co-ordinating the our Sports Awards ceremony.



On Tuesday evening we celebrated the achievement of our pupils in athletics, cheerleading, football, gymnastics,

netball and rugby, whilst a hugely supportive parent body cheered them on. Selected by their coaches and peers, it was great to see so many pupils and students proudly step onto the stage to collect their certificates, trophies, badges and medals. Many congratulations to **Jade H** and **Bethany D** who achieved Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year 2023, and **Freddie A**, **Elizabeth B**, **Enguun D**, **Kanye J-C**, **Ronald L** and **Freya M** who achieved Full School Colours, a reflection of

their outstanding commitment to the sporting life of the school.

None of this would be possible without a dedicated PE department and supporting staff. A big thank you to Mr Alex Bishop, Miss Harriet Field, Miss Imogen Hamel and Mr Chris Luke, who have been supported by Mr Kaan Cengiz, Mr Dan Bowman and Mr Alex Shoderu to coach, mentor and encourage our sportsmen and women.

Year 9 was out in full force last week for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice walk in Richmond Park. Managing to avoid the bad weather, they had fun practising their skills ahead of their overnight expedition.

Having launched a series of Parent Partnership events across all year groups, we are keen to broaden our support for parents, and are partnering with Care for the Family to help parents navigate the online world. A workshop 'Left to their Own Devices?' will take place on Thursday 25th May at 6.30 – 8.30pm. The event is free and open to parents and carers across all year groups. Places are limited, so please book via ParentPay as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Have a lovely week ahead.

God bless.

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'If God is for us, who can be against us?'
(Romans 8:31)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I left this week open for Year Leaders and House Leaders to speak on a theme of their choice in their assemblies, so I thought I'd use my corner to share with you these beautiful verses that have formed part of my post-Easter reflections. May they encourage and refresh you for the coming week and weeks ahead.

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

'What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one - for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one - for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us,

and he is sitting in the place of honour at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

(Romans 8:31-39 New Living Translation)

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Sport Awards Evening

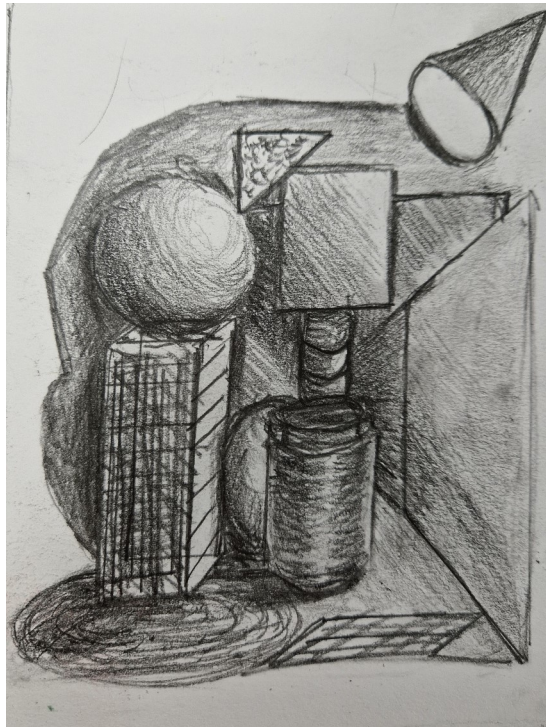
On Tuesday 9th May, we held our Sports Awards ceremony where pupils and students were recognised for their excellence and commitment to school sport. It was a fantastic evening where guests got to enjoy gymnastic and cheerleading performances, as well as the awarding of the prestigious half and full school colours and the sportsman and sportswoman of the year. Congratulations to all award winners. Below is a small selection of the photos taken on the evening and the lists of all our winners are at the back of this newsletter.



**Alexander Bishop
Curriculum Team
Leader for PE and
Year Leader for Year
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Artist of the Week



Year 7 pupils have been investigating abstract art through the work of Robert and Sonia Delaunay. **Josiah O** created a fantastic composition with geometric shapes which he then shaded to make them look 3D. **Josiah** is our Artist of the Week.

Sarah Mulvey
Teacher of Art and Design

Saint Cecilia's pupil on 'Britain's Got Talent'!

A few eagle-eyed viewers of the last episode of ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' may have spotted that one of our very own pupils will be appearing on the next episode! **Dylan B H**, in Year 8, will be performing on stage in front of the judges! Tune in this **Sunday 14th May at 7.40pm** to hear him sing and cheer him on.

We will all have our fingers crossed for him – good luck **Dylan**.

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science and House Leader for Carter House



Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Show



Joseph E in Year 7 has had his work entitled 'You either like it or you don't' (pictured left) chosen to be exhibited in the Royal Academy Young Artists' Show, both digitally and in the show later this year. Now in its fifth year, the prestigious Young Artists' Summer Show is for pupils aged 4-19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. There were over 21,000 submissions so to be selected is a huge achievement. We look forward to seeing it on display at the show in June. Well done **Joseph**.

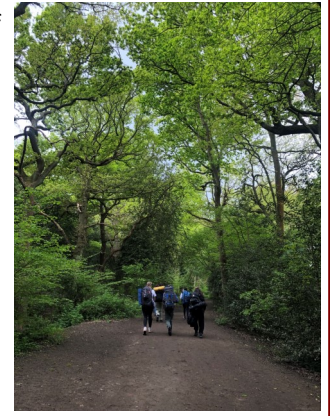
Vicky England
Teacher of Art and Design

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Achievements

On Friday 5th May, Year 9 went on their first expedition towards completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. With the weather forecast looking grim, the groups set out towards Richmond Park with high hopes for good weather and sun (with their waterproofs packed just in case!).

They enjoyed map reading, walking and talking to each other throughout the day. We had a few drops of rain while they were learning first aid and eating lunch, but it quickly cleared up in time for the next activity. Pupils did an excellent job navigating, working as a team, communicating and finding teachers at given checkpoints all on their own. We are very proud of their efforts!

The assessed expedition is on **25th - 26th May**. Pupils need to make their way to Gomshall Station by car, carpool, or train for 9.30am.



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

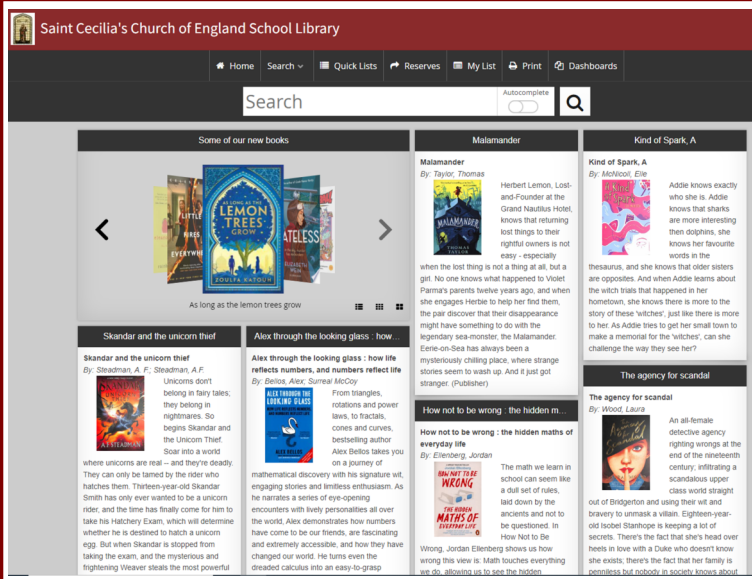
Coronation Party

Tsem M (pictured in red) in Year 13 stepped in to do all the face painting for over 250 children at a local Coronation Street Party for local residents, family and friends at the weekend. Along with her mum, she worked tirelessly all day and created some beautiful designs on some very happy faces.



Caroline Pyper
Marketing

Library News



As you can see from this screenshot, we have lots of new books in the Library. For details of the new titles, please encourage your child to have a look at the library web app, which they can access [via this link](#).

Just a reminder that today (Friday 12th May) is the day to write a diary entry for the Mass Observation Diary mentioned last week. Click [here](#) for more information and a template.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Friday Night Nets

On Friday 5th May, we hosted the first ever 'Friday Night Nets' event. It was an opportunity for our 1st senior netball team to play against another school, in front of a large crowd of pupils, parents and staff. We were so pleased to have over 140 people come and support them!

As the girls came out to play on court, there was a large tunnel created by current pupils cheering as the girls ran through. The players got off to a flying start, winning the first quarter by five goals. The girls extended their lead yet again by 15 going into half time. We were able to give all players in the 'long squad' court time in the game, so they could all play in front of the crowd. There was some great through-court defence and sharp shooting by our girls. At times there were a few inconsistencies and too many penalties, but our seniors came away with a win against Graveney School. The atmosphere was brilliant, and the sun was shining. We enjoyed having parents come and watch our girls play, as well as the noisy pupils and students cheering at each interception.

We are excited to make this an annual event, and to make next year even bigger and better. I'm so proud of all the senior girls this season and am so pleased this group were part of this first ever Friday Night Nets event. Well done to all!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



Girls' Football

On Wednesday 10th May, sporting the smart new girls' football team kit for the first time, our girls' team earned a silver medal at the U13s 'Let Girls Play' Wandsworth football tournament.

It was a six-a-side competition held at Southfields Academy. A huge well done to all the girls in Year 7 and 8 who competed (pictured right).

Back row (L-R): **Kyanna T, Keyva E, Sura L, Sharon**

Front Row (L-R): **Beatrice E, Yvette D, Bella H, Amber H.**

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain



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Wandsworth Borough Athletics Meeting

On Thursday 4th May, Saint Cecilia's Athletics team competed in the Wandsworth Schools' Athletics meeting in Battersea Park for juniors and intermediate age groups.

It was a successful event for all our athletes. Highlights were as follows:

Gold

Ella R - Junior Girls 200m
Nyah N-S - Junior Girls 100m
Jack H - Inter Boys 1500m
Alex B - Junior Boys 80m hurdles
Alex A - Inter Boys Shot Putt
Arthur M - Inter Boys 100m hurdles
Charlie R - Inter Boys High Jump
Nyah N-S, Ella R, Florence C, Naomi I - Junior girls 4x100m Relay Team

Silver

Sammy H - Junior Boys 1500m
Seb R - Junior Boys 80m hurdles
Sam G, Ben E, Harley G, Nahshon O - Junior Boys 4x100m Relay Team
Seb R - Junior Boys High Jump
Arthur M - Inter Boys Triple Jump

Bronze

Kevin E - Inter Boys 200m
Charlie R - Inter Boys 1500m
Caleb M - Junior Boys Javelin
John O - Inter Boys 100m hurdles
Martha E - Junior Girls 1500m
Elizabeth H - Junior Girls 1500m
Mia O - Inter Girls Javelin
John O, Sam K, Kevin E, Barnabas W - Inter Boys 4x100m Relay Team
Rosabel O-L, Faith E, Izzy D, Ruby H-B - Inter Girls 4x100m Relay Team



Chris Luke
Teacher of PE and Year Leader
for Year 11



Workshop for Parents and Carers



Confident parenting in a world of screens

A video-based session on parenting in a digital age

Thursday 25th May from 6.30 - 8.30pm

Venue: Saint Cecilia's Church of England School
in partnership with Care for the Family

*Would you like to gain an understanding of the online world your children inhabit?
Would you like to know more about how to keep your child safe online?
Do you feel alone when it comes to experiencing the challenge of parenting in a digital age?*

Following the success of Katherine Hill's popular book, 'Left to Their Own Devices', we are delighted to give parents at Saint Cecilia's the opportunity to attend a workshop, based on the book, and developed by Care for the Family.

This 90-minute workshop aims to address the challenges posed by the online world (e.g gaming, pornography) and give parents practical tips on navigating a world of screens. As well as helping parents keep their children safe online, this workshop will encourage parents to involve their children in setting boundaries in the home and making positive choices for themselves.

Please join us for our free workshop on parenting in a digital age on **Thursday 25th May from 6.30 - 8.30pm**. The evening is open to all parents and we hope you can make it. COVID-19 restrictions limited so many of these types of activities, so I'm especially looking forward to welcoming you into school, and facilitating parents meeting other parents.

Please register your attendance through ParentPay as soon as you can. The deadline is **19th May**.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions
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Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Notice - Change to Lunch Timings

From Monday 15th May, due to exam season starting, we will be switching the lunch times for Year 9 and 11.

Year 9 lunch 13.10 - 13.50

Year 11 lunch 12.10 - 12.50

James Owen
Deputy Headteacher

Notice - Lockers

This is a reminder that Year 13 students are required to hand in their locker keys to Reception. Please remind your child to do this when they are next in school. Thank you.

Latesha Fleming
Finance and Admin Assistant

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 18th May:** Year 12 Parent UCAS Information Evening 6 - 7pm
- **Friday 19th May:** The Friends' social evening and fundraiser in the Refectory from 7 - 9pm (see attached poster for information on how to buy tickets)
- **Thursday 25th - Friday 26th May:** Bronze DofE expedition
- **Friday 26th May:** Half term

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Saint Cecilia's Sport Awards 2023

Year 7 Boys' Rugby	Year 8 Boys' Rugby	Year 9 Boys' Rugby	Year 10 Boys' Rugby	1 st XV Rugby
Player's Player Tristan B	Player's Player Caleb D	Player's Player Sam G	Player's Player Alex P	Player's Player Kanye JC
Coach's Player Leo T	Coach's Player Bertie D	Coach's Player Ruven K	Coach's Player Jack R	Coach's Player Archie N

Year 7C Girls' Netball	Year 7B Girls' Netball	Year 7A Girls' Netball	Year 8B Girls' Netball	Year 8B Girls' Netball
Player's Player Nyah C-H	Player's Player Keziah D	Player's Player Libby K	Player's Player Neema C	Player's Player Gabrielle V
Coach's Player Ava L	Coach's Player Sariah B	Coach's Player Katie L	Coach's Player Daisy B	Coach's Player Siena G

Year 9B Girls' Netball	Year 9A Girls' Netball	Year 10B Girls' Netball	Year 10A Girls' Netball
Player's Player Aurelia O	Player's Player Talia B	Player's Player Moyin T-A	Player's Player Chloe V
Coach's Player Abi T	Coach's Player Alexia S	Coach's Player Charlotte M	Coach's Player Azzura S

Senior Development	2 nd VII	1 st VII Netball
Player's Player Melody C	Player's Player Dimona F	Player's Player Amelia F-M
Coach's Player Darcey C	Coach's Player Ruby D	Coach's Player Amy H

Year 7 Boys' Football	Year 8 Boys' Football	Year 9 Boys' Football
Player's Player Toby C	Player's Player Spencer E	Player's Player Harley G
Coach's Player Kishon C	Coach's Player William G	Coach's Player Daniel H

Key Stage 3 Girls' Football	Year 10 Boys' Football	1 st XI Football
Player's Player Aurelia O	Player's Player Ashley K	Player's Player Scott W
Coach's Player Yvette D	Coach's Player TJ A	Coach's Player John O

**Saint Cecilia's
Sport Awards 2023**

Gymnastics Squad

**Player's Player
Zoey O**

**Coach's Player
Joseph E**

Cheerleading Squad

**Player's Player
Florence C**

**Coach's Player
Evie F**

Year 7 Girl Athlete

**Coach's Player
Cassielle M**

Year 7 Boy Athlete

**Coach's Player
Tristan B**

Year 8 Girl Athlete

**Coach's Player
Naomi I**

Year 7 Boy Athlete

**Coach's Player
Spencer E**

Year 9 Girl Athlete

**Coach's Player
Ella R**

Year 9 Boy Athlete

**Coach's Player
Sammy H**

Key Stage 4 Girl Athlete

**Coach's Player
Grace E**

Key Stage Boy Athlete

**Coach's Player
Jack H**

Football Colours

**Finn D
Jack E R
Jenas H
Ronald L
Archie N
John O
Jacob R
Elijah S
Elly S**

Ruby Colours

**Alexander A
Sam B
Oliver B
Oliver D
Joshua D
Rashad E
John O
Elly S
Bruno S**

Netball Colours

**Ruby D
Amelia F-M
Dimona F
Amy H
Precious O
Anna O**

Full School Colours

**Freddie A
Elizabeth B
Enguun D
Kanye J C
Ronald L
Freya M**

Sportsman of the Year 2023

Jade H

Sportswoman of the Year 2023

Bethany D