



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024



Multicultural Day

A great day was had by all, it was so lovely to see the effort that had been made by all our students and staff. Please see photos in the newsletter

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is:

[Head teacher Message 240524 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=240524)

Please like and subscribe to be made aware of all new and exciting St Josephs content.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

Most Holy Trinity

Weekly Reflections
26th May 2024



A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (28:16-20)

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We greet you this day and we praise you for being with us today and every day, here and everywhere.

Amen.



Catholic School Youth Ministry International

CSYMI (Catholic School Youth Ministry International) are hoping to put together a network of young staff (probably 25-35, but not an exact rule), from our partner schools across the country interested in being formed together in Catholic Ministry in schools, with a view to developing an understanding of Catholic Leadership in schools as well. We will be getting guest speakers onto online calls, as well as progressing through the *CALLED* series developed by Australian Catholic University. This will be a great opportunity for networking, relationship building and formation. If any staff are interested or want more information please come and speak to me.

Reading and Progress Tests

We will be beginning Reading (KS3, Yr 10 and 12) and Progress Tests (Core KS3) on Tuesday 11th of June. This is an opportunity for students to receive a detailed, diagnostic report of their progress in reading as well as English, Maths and Science. Parents will receive a report in, along with their school report, as to what areas students have achieved success and what their areas are for personal growth, along with how they can be supported in class and at home.

Details will be sent out in the first week after half term with the timetable, registers and log in codes and students will receive this details on Teams.

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school: g.stack-clark@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

New Books for the Reading Programme!

I have taken student recommendations on books to be added to the reading programme and therefore, we have added:

- Insurgent – this is the sequel to Divergent and will be in Year 9.
- Pandora – this will be in Year 11.
- The Midnight Library, this is by Matt Haig (the same writer as How to Stop Time – currently in Year 11) and will be in Year 12.

Thank you so much to Daisy Loft for these recommendations, I really appreciate the feedback!

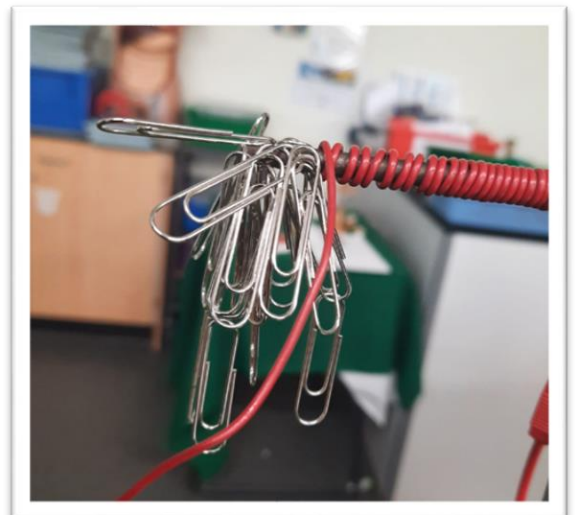
If your child has a book they simply love, and what others to love too, please encourage them to let me know as I am always on the look out for recommendations at a student level.

My best wishes,

Mr Stack-Clark

Science Club

Our scientists built their own electromagnetic and investigated how to make it stronger.



MFL News

This term we have received lots of outstanding projects! From the MFL department we would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to those students who have gone the extra mile:

French Project on Les Pays Francophones

Year 7

Winner: Claudia Burakowska

Special mention: Rachel Yamlinga, Wadih Keyrouz, Zain Andaloussi Sadsad, Amelia Odindo

YEAR 8

Winner: Layla Larfa and Brianne Barrozo

Special mention: Lara Buckley, Dean de Guzman

YEAR 9

Winners: Amellia Pace and Macayla Silva

Special mention: Dominic Szczepanek, Afonso Reis Gomes, Isabelle Stacey

Spanish Project on La Semana Santa

Yr7

Winners: Joshua Lama and Bianka Bodor

Special mention: Michael Garncarek, Antonina Dudek, Sameer Gupta, Sophie Nagorska-Bialecka, Arianna Lacson, Leila O'Neill Kumar, Eva Henriquez, Tomasz Dobinski and Yashona Rojas

Yr8

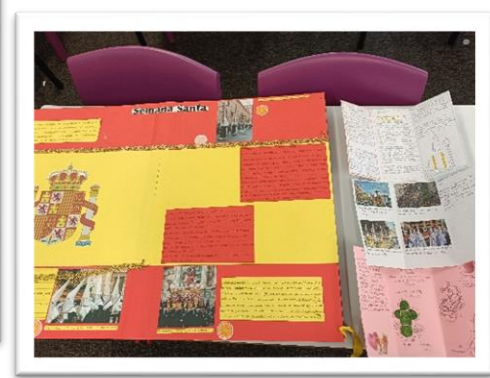
Winners: Joanna Balasa

Special mention: Victor Dobrowolski, Amber Nunes and Nathaniel San Juan de Leon

Yr9

Winners: Patrick Lopez, Isla Slessor and Altaire Ricalde

Special mention: Adewale Adeduro, Alexandra Czajkowska, Arina Pavlovskaja, Lena Kuczynska, Samantha Albalate, Maya Kordaczka, Kamila Cebulka, Dominik Tokarski, Paulina Konopka, Nadia Sztuba, Vanessa Masna, Alicja Karwan, Viktorija Voloshyn and Oliver Stacey.



Year 7 News

We have had an exceptionally exciting finish to the Half Term with 108 Year 7 Students having a mufti-day on Thursday as they did not receive any XH's this whole half term, well done to Peter House for winning the XH competition and getting Ice Cream at break and of course on Friday we had Multi-Cultural day which was a truly wonderful sight with all of the different vibrant colour's on show. It was incredible to see all of the different cultures that were on show!

We will be back on Monday 3rd of June for the Year 7s last Half Term.

Have an amazing break all!
Mr Cooper-Santos

Year 8 News

The final week of what has been a very busy Half Term for Year 8 with 8 Peter getting ice cream for the lowest XH's, a mufti for all those with OXH's and culminating in Multi Cultural Day which has been fantastic to see the Whole Year group representing and being proud of their heritage. Next Half Term includes some of the highlights of the Year with Sports Day, Awards Evening and the all-important rewards trips. Have a restful Half Term and see you bright and early on the 3rd of June. Miss McCormack

Year 9 News

A fantastic half term from all Year 9 students. Another well done to all students who competed in NFL and district athletics on Monday.

Have a restful half term ready for the final half term of year 9

Mr Hunt

Year 11 News

Well done to the year 11 students who have conducted themselves with discipline at the start of their exams. On Thursday the students who had no Xh's and lates were allowed to have a mufti day, There was a reward of an ice cream van at lunchtime. Today we had multicultural day where students were encouraged to dress up in National dress. Next week we are on half term, can i remind you to have a good rest but keep revising!

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 12 News – Parents Evening

We are inviting all Year 12 parents to our Parents Evening on Thursday 6th June 2024. The evening will begin at 4:15pm. As you will know from previous years, the evening is a vital part of your child's preparation for their end of year exams. Staff will be on hand to give valuable feedback to drive forward your child's learning as well as to discuss any matters that you would like to raise. Our Sixth Form team is deeply committed to ensuring that your child obtains the best possible outcomes this summer. Your child should make an appointment with each of their teachers prior to the evening. Furthermore, Ms Stevens (Head of Year 12) will be on hand (as will the Senior Leadership Team) to answer any questions that you may have. **Please ensure you RSVP your attendance on ParentPay.**

District Athletics Competition



This week has been a busy week for sport at St Josephs. On Monday we took over 60 students from years 7-10 to the District Athletics Competition to participate in track and field events. Overall as a school we finished in 3rd place which is a fantastic achievement. Year 7 boys came 2nd, year 7 girls 3rd, year 8 girls 3rd and year 9 3rd overall.

A special mention to the following students for breaking records in their events; Maja, David Anna and Amelia.

Several of our year 7 boys and girls took part in district football trials last week. Congratulations to Leila, Chibs, Dawid B, Marcus B, Tomasz D, Wiktor B and Oli G who have been successful in selection for the District football team.

Regional Final of the prestigious Mock Trial Competition

On Saturday, 13 fantastic Year 9 students took part in the Regional Final of the prestigious Mock Trial Competition. We had only been given four weeks to prepare for our new case but the students used their time wisely and went into the competition nervous but well-prepared!

Our Prosecution Team went first against Didcot Girls' School. They put together a fantastic performance with the lawyers asking probing questions and the witnesses holding their nerve in the witness box. After a short break, our Defence Team went up against The Royal Latin Grammar School. Once again, the team put together a sterling performance and managed to convince the Magistrates to find the defendant innocent! Each and every student performed superbly and did not let the occasion overwhelm them but rather they used it to spur them into giving their best. They were all fantastic ambassadors for the school and I am bursting with pride!

Well done to:

Oliwer Wlodkowski
Patrycja Szczepanska
Maksymilian Wedrzyk
Jose Afonso Reis Gomes
Filip Ozdoba
Mikah Aungon
Michal Kundys
Oliver Kroliczek
Antoni Tobjaszewski
Vanessa Masna
Oliver Stacey
Arina Pavlovskaja
Mateusz Stroczyński



House Competition

Last Friday we saw another House Competition take place, the Tug-of-War! Students from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 were invited to compete against their peers in other houses to crown the strongest house in the school. There were some hard-fought battles and everyone who took part did so with great teamwork and sportsmanship, it was fantastic to see students from across the school come together to compete and support one another in such a way!

The final results are in, your winners are:

Year 7: Jerome

Year 8: Peter

Year 9: Jerome

Year 10: Mark

There was also a fierce match that took place with the Year 11s. Mrs Dunleavy and her team of Yr 11 girls faced up against the boys and... the girls absolutely destroyed the boys, twice!

Well done to everyone who took part and a massive thank you to everyone who came over to support.



Model COP (Conference of the Parties)

On Tuesday, three Year 12 students attended a Model COP (Conference of the Parties) at Eton College to compete in a friendly competition and debate of current affairs. The students- Leah Walls, Patryja Artemska and Finlay Gibbons - articulated themselves eloquently and represented our school well with their excellent knowledge of Saudi Arabia's role in environmental challenges (This was their given country). It is essential that students take part in these events about global issues to make them excellent global citizens. COP is the main decision-making body of the UNFCCC. It includes representatives of all the countries that are signatories (or 'Parties') to the UNFCCC. COP assesses the effects of measures introduced by the Parties to limit climate change against the overall goal of the UNFCCC. It is an international climate summit, which is held annually unless the Parties (the countries involved) decide otherwise. This year's COP28 is taking place in Dubai- so keep an eye on the news to be aware of the changing targets around our climate and environmental issues and ideas on how you could get involved!

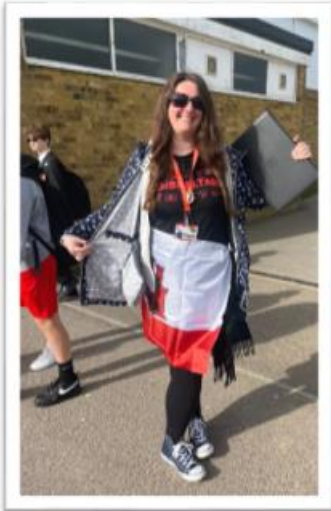


20th May NFL Flag Football Finals

A great day at Wimbledon AFC Stadium where the girls played 4 games against some tough opposition coming away with 3 wins and 1 loss to the eventual winners North wood School. The girls represented the school impeccably putting in great attacking and defensive performances coming a very respectable 6th place out of 24 teams and most importantly the best school in Slough!!



Multicultural Day 2024





Year 9 and 10 football Tournament

A huge congratulations who came first in the year 9 and 10 football tournament on Thursday. During the 5 matches played they scored a fabulous 17 goals and only let in 4, winning every game they played. Their play was outstanding throughout. The gold medal was very well deserved. Well done to Celine, Natalia, Matilda, Nadia and Isla.



We won 'Best Ensemble'!

A Fabulous day at St Marys Ascot for drama students across the TVLP Network. The purpose of the festival was to give students the opportunity to enjoy the Rose Theatre at St Marys, to celebrate the students love of theatre and acting and to come together to share the experience. After a warm welcome from St Marys the morning took the shape of technical rehearsals and as well as an opportunity to take part in a film acting workshop lead by Endy Mckay. Endy is an accomplished actor writer and director who has worked extensively for companies such as RSC, The national theatre and BBC. She took the student's through their paces and explained the difference between acting in TV in front of a camera compared to the live stage environment.

After a Fabulous lunch where students had the opportunity to connect and talk over school plays and experiences. The afternoon proceeded with the live performances Year 10 GCSE Drama students from St Josephs delivered a stunning ensemble from the play Blood Brothers. The piece was well rehearsed, the actors were clear, the pace punchy and well-focused. Key elements of the story where seamlessly delivered and the whole performance had excellent flow. The cast showed so much commitment on the stage. A truly fantastic ensemble from the well-loved play.

We won 'Best Ensemble'! Well done to the Year 10 students who took part. Excellent work!



Year 10- Cultural Accessories

Year 10 Designers have been designing and modelling accessories inspired by specific cultures. Pupils have one more lesson on this unit of work. But here are some of the early finished outcomes.

CULTURALLY INSPIRED ACCESSORIES

YEAR 10
D+T



DT Make It Elective

Multicultural day 2024



DT Elective

Some great products featuring symbols and words from different cultures and countries. A fabulous finale from this terms elective students.

D&T Stars



- Year 7- Charlie Bavington
- Year 8- James Levitt
- Year 9- Patrycja Szczepanska
- Year 12- Simone Soriano

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Kacper Dera and Ciara Croxford-Shalloe for exceptional half terms

Year 8

Brianne Barozzo and Coco Janot for the most positive points.

Year 9

Anna Wydrych-Kang and Marcel Maminski for most positive points

Year 10

Olivia Szuman and Alex Homot for most positive points

Year 11

Adrian Konstantyn and Gianina Lica for most positive points

Year 12

Alexander Tawroginski and Harman Kaur for the most positive points on Classcharts



Marlow Rowing Club Rowing taster sessions

Sat and Sun, 1st and 2nd June from 1pm

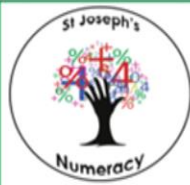
Marlow Bridge Lane, Marlow, SL7 1RH

Come and try rowing for yourself:

- Free of charge
- No experience necessary
- Applicants should ideally be over 170cm (f) or 180cm (m)

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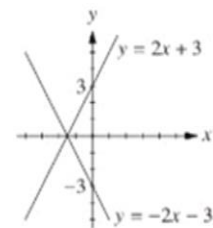
#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E The diagram shows that the reflection of the line $y = 2x + 3$ in the x -axis has gradient -2 and an intercept on the y -axis of $(0, -3)$.

Therefore, the equation of the reflected line is $y = -2x - 3$.

(Note that reflection in the x -axis changes y to $-y$.
Hence the equation of the reflected line is $-y = 2x + 3$,
so $y = -2x - 3$.)



Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

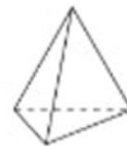
- E At 22:22, there are $60 - 22 = 38$ minutes to 23:00. There are then a further 60 minutes to midnight. So the number of minutes which remain until midnight is $38 + 60 = 98$.

Puzzler of the week

A tetrahedron is a solid figure which has four faces, all of which are triangles.

What is the product of the number of edges and the number of vertices of the tetrahedron?

- A 8 B 10 C 12 D 18 E 24



Break-time Teaser

One third of the animals in Jacob's flock are goats, the rest are sheep. There are twelve more sheep than goats.

How many animals are there altogether in Jacob's flock?

- A 12 B 24 C 36 D 48 E 60

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.



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Required ASAP

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

32.5 hours per week, term time + 5 days insets/holidays

8.15am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday

STCAT L2 point 4 £18,228 actual salary

The suitable candidates:

- Must have GCSE equivalent in English and Maths at grade C or above.
- Be prepared to work with groups and individual pupils.
- May have an interest in progressing to teacher training.

An application pack can be downloaded from the school website

www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.

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