



# St Joseph's Catholic High School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Catholic Life Elective

This week, our pupils involved in the Catholic Life Elective visited St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School in order to give an assembly on God's gift of unconditional love through Jesus.

They performed drama pieces, played in the band, recited prayers and taught the primary school pupils actions to new songs! Next week, we'll be performing at St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School. Well done to all involved!

– Mr Ojakovoh

## Head Teacher Message

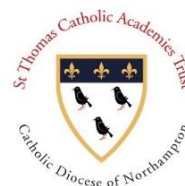
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. Please click on the image to be directed to this week's Head Teacher Message.

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St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



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

## Peace

Weekly Reflections  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### From the Gospel of Luke (3: 1-6)

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### Prayer for the Week

**Peaceful Father, give us the strength to purify ourselves in anticipation of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we find the strength within ourselves to seek you in prayer, to reconcile ourselves and others with peace and to bring hope to those around us.**

**Through Christ our Lord**

**Amen**

#### Day 1

Today is the Feast Day of 'The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. This is a Solemnity within the Church dedicated to Mary. Please watch the short video on this special feast within the Church.

#### Day 2

Do you recall the meaning of a metaphor? (It was a question from the theme of the week of Miracle.) How is John using a metaphor when asking others to live in the desert? If you were to examine your ways, what could you do differently to live justly and be at peace with God?

#### Day 3

How can you change your day to day life so you can be more **Faith-Filled** and have a deeper relationship with God?  
How can you then be more **Hopeful** to others so they can find peace and joy in their lives?

#### **Catholic Social Teaching - Option for the Poor**

A preferential option for the poor means that we think first about the needs of those who are the most vulnerable. Jesus taught that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, look after the sick and visit those imprisoned, we are looking after Him. We work wherever the need is greatest. We refuse to accept the suffering of our brothers and sisters. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!"

The [Option for the Poor] affects the life of each Christian as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ." St Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 42

**How this half term can you promote the Common Good in all that you do in St Joseph's and society?**

## Theme of the Week – Christ the King

Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent and this week we light a second purple candle, a candle to represent **Peace**. In Sunday's gospel we hear of God sending John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his Son, Jesus. Jesus is known as the **Prince of Peace** and the **peace Jesus brings** flows from faith, love, mind, spirit, sentiments and convictions of the human heart. John, filled with the Holy Spirit, had the courage to stand before the crowds and preach to them. A time where there were many rulers, Kings or High Priests 'Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lyssanias, Annas and Caiaphas' who held their positions and did not want to be challenged. John told the people of Israel to turn back to God and asked for forgiveness for their sins so they were ready to listen to the words of Jesus when he came.

Today we are asked to do the same thing. The Church sees John the Baptist as the last prophet of Israel who looked and yearned for the coming of the Messiah. John prepares the people for the coming of the Lord and announces him. John lived in the desert, rejecting the prevailing culture of the day and instead proclaimed the possibility of freedom and holiness. The baptism John offered was a plunging into water to signify a person's repentance of sin. When asked what people had to do in response to his preaching, he advocated not praying and fasting but changing the way they treated others. His call was compelling — he called others into the metaphorical desert to leave the things that amused and distracted them, and come to meet the One who can satisfy them.

We too are being called by John to examine our ways, change our lives, and live as people who have been saved. As seekers of God we are to live justly and at **peace** with others according to our own calling. We should be people of joy, and that joy should be obvious to all. We must be people of prayer and thanksgiving, asking God for everyone's needs not just our own. Who are the people you have met who have inspired or challenged you to be a better person? The spirituality of the desert still has a place in the Church today. Leaving the things that amuse and distract us to spend time with God is the basis of our starting relationship with God. In what ways can you make a 'desert place' in your day to day life so you can be more **Faith-Filled** in your relationship with God? What might John suggest to you if you were to ask him "What then should I do?" so you can then be more **Hopeful** to others in society today so we all can find peace?

## Prayer Intentions for our Website and School Community

As a Catholic school, we feel it's always important that Students, Staff and Parents/Families have the opportunity to share their prayer intentions so that as a school community we can come together in prayer to support one another. If you have any prayer intentions you wish for us to pray for, please feel free to send through to [chaplain@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:chaplain@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk). During the school year, students will come together as a collective group (as a class, year group and as a school) to pray for your intentions. These prayer intentions will also be put on our website (Prayer Corner) to share, so as a whole school community we can prayer for one another.

## Free School Meals – Am I eligible for Free School Meals?

You will be able to claim Free School Meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have a net income from employment of no more than £7400 per year). For more information on how the government calculates your earnings from employment whilst claiming Universal Credit, please check the "Eligibility under Universal Credit" section below.
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply. If entitled, Slough Borough Council will inform you and the school of this.

## Pupil Premium at St Joseph's

If you have any enquiry about Pupil Premium (PP), whether it be how we can support your child or whether to know if your child is eligible for PP, please do email Mr Gibbons at [j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk). Please see the attached letter regarding PP that will have some more information.

## Flame 2024

Flame is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK and it returns on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2025!** Over 8,000 young people are expected to attend the OVO Arena, Wembley, for a day of inspirational speakers, world-class Christian musicians and moments of prayer and Adoration. Bishop David will be also be giving one of the keynote talks.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the Jubilee year of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimages are journeys with a sacred purpose, often full of challenges. To embark on a pilgrimage is to be unstoppable in one's faith,

believing in God’s guiding hand throughout the journey. Just as many saints and martyrs have shown, faith and hope make one unstoppable against adversities.

If any student from Year 10-13 would like to attend, please can they see Mr Gibbons, where he will arrange to buy some discounted tickets.

### Royal British Legion Slough Poppy Appeal 2024

On behalf of the Cippenham Royal British Legion Branch, we would like to thank the Staff and Pupils of St Joseph’s Catholic High School for supporting the Royal British Legion Slough Poppy Appeal 2024. You helped to raise **£49.50**.

Please see your certificate recognising this contribution. You can find out more on how the Royal British Legion supports our service Women and Men through the website: [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk).

With Sincere Gratitude to the Staff and Pupils of St Joseph’s Catholic High School,

*Lorna Hensley*

*Aisling Reilly*

Cippenham Royal  
British Legion  
Branch  
Chairperson

Cippenham Royal  
British Legion  
Branch Secretary



### SVP Christmas Hampers

We would greatly appreciate your help in creating Christmas hampers for those in need. Please ensure all hampers are completed and delivered to the school hall, under the Christmas tree, by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Your generous donations make a meaningful difference – thank you for your support!

### Pupil Nominations of the Week

<b>Year 7</b> <b>Alex Linadi and Igor Ostrowski</b> for excellent weeks.
<b>Year 8</b> <b>Diana Dragomir and Chibs Emekwu</b>
<b>Year 9</b> <b>Eliza Buter and Loikita Graca Mendonca De Jesus</b> for achieving the most positive points this week.
<b>Year 10</b> <b>Patrick Lopez and Isabelle Stacey</b> for receiving the most positive points this week.
<b>Year 11</b> <b>Tyreese Chatyoka and Jason Sobotka</b> for achieving the highest amount of positive points this week.
<b>Year 12</b> <b>Joel Manalody</b> for his contribution to the Catholic Life of the school and <b>Ann Kavalakkat</b> for great focus and participation in lessons.
<b>Year 13</b> <b>Tafara Oguntoye and Shanti Kumar</b> for excellent work in Business and making great progress.

### Homework Superstars

Year 7	<b>Alex Linadi</b>
Year 8	<b>Joshua Lama</b>
Year 10	<b>Marcel Maminski</b>
Year 12	<b>Zuzanna Drewnowska Emilia Pytel</b>



### D&T Stars of the week



**Nicholas Endler, Tesia Teji, Theresa Teji, Sophia D'Amaro, Aine Kelly, Lillie Green, Maddie Robinson Elizabeth Popa, Aleksandra Sapinska, ,** for being **Faith-Filled and hopeful** in DT Club- looking forward to next week!

**Warrick Passos Wiggs-** for being **Active and Curious** in beating his classmates to win the assembly challenge, and **generously** offering his prize to the runner up!

### Year 7 News

Year 7 have had a lovely week with each Form having House Assemblies with their Heads of Houses – lots of exciting things have come from that, with lots of exciting House Competitions coming shortly.

A reminder that Academic Review Day will be on 6<sup>th</sup> January, your child will be coming home with a letter detailing what must happen. Tutors may contact you shortly to organise a time for you to come in on that date.

*Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7*

### Year 7 Multi-Sports Event

A group of Year 7s attended a multi-sports event on Wednesday. The students had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities such as touch rugby, fencing, archery and HADO. The organisers for the event commented on how enthusiastic and hardworking the St Joseph's students were.



### Year 9 News

Year 9 started the week with the Girls' Power League Football Team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 13 teams last Thursday in freezing conditions. Next week, we have the KS3 Badminton Tournament and the long-awaited showings of Legally Blonde: The Musical on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. As we move into the final two weeks of Term before Christmas, we have reflected on Advent in our assemblies, and also on those less fortunate than ourselves and how we can support them as a school. Rewards Assemblies are coming up – with students achieving subject and pastoral awards. The culmination of the XH and X competition is also fast approaching, which enables students to have Mufti and watch Home Alone with popcorn in the hall as a reward.

Hope you have a great weekend.

*Ms McCormack – Head of Year 9*

### Year 10 News

Year 10s had a jam-packed week with assessments, House Assemblies and the Rock, Paper, Scissor House Competition. A large percentage of positive points have been awarded for Good Work and for being 'Learned and Wise' in lessons, so keep up this positivity!

Next week, the school's production of Legally Blonde will be on Wednesday-Friday. From passing through rehearsals, it looks like it's going to be a good one, so get your tickets on ParentPay so that you don't miss out!

Only a few more weeks until the Christmas break so keep working hard and making me proud. Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Joseph – Head of Year 10*

### **Year 11 News**

It's been a quieter week on ClassCharts due to technical issues, but I'd like to acknowledge the **465 positive points** recorded—thank you to all students who continue to show commitment and effort. We've also had **39 negative points**, with **lateness (14)** and **missed lunchtime detentions (5)** being the main reasons. Punctuality and responsibility remain key areas of focus, and I encourage all students to address these promptly.

### **PPE1 and January GCSE/BTEC Exams**

By now, all Year 11 students should have received their **individual PPE1 timetables**, detailing their mock exams scheduled for January 2025. A full timetable with all exams is also available in this week's school newsletter. Please take some time to review it and ensure you are well-prepared for what's ahead. These exams are a vital opportunity to assess your progress and identify areas for improvement.

To support your preparation, **after-school interventions, and other support activities** will begin running next week. The intervention timetable will be shared shortly, so please keep an eye out for it and take full advantage of the resources available.

### **Academic Review Day: 6th January 2025**

Looking ahead, **Academic Review Day** is scheduled for **Monday, 6th January**. Students will receive an information letter today, **Friday, 6th December**. We kindly ask parents to review, sign, and return the letter no later than **Monday, 9th December**. Students should ensure they bring the signed slips back to school on time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this important day.

### **Recommendation: Legally Blonde School Rehearsal**

On a different note, I'd like to encourage all students and parents to attend the school rehearsal of **Legally Blonde**. This promises to be an exciting and entertaining production, and I'm particularly proud that many of our Year 11 students are involved in the show. Please come along and support their hard work and talent!

As we approach the final stretch of term, let's keep up the focus and ensure we're all doing our best to prepare for the challenges ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support, and have a restful weekend.

*Mr Romero – Head of Year 11*



### Year 12 News

Year 12 have been busy this week preparing for their class assessments, which will be used to provide an indication of their CWA grade and reports at the end of term. As part of the Catholic life and witness of the school, they have also been writing letters to local businesses to encourage them to support the Baby Bank appeal for Christmas, many of which were impressively eloquent and persuasive! Students also continue to work with our post-18 destinations platform, Unifrog, entering relevant information into their accounts which will be useful for them next year when writing their personal statements.

*Miss Stevens – Head of Year 12*

### Year 13 News

This week, all Year 13 students have been issued with their examination timetables for January. When we return from the Christmas break, we have Academic Review Day on 6<sup>th</sup> January and the exams start the day after on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The next two weeks are really important for all students, they need to be aware of exactly what areas they need to work on to ensure they are well prepared for their PPE's. These examinations will also be the last PPE they take before the summer exams, so preparation is key. Please make sure you are asking your son or daughter about their plans for revision and what areas they are focusing on.

Have a great weekend.

*Miss Finn – Head of Year 13*

### Visiting Thames Valley Hospice

Thank you to the six girls in Year 13 who came with me to visit Thames Valley Hospice - an incredible location where patients go in their final months. In the name of the **Common Good**, we went to visit the patients and spread some joy by engaging in wreath-making and domino-playing. Year 7s - stay tuned for the upcoming announcement of the Reindeer Run which you will be taking part in during the last week of the term to raise money for the Hospice! – *Miss Crabtree*



### Slough Music Service Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, Slough

The singing trip with St Joseph's Singing Club was a great success. The students really loved it, and they sang and played very well. – *Mr Orval*



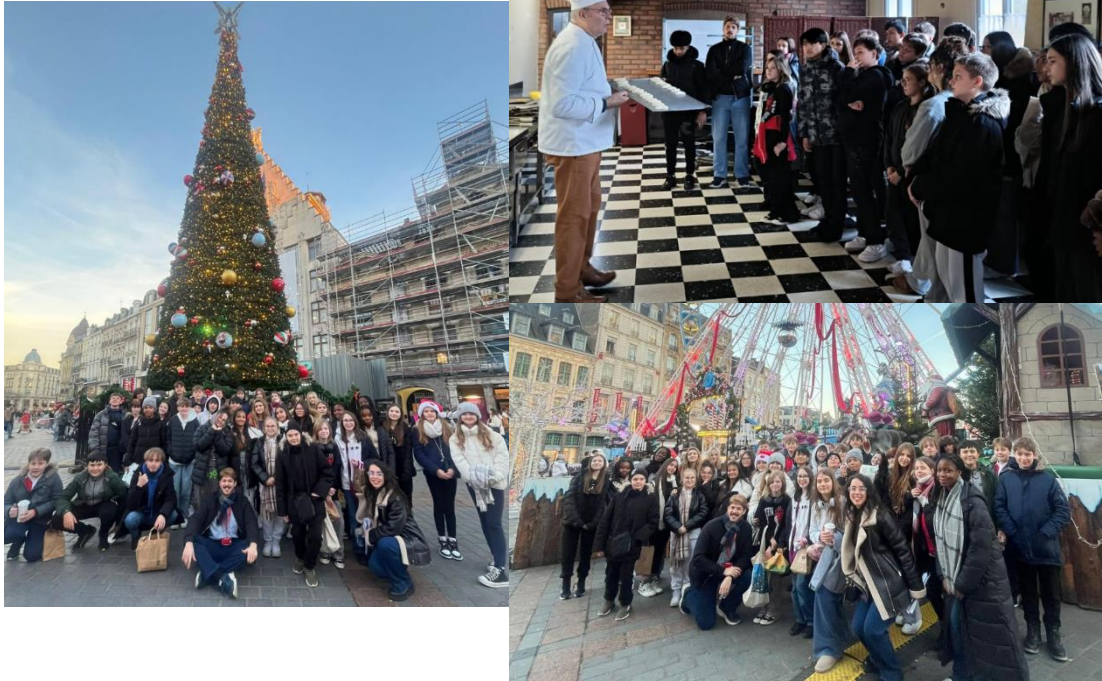
### Languages TVLP

Well done to **Jessica Lysiak** who participated in the final round of the French Spelling Bee at Windsor Boys School. *Félicitations!* Also, our Year 9 and 10 MFL students attended the TVLP Languages Event and had the amazing opportunity to try French and Spanish food! – *Miss Toro-Sanchez*



## Trip to Lille, France

Our French students had an incredible time last week visiting Lille, in France. They loved visiting the Christmas Market (Marché de Noël) and learning about waffle making in a Waffle Factory.



## Sustainability Elective

This week, the Sustainability Elective went on a nature walk to see if there is a correlation between urban areas and the amount of biodiversity in an area. The students took part in completing their own biodiversity surveys to see what they could find – most of which, the species were found by the canal! The students took this opportunity to further discuss **Catholic Social Teachings**; such as **Rights and Responsibilities** and the **Care for God's Creation**, including a discussion about how we can improve the biodiversity and habitats within our school grounds and local community. – Mrs Burby



## Design and Technology Department



### Year 9 - Food



Sweeeeet and sour chicken is on the menu for Year 9 this fortnight. I had the pleasure of sampling some in this Year 9 lesson! YUM, I highly recommend this dish, especially if you can find a Year 9 to be your chef! – Mrs Stacey

### Year 9 - D+T Textiles



Some great work on felt decorations as Year 9s demonstrate some of the knowledge they have learnt about textiles, and manufacturing methods.

### Year 12

Art Deco mini plant holders completed. The Year 12s were utterly engrossed in the assembly challenge which links nicely to the disassembly unit they begin next week.



## D+T Make It Elective

The countdown to Christmas and other key celebrations can be easily marked by our DT elective members who finished and took home their countdown calendars.



## D+T Club - KS3 Make-It



**Hope....** To celebrate and mark the theme of the week and the lighting of the first advent candle Team DT designed and made some advent angels and hope tokens which we hope some may already have seen or received.



### REQUEST for RECYCLING help in D&T

The D&T department would love to have your number 2 HDPE plastic:  
HDPE plastic is often used to make:

- Plastic bottle lids. (Please remove them from bottles!)
- Colourful Shampoo bottles

Please put any you collect into the labelled container in A3.  
Thankyou!

## Competition Time!

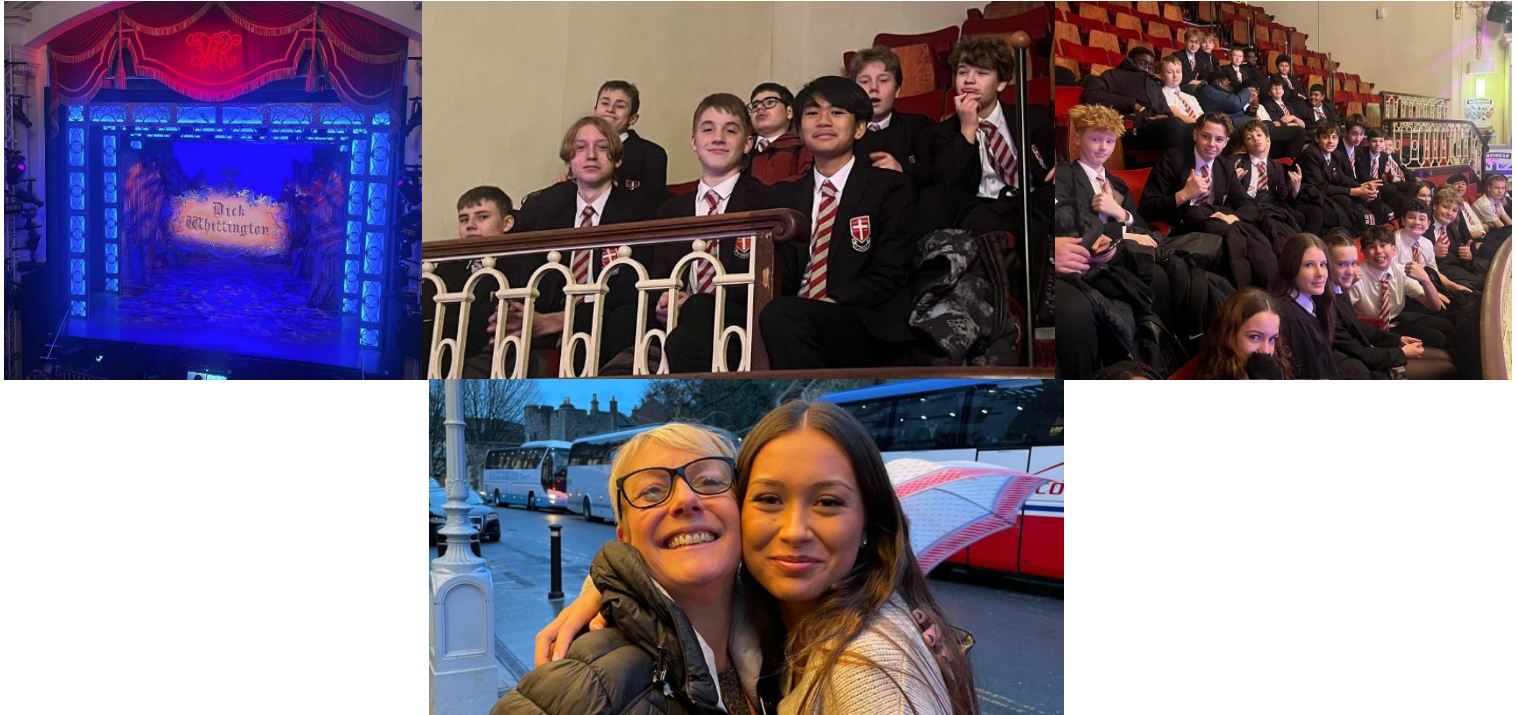
It is advent time to prepare for the celebration of Christmas!  
Share your creations with us and make the DT windows and tree spectacular!  
We have 2 exciting competitions,..... All entries will receive a positive house point.

1. Design and make a Christmas tree decoration to hang on our D&T Christmas tree. Make sure you put a tag with your name and form on your decoration so you can have it back and we can give you a positive point before the end of term. Put your named decoration into the box in A3 to enter. **The competition closes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**
2. Design a small Christmas decoration using a 3D CAD program (for example Tinkercad or onshape) The decoration should be designed entirely by you and exported as a .stl file. Submit your .stl file to Mrs Stacey in teams chat, for a chance of getting it 3D printed. **The competition closes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

We look forward to seeing your entries!


## “Dick Whittington” at Theatre Royal Windsor

Yesterday, the Drama and Music departments took Year 9s to see the Pantomime in Windsor. Much fun was had by all with lots of audience interaction and singing (Boom Boom Basil). We had the extra excitement of seeing Mia Welsh in the leading role of Alice. Mia is an ex student who is now acting professionally. It was an absolute joy to see her in her element. – *Mrs Dunleavy*



## Geography Club – OS Map Symbol Competition

The Geography Club invites students to Design a new OS Map Symbol. Students need to Design an OS Map Symbol for one of the following: Seaport, Landfill site, Nuclear power station, Fire station, Basketball court, Movie theatre, or Dam. The competition is open to Year 7 to Year 11 students. All entries must be submitted to your Geography teacher. There will be one winner per year group. – *Mrs Rodrigues*



The Geography club invites students to Design a new OS Map Symbol.

### OS Map Symbol Competition

**Design an OS Map Symbol for one of the following:**

- Seaport
- Landfill site
- Nuclear power station
- Fire station
- Basketball court
- Movie theatre
- Dam

**Some top tips**

- One Colour (Blue)
- Clear and Easy to understand
- Looks like the activity/venue you are representing
- Not too complex (remember it will be very small on a map)

Complete your entries on Plain whitepaper in coloured pencil with your full name and form on the back.

There will be one winner per year group. All entries must be submitted to your Geography teacher- Mrs Burby, Mrs Rodrigues, Mr Wood or Miss Giannitto by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.



## Pillowcase Appeal for Hopefull

### Who are Hopefull?

Hopefull is a charity that operates within Ukraine to offer a “slice of hope” to those in war torn communities through making and handing out slices of pizza for free to those in need. They also provide warm drinks and snacks like fruits and biscuits. To date, they have reached 1,800 sites across Ukraine and served over 2 million pizzas. Their volunteers go out in all-weather from over 35 degrees to -20 degrees to help those who need it most.

### How have St Joseph's helped?

As part of the Thames Valley Learning Partnership, St Joseph's have participated in a massive collection for Hopefull to distribute to the most at risk and vulnerable people.

This is called the **Pillowcase Appeal**. We have filled pillowcases with items they need most. These pillowcases have been beautifully decorated and have hopeful messages written on them (some in Ukrainian). **Thank you to all the students** who have supported this wonderful cause, and a big thank you to **Finlay Gibbions** and **Leah Walls**, our TVLP 6<sup>th</sup> Form Leaders.



# HOPE FULL

## A SLICE OF HOPE

We give hope to war-torn and disaster-struck communities by serving up a simple meal, delivered with warmth and compassion.

## Slough Family Information Service

The Family Information Service would like to promote the following services to families in Slough.

- [Slough Information and Services Guide](#) provides information and guidance to families on childcare, leisure and support services.
- [Slough Local Offer](#) is a guide to services available for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

- [Slough Local Offer - Children's Disability Register](#) - Parents, carers can register their child with SEND on the online register and have the option to get a [Max Card](#). The Max card offers discounts at various entertainment venues.

Please also see the attached posters.

### Harry Potter Trip – Business and iMedia

The Harry Potter Studios trip has re-opened for the current Y10 Business and Media students. This will be an all-day trip on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**, where students will be treated to an exciting workshop and have access to the amazing studio tour. The price is £40 per student and spaces are first come, first served.

Payment needs to be made by next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, at the latest. If you are Pupil Premium, please contact Miss Akintokun ([o.akintokun@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:o.akintokun@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)) for payment details.

### Legally Blonde Production

St Joseph's Productions proudly presents *Legally Blonde*, performing on **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall at 6:00pm**. Tickets are £5 for students and £10 for adults. To secure your seats and avoid disappointment, please **book your tickets via Parent Pay** as soon as possible.



## On the 9<sup>th</sup> December

The Health Bus will be coming to deliver the flu vaccinations for those who have already completed a consent form but missed their school session

Please visit us on the day if your child was absent or refused on the day, we visited their school.

This is for young people from Reception to Year 11 who have already completed a consent form with ourselves.

Please contact if you have any questions or queries

[Eastschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Eastschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk)



Arbour Park Car Park  
Arbour Park, Stoke Rd, Slough SL2 5AY  
8.30 – 5.30pm

 [cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



**Celebrate**  
**12 Days of Festivities**  
 December 2024

Look out for festive specials!

**HARRISON**  
 food with thought

Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Cupcake
Thursday 5th December	Stained Glass Window Biscuit
Friday 6th December	Turkey & Sausage Stuffing in a Baguette
Monday 9th December	Turkey & Bacon Panini
Tuesday 10th December	Vanilla Shortbread Christmas Trees
Wednesday 11th December	Pigs in Blankets Pizza
Thursday 12th December	Candy Cane Cupcake
Friday 13th December	Rocky Road Cupcake
Monday 16th December	Gingerbread Men
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Tree Cupcake
Wednesday 18th December	Popcorn Brownies
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch

**WEEKLY MENU** St Josephs Catholic High School - Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Rice	Beef Bolognese Pasta served with Parmesan Cheese	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala served with Rice & a Poppadom	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips, Tartare Sauce & a Lemon Wedge
Cauliflower Cheese Stuffed Jacket Potato	Vegetable Enchilada	Mixed Bean Stroganoff served with Rice	Quorn Cottage Pie	BBQ Quorn Sub Melt
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pasta with a Tomato & Herb Sauce	Teriyaki Noodles	Pasta with Lentils	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	-
Apple & Berry Crumble served with Custard	Lemon & Lime Drizzle Cake	Rice Krispy Cake	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Marble Cake

*Available daily:*  
 Sandwiches, Wraps &  
 Baguettes, Panini, Jacket  
 Potatoes, Cold Desserts & Fruit

**#IcandoMaths**

**Solution to last Week's Puzzler**

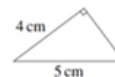
E We are told that 40% of 50% of  $x$  is equal to 20% of 30% of  $y$ .  
 Therefore  $0.4 \times 0.5 \times x = 0.2 \times 0.3 \times y$ . Hence  $0.2 \times x = 0.2 \times 0.3 \times y$ .  
 So  $y = \frac{x}{0.3} = \frac{10x}{3}$ .

**Solution to the Break-time Teaser:**

D Note that  $53 \times 57 = (43 + 10)(47 + 10) = 43 \times 47 + 43 \times 10 + 10 \times 47 + 10 \times 10$   
 $= 2021 + (43 + 47 + 10) \times 10 = 2021 + 100 \times 10 = 2021 + 1000 = 3021$ .

**Puzzler of the week**

What is the area of this triangle?



- A  $6\text{cm}^2$       B  $7.5\text{cm}^2$       C  $8\text{cm}^2$       D  $10\text{cm}^2$       E  $12\text{cm}^2$

**Break-time Teaser**

The diagram shows a square, its two diagonals and two line segments, each of which connects two midpoints of sides of the square.



What fraction of the area of the square is shaded?

- A  $\frac{1}{8}$       B  $\frac{1}{10}$       C  $\frac{1}{12}$       D  $\frac{1}{16}$       E  $\frac{1}{24}$

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



## EAL NEWS

### (English as an Additional Language)

#### Practical Tips for Effective Home Learning:

##### Set Realistic Goals:

Break down language learning into achievable goals. Celebrate milestones together, and involve your child in setting objectives for their language development.

##### Use Technology Wisely:

Explore language learning apps, websites, and educational games. Select age-appropriate options that align with your child's proficiency level. Monitor screen time to maintain a healthy balance.

##### Cultural Exploration:

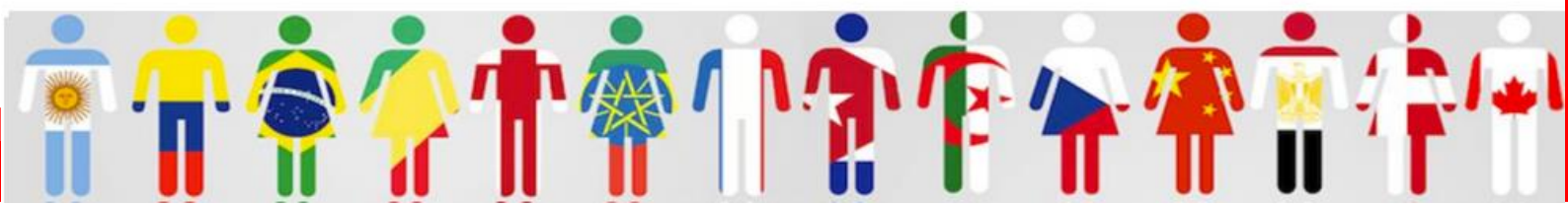
Introduce your child to the culture associated with the language. Watch movies, cook traditional recipes together, or celebrate cultural holidays to make the learning experience more immersive.

##### Language Games:

Incorporate language learning into games. Play word games like Scrabble or Bananagrams, or try language-learning board games designed for children. Make it a fun, family activity.

##### Daily Routines and Rituals:

Establish routines that include language learning. Whether it's a morning greeting, bedtime stories, or a weekly family language night, consistency is key.



## SCHOOL CLUBS




### Languages Department

Year 7, 8 & 9 students are busy having fun with language and friendship at our weekly Languages Club on Tuesdays after school (in T5 with Ms Shaw). Whichever Romance language you know, or whatever your bilingual background, you are welcome to come along and enjoy the adventure with us all.

**Interesting facts:** did you know that Creole Spanish is called *Chavacano* in the Philippines, and that Happy Christmas is *Crăciun Fericit* in Romanian (another Romance Language based on Latin)? As Advent is upon us, we are also looking forward this month to making a *un Calendrier de l'Avent* or *un Calendario de Adviento* - and singing a Christmas song or two in French and Spanish!


**CLUB ROTA: Week B Tuesdays; French 3.30-4.30pm / Week A: Tuesdays Spanish 3.30-4.30pm in T5.** All students need to have permission to attend and ensure they can get home safely after.

### DESIGNeers - KS3 DT Club - Monday afterschool



If you love a challenge; enjoy solving problems and Designing and Making; please consider joining our D&T team! We have started thinking about our competition entries and projects this week but would LOVE you to join us! Please see or message **Mrs Stacey on Teams** and join us at **DESIGNeers Club** on a **Monday afterschool** in **A3**.

## Welcome to Geography Club



**Aims**

- 1) To appreciate nature and its resources.
- 2) To create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

**Geography club meeting will be held every week after school on Friday, 3.30-4.00pm in T-15. Open to year 7 to year 11.**

In these sessions we will have geography quizzes, competitions (wealth out of waste, poster competition), paper bag making, creating landform models (volcano, coastal landforms, riverine landforms and glacial landforms) and planting herbs.



## Ham Radio Club

Most Fridays 15:15-16:15, at the top of the Tower Block,  
An interesting club for everyone.  
For any questions, please message Mr Allinson










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## YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 AFTERSCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM TILL 4PM

Come along and see why  
Science is so cool!

Led by  
Mrs. Lionel & Ms. Jetwani

For more information please  
contact Mrs. Lionel

## PE After School Clubs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball (GCSE students only)	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Year 7-9 Basketball JCO  Rugby Girls and Boys HMC/THU  Girls Football MJO  Year 7+8 boys Football FWA	Netball- all year groups AAN MJO KBR  Dance HST  Fitness JCO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU  Trampoline KBR		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH