

Friday 5th July 2019



YEAR 7 EXTRACTING DNA FROM STRAWBERRIES



YEAR 10 GCSE ART



YEAR 12 CHEMISTS INVESTIGATING RATES OF REACTIONS

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS TO EMMA AND KARAN WHO BOTH SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED THE UNLOCKING POTENTIAL AWARD FROM DAME KELLY HOLMES

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many parents who already have children at the school back here last week for the new Year 6 into 7 transition Parents' Evening. Thank you for coming in and trusting in the school again.

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During the last 2 weeks of term we'll be ensuring that lessons will be taught up to and including the last lesson on the last day of term. The last lesson finishes at 12.30 on Friday 19th July, and it'll be sequenced in line with the next lesson on the students' return in September. With that in mind, a gentle reminder that holidays are not permitted during term time. We make a big deal to the students about the importance of being in school and how it can affect their future chances, please help us with this message.

Likewise we'll still looking to maintain the standards of uniform up to the last day. We do understand that the children's feet grow over the summer and new shoes at this point might not be cost effective, but we can't accept children turning up in trainers. If there is an issue over shoes in particular towards the end of the year – please do get in contact.

Have a great weekend.

St Joseph, Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR
Sunday – 9am and 11am

Holy Family Catholic Parish 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD
Saturday – 5:30pm
Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm

Our Lady of Peace The Presbytery, Lower Britwell Road, Slough, SL2 2NL
Saturday – 6pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday – 9:45am

St Andrew's Shared Church Washington Drive, Slough, SL1 5RE
Sunday – 11.30am

St Anthony's RC Church Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AE
Saturday – 6pm
Sunday – 10:30am

St Ethelbert's Catholic Church Wellington Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XU
Saturday – 9.30am
Sunday – 9am, 11am and 6:30pm

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Theme of the Week

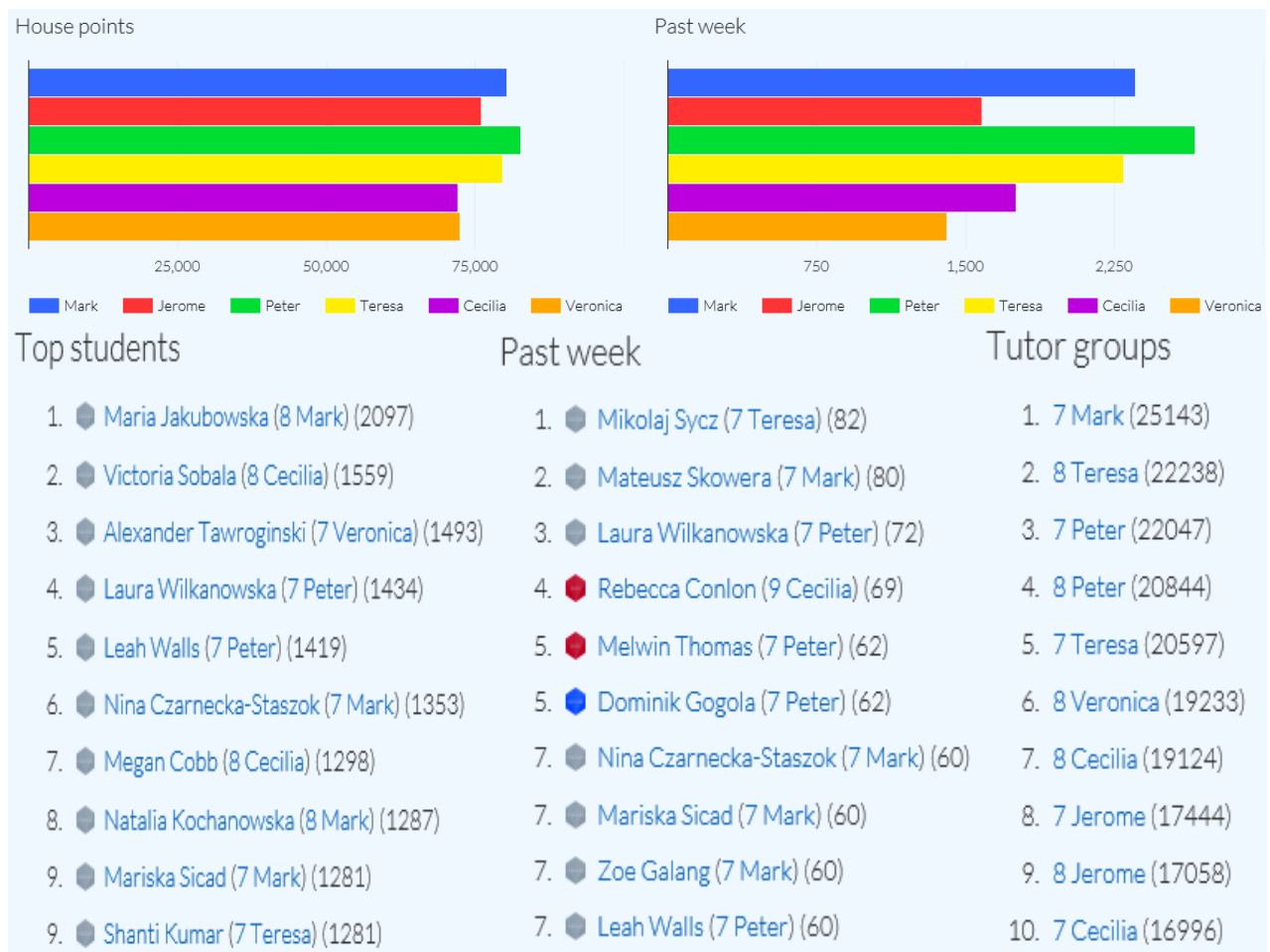
Following on from our theme of discipleship last week, our theme next week is: 'Go!'

On Sunday, we hear Luke's account of Jesus sending out the 72 to take the Good News wherever they could. Jesus told his followers that 'the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few'. Jesus needed their help. He couldn't spread the message of God's love and forgiveness by himself - and this is still true today.

God needs us to labour! He needs us to 'Go' and share His word, His love, His forgiveness. Maybe it's not by going abroad, maybe it's not even leaving our homes! We need to share our faith with those closest to us, as well as those far away.

So, this week, let us pray for the courage and confidence to talk about Jesus! To say 'I believe' and be proud of it. And to be God's labourer in the harvest.

Epraise Points



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Debating Society

The motion for this week's debate was 'Has Christmas gone too far?'

The winning side this week was the stance agreeing with the motion, despite an outstanding performance by Michelle in 8P, disagreeing with the motion.

The next debating motion is 'Positive discrimination is at times necessary'. It will be held in T11 on Tuesday, 3pm-4pm.

See you there.

British History Museum Trip

On Monday 8th July, the Year 7 History trip to the British Museum in London will be taking place. We will be leaving for London via coach at 8.30 am promptly and should return at approximately 4pm.

Students will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch, although there may be an opportunity for them to purchase food and drink at the museum. A packed lunch will be provided for those pupils who are entitled to free school meals. There is also a gift shop, however we recommend that pupils take no more than £10 with them.

Sixth Form News

PiXL transition work – all Year 12 students will be given a printed version of the PiXL transition booklet (per subject) for Year 12 going into 13, which we will ask students to complete over the summer. Each booklet is packed full of activities and reading, documentaries, TedTalks, books and journal articles that will extend their learning beyond the specification. I think this is a huge opportunity to add further value to what we are teaching in school to equip our students fully for study, work and life beyond Sixth Form. It is exactly what universities want to see on personal statements but also will bolster our students learning so that they move towards true mastery of their subjects. eCopies can be found on the pupil area here: [O:\0. 6th Form 2018+\Year 12 - 13 Transition work](#). We will be using the content studied in the first few lessons back in the Autumn term.

Mr Clark

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AQA Unlocking Potential 2019

A huge congratulations to Emma and Karan who both successfully achieved the Unlocking Potential award from Dame Kelly Holmes this week.

The ceremony took place in Westminster, London and celebrated the work completed by 80 students who had been selected by their schools to complete a community project.

Karan and Emma produced a presentation on how to tackle bullying and will be talking to the Year 7s on how bullying can affect individuals both physically and mentally. They will be discussing strategies on how to tackle bullying along with how to support the victims and the bullies.

Each school worked with an athlete mentor and Hannah Beharry, Commonwealth boxer, supported our students throughout the programme. Hannah's advice and motto is 'success isn't given, it's earned'.



P.E News

Congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team who beat Westgate 19 ½ rounders to 4 this week, a great result.

The team will be playing in the Slough schools rounders tournament on Monday 8th July, they will leave school at 2pm and should be finished by 5pm.

Good luck to all the squad.

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**YEAR 7&8
SUMMER
DISCO!**

FRIDAY
12th July
6-8pm

**TICKETS £6
EACH, SNACK
AND DRINK
INCLUDED**

**More snacks
to buy and
activities on
the night!**

**ALL MONEY
RAISED GOES
TOWARDS OUR
MISSION2THAI**

Calling all Year 7 and 8 students! The Sixth Form students are hosting a disco in the school hall from 6-8pm on Friday 12th July 2019 in order to raise money for their mission to Thailand to work with orphans, street children and those with disabilities. Tickets cost £6 and include a drink and snack for the evening. Get your tickets from the School Office and enjoy a night of dancing and having fun with your friends.

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Laura Wilkanowska and Matteo Mennone for both speaking wonderfully at the Year 6 Induction Evening.

Year 10

Thabani Chikwanha and Lia O'Brien for their contribution in the Maths presentation this week.

Year 8

Zara Dass for her studious attitude this week and Harrison Mwangi for helping the site team set up the hall before school.

VI Form

Emmanuel Opara, Grace Ngarande, Wiktor Matuszewicz, Amrita Judge, Raf Michael, Abygail Daguplo, Finley Crowe, Jayaan Pacheco, Airon Leavy, Aku Bulley, Conor Byrne and Andrea Pabellano for doing an outstanding job of supporting the Year 6 Induction Day.

Year 9

Nya Brown and Kacper Szustorowski for working hard in Science.