



St Joseph's Catholic High School

# Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

[Headteacher Message NEWSLETTER - 28th March 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

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St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



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

## The Diocese of Northampton

On Tuesday 19th March, Catholic Schools from around the Diocese of Northampton came together for a Mass with Bishop David to celebrate his anniversary.

It was an opportunity for students from the schools to come together to celebrate, pray and to meet the Bishop and others from around the Diocese.

I'm delighted to announce that St Joseph's students were selected, alongside other schools in the Diocese to attend. This is a great honour and is an illustration of the high value the Chaplaincy team of St Joseph's have been seen doing. The mass took place at Northampton Cathedral.

# Easter

Weekly Reflections  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



## A reading from the Gospel of John (20:1-9)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that he must rise from the dead.

## Prayer for the Week

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith.

Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways and to bring happiness to others by speaking of your joy, resurrection and presence.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

Amen.



## St Joseph's Day 2024



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we will celebrate our Feast Day, St Joseph the Worker. Attached to the newsletter is a letter outlining the plans for the day. It will involve Mass in the morning before a whole school 'Faith Walk and Picnic' to Eton fields. The walk is compulsory for all students and parents/guardians must give consent via ParentPay. If any parent/guardian have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

### Free School Meals

For all parents of students entitled to Free School Meals you will have received a voucher today via huggg.me for a voucher to use over the Easter holidays. In the event it has not arrived in your inbox please can you check your junk mail.

### Year 7 News

What a great term we have had! Students had a really lovely week with the Mufti Day for the 105 of Year 7 who received no XH's this half term! Also, to Teresa house who won the House Competition and won a Pizza Party! Massive well done to you all.

We start up again for the final term of Year 7 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Have an amazing Easter all!  
Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

### Year 8 News

A hugely positive week leading into the Easter Break, students have been taking part in assessments and showing how much they have learnt throughout this short but very intense term. The opportunity to take part in whole school mass was a lovely way to spiritually come together as a whole school to both celebrate and pray together. I wish all Year 8 and their families a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing you after what I hope is a restful 2 weeks.

Miss McCormack – Head of Year 8




### Year 9 PSHE Masking Play


This half term, our Year 9s had the opportunity to view the Peer Productions play Masking, as part of our Health and Wellbeing programme at school. The play encouraged the young audience to consider how they can build connections and find joy in this uncertain world as well as how they can know when they need to ask for help.

Pupils found the play very relatable and it triggered a very insightful discussion on mental health in their follow up PSHE session.





TVLP MODEL UNITED NATIONS EVENT 2024  
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL





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### TVLP Model United Nation

Friday 26th April 2024 8.00am - 3.45pm

Model United Nations is an activity in which students roleplay delegates to the United Nations, simulate committees and learn about diplomacy, international relations, current world issues and the UN itself.

On 26th April we will host in our school a MUN debate competition in collaboration with TVLP

Please use the link to register interest  
<https://forms.office.com/e/rxjKx0mLUK>

## Year 11 News

Thank you to all parents who attended Tuesday Nights information evening. Well done to all Year 11 for this term. After Easter it is the final push. You need to make sure that you are coming in for ALL your Easter interventions and completing a minimum of three hours a day. This aside also take time to rest and recharge your batteries for what is the most important time of your lives coming up. I hope you have a happy and holy Easter!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11

## Year 11 Interventions

During the Easter break a number of intervention sessions will be running. Below is the full schedule;

Easter Intervention Schedule 23-24	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies 10am-12pm</li> <li>• Vocational Business 9am-12pm</li> <li>• Product Design 9am-2pm</li> <li>• Drama 12.30-3.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics 9-12pm</li> <li>• Creative Imedia 12.30-3.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Technology 10am-3pm</li> <li>• Product Design 9am-12pm</li> <li>• Creative Imedia 12.30-3.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Technology 10am-3pm</li> </ul>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English 10am-12pm</li> <li>• Music 1-1 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish 9-12pm</li> <li>• Geography 12.30-3.30pm</li> <li>• Music 1-1 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music 1-1 Sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTEC Sport 9-12pm</li> <li>• Computer Science 12.30-3.30pm</li> <li>• Music 1-1 Sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE 9-12pm</li> <li>• BTEC Sport 12.30-3.30pm</li> </ul>

Your child has been given a personalised timetable of which sessions they must attend, these are compulsory and crucial in making the gains we want on their current grade.

In addition, your child should be following a revision timetable for all their subjects during the Easter break, please do take heed of the advice and tips during Information Evening. Get involved in their revision and be their mascot! They will need all the help and support in the next few months.

Many thanks for your support as always. Mrs F Araf - Assistant Headteacher

**Year 13 News**

Please see below the final timetable for Easter interventions and rooming

Date	Time	Subject	Teacher	Room
Wednesday 3rd April	9am – 12pm	GCSE Resit Maths	Mr Odei	TBC
	9am – 11am	Law	Mr Gibbons	M7
	9am – 11am	Economics	Mr Goza	M8
	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Mechanics	Mr Allinson	M6
	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Core Maths (Y12)	Mr Stewart	M5
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 11am	English Language	Miss Lewis	A5
	9am – 11am	English Literature	Miss Stevens	A6
	9am – 12pm	Physics	Miss Hameed	Lab 2
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am – 12:30pm	Maths (online session)	Miss Boon	Students can log on from home
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 12pm	Chemistry	Mr Robinson	Lab 2
	9am – 11am	Media	Miss Lewis	A6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 12pm	Computing	Mrs Buck	CP1
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 12pm	Computing	Mrs Buck	CP1

These sessions are highly important following the latest PPE results to ensure pupils continue to make progress towards their public examinations in the coming weeks. As a result, we politely request that all students must attend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Finn – Head of Year 13

## 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	Fitness KBR  Flag football HMC MIO  Dance HST	Athletics JCO THU AAN KBR	Rounders KBR AAN MIO  Tennis JCO  Cricket THU		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH

### PSHE Programme

This term our pupils have been working with the local Police on keeping safe as part of our partnership with them. The assemblies have been aimed at enriching the Relationships, Health and Wellbeing and Wider World PSHE programme; on the topics below:

**Year 7 (Harassment),**

**8 (Harassment) and 10 (Harassment and Knife Crime)**

**Year 9 (Harassment)**

**Year 12s (Drugs and Substance abuse)**

**Year 7, 8 and 9 (E-Safety)**

During these sessions pupils have had opportunities to interact with PC Louise Sloan on anything about the legal system in relation to these topics and their own experiences. We look forward to future work together.



**Recycling Craft Elective**

It was great pleasure to see some of our students had created this Easter poster in Recycling Craft elective yesterday. Aedan, Radek, Alina and Elise, thank you for this lovely poster. As this poster, I wish all our students and parents a colourful and happy Easter break.

Mrs Gokmen Romero

**Year 8 Netball Tournament**

Last week the Year 8 netball team travelled to St Bernard's for a tournament. All of the girls played exceptionally well winning 6 of their matches and only losing 2 matches to two very good teams. Overall the team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to Joanna, Karolina, Michalina, Victoria, Florence, Annabel, Myah and Leila.





### English Schools Cross-Country Championships



Well done to Ana Passos who represented Berkshire in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships. Ana ran the 3.5km course in 14.40 minutes. Ana place 148th out 343 runner the Berkshire team place 11<sup>th</sup> out of 46 Counties.

### NFL Flag Football for girls

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 30 girls were given the opportunity to train with a NFL Pro coach for an upcoming Bears and Jets flag football league with the opportunity to play at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium before the London NFL Game. Students got to grips with the basics of attack and defence showing some excellent progress before entering the Ealing league after Easter.



### Y12 & Y13 Biology Field Trip 2024

The Yr12 and Y13 Biologists participated in another successful field trip last week. We visited the beautiful Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre and spent the best part of 3 days in the glorious Surrey countryside conducting ecology fieldwork that will contribute to the A-Level Practical Endorsement Certificate. Despite a poor weather forecast we enjoyed mild conditions and the rain held off. Tuesday afternoon and evening were spent in the classroom, learning new sampling techniques and statistical theory. Wednesday was almost entirely spent in the field doing our planned ecological sampling. On Wednesday evening we all took a break around the campfire, toasted marshmallows and discovered more about the psychology of group members with hilarious story-telling by turns. Thursday morning was back to the classroom to recap taxonomy and then we were out to the pond to do some grown-up pond-dipping and classification of the weird and wonderful creatures that we found in our nets. All that remained was to pack up, wearily board the bus, and come home. classification of the weird and wonderful creatures that we found in our nets.



### History News

This half-term, Year 7 students have been creating castles out of various materials as part of their Norman Consolidation studies. Below are just a few examples of the outstanding work students have carried out!





### Science Club

Students enjoyed making gooey slime!

Next Science club- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April- Animal handling show. Please complete the parental consent MS form if you want to attend and it is only for year7 and year8 students.



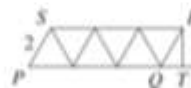




# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A In the diagram shown,  $T$  is the foot of the perpendicular from  $R$  to  $PQ$  produced. Consider triangle  $QTR$ . Angle  $QTR = 90^\circ$  and, because the sum of angles on a straight line =  $180^\circ$ , angle  $RQT = (180 - 2 \times 60)^\circ = 60^\circ$ . So  $\sin 60^\circ = \frac{RT}{QR}$  and hence



$$RT = QR \times \sin 60^\circ = 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}. \text{ Also } \cos 60^\circ = \frac{QT}{QR}, \text{ so}$$

$$QT = QR \times \cos 60^\circ = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1. \text{ Therefore } PT = 7.$$

$$\text{By Pythagoras' Theorem, } PR^2 = PT^2 + TR^2 = 7^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$= 49 + 3 = 52. \text{ So } PR = \sqrt{52} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{13} = 2\sqrt{13}.$$

## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- E Half of a third, plus a third of a quarter, plus a quarter of a fifth equals
- $$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{10 + 5 + 3}{60} = \frac{18}{60} = \frac{3}{10}.$$

## Puzzler of the week

The equilateral triangle and regular hexagon shown have perimeters of the same length.

What is the ratio of the area of the triangle to the area of the hexagon?

A 5 : 6

B 4 : 5

C 3 : 4

D 2 : 3

E 1 : 1



## Break time Teaser:

Which of the following fractions is closest to 1?

A  $\frac{7}{8}$

B  $\frac{8}{7}$

C  $\frac{9}{10}$

D  $\frac{10}{11}$

E  $\frac{11}{10}$

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

### Air-dry Clay Modelling

In our Air-dry clay modelling elective, our students have made use of their creativity and their skills to make amazing works of art. Our theme last week was Easter, and they also showed an amazing performance. Well done!



### Table Tennis Tournament

A select group of students participated in the KS3 Table Tennis Tournament hosted at Beechwood School.

The two boys teams showed great promise with some Year 7 students battling and holding their own against very good Year 9 students from other school. Overall the boys teams finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>.



The 4 Year 9 girls played spectacularly against other girls teams and even other boys teams, showing their ability. Overall the Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Excellent work form everyone involved.





## Football Tournaments

Easter Junior 5 a side

2, 3, 9, 10 April

**10:30am-2:30pm**

**11-16 years old**

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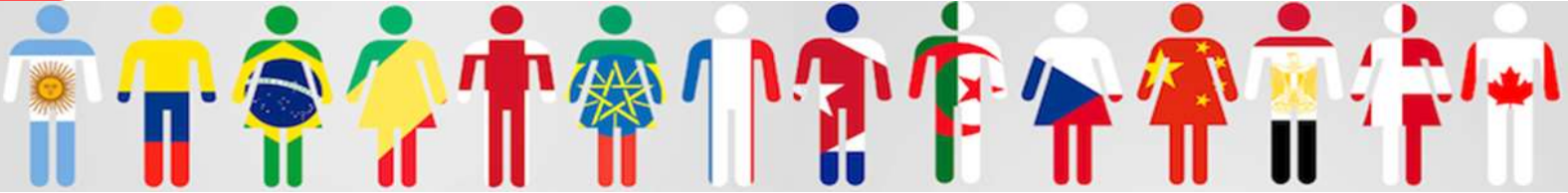
## School Canteen Menu

 <b>WEEKLY MENU</b> St Josephs Catholic High School - Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thai Red Chicken Curry served with Rice	Beef Bolognese Pasta served with Parmesan Cheese	Sausage & Mash served with Gravy	Piri Piri Chicken with Pitta Bread & a Garlic & Herb Dressing	Oven Baked Fish served with Chips
Roast Vegetable & Bean Taco's with Sour Cream & Cheese	Stir Fried Vegetable Noodles with Sweet & Sour Sauce	Cauliflower Dhal with Red Lentils & Spinach Served with Rice	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Samosa served with Chips
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
White Chocolate & Berry Sponge	Apple & Cherry Crumble with Custard	Lemon & Lime Drizzle Cake	Carrot Cake	Vanilla Iced Sponge
Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	Red Pesto Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta with a Ham & Cheese Sauce	-

Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps  
Jacket Potatoes & Fillings, Pizzas & Burrito  
A Selection of Fruit & Cold Dessert Pots.

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## EAL NEWS

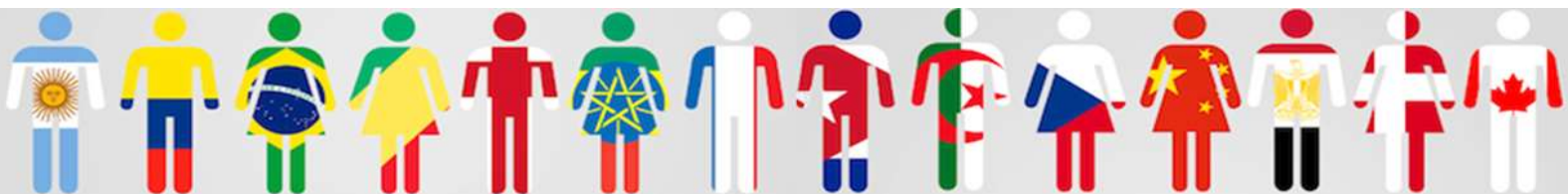
### (English as Additional Language)

**Reminder:** Use your CGP online book and Oxford learn to continue your independent learning at home. Please try to complete, as many sessions as possible during this Easter break.

I will always be happy to help. [J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

### Reading ideas for families During the Easter Break

- **Read together:** Look for time to read together and talk about the books you read.
- **Tell stories:** Use some of your holiday time together to tell stories from your childhood.
- **Give books:** Give your child a book for the holidays. It does not have to be new.
- **Visit the library:** Encourage your child to read for pleasure
- **Make travel fun:** if you are traveling during your holidays, look for maps and tourist books about your destination.





## Design and Technology Department

### Year 11 Easter intervention

A final push now by all of year 11 (Food and DT) to finalise the written work of their NEAs to make sure they maximise their marks and get the grades they are capable of. Please attend the Easter interventions as advised to make best use of all the time you have available.

**Mr Mall**- Food attend the session as advised either  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-3.00PM OR Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-3.00PM

**Mr Silvers** DT class A3: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9.00-2.00PM

**Mrs Staceys** DT class A3: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.00-12.00

### DT Make It Elective



We have come items left over so there is still time and opportunity to buy a fabulous item from the D&T Makelt Elective Fundraising sale. The range of small items including keyrings, badges, magnets and earrings which are available to buy.

Please come to A3 (DT room) with a couple of pounds to make a purchase. All proceeds will go towards the Lenten charities.



The group rose to the challenge and modelled some EGGcellent Egg holders in the final elective of the term,

Wishing you all a very HOPPY Easter.

### D&T Stars



Year 7- Nela Mocny, Euan Blanquisco

Year 8- Jessica Lysiak, Enakhe Mahmud

Year 9- Antoni Tobjaszewski, Celine Sidyk

Year 10 DT- Nathan James, Matilda Kemp

For Excellent work and Good progress in D+T and food lessons throughout this term

## Pupil Nominations of the Week

### Year 7

Zach V-D and Antoinette Forsdick for receiving the most positive points this week

### Year 8

Coco Janot and Zofia Waraksa for most positive points  
Brienne Barrozo for excellent work in French

### Year 11

Hannah Anaya and Cameron Fyfe for the most positives this week

### Year 12

Charlene Daguplo for being very helpful during our awards ceremony and Liam Paes for the most positive points on Classcharts this week

### Year 13

Daisy Loft and Cameron Martin for earning the most positive points this half-term.







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