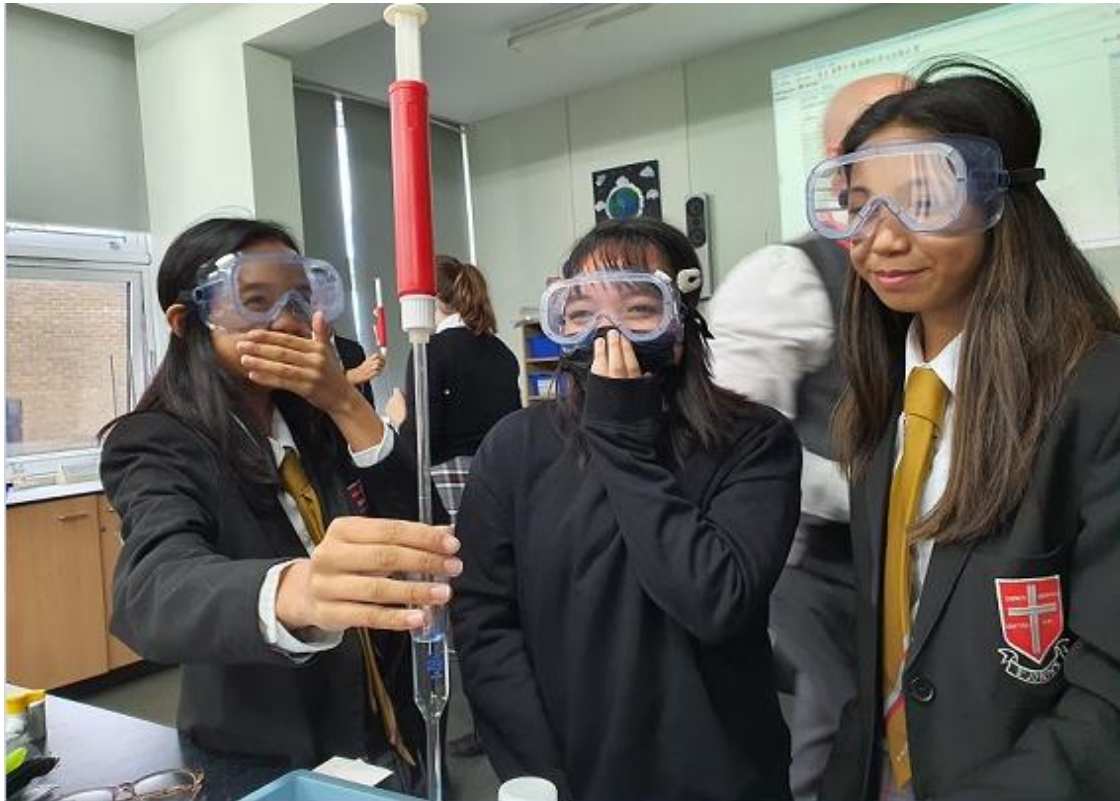


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# ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



## From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very short message this week. Thank you to all the parents of Year 9 and 10 who attended the Parents Welcome and Information week earlier this week. At this point we've outlined the year and I hope this has been helpful in making contact, showing how the online homework app works together with the key dates. Please do keep in contact and do talk to your son /daughter's Form Tutor in the first instance if you have any concerns.

Covid home tests for the next 2 weeks (1 box of 7 tests) have arrived and will be distributed to the students on Monday morning during registration.

Finally, please do see the attached letter concerning the first Academic Review Day with a reply slip, which takes place this year on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, the last day of the half term before the break.

St Joseph,

Pray for us

Ciran Stapleton

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## Theme of the Week

### Relying on God

The theme we are reflecting on this week is 'Relying on God'. We will focus on the second half of the Gospel during our reflections and prayer. Jesus uses the example of the small child when teaching His followers. Children have to rely on their parents and carers around them, their teachers too, to teach them. Jesus is calling us to be like children, relying on God.

**What have we learnt from our parents/carers or teachers?**

**What does it mean to rely on others and on God?**

It can be challenging at times to rely on God and to put our trust in Him. We want to achieve things on our own strength, but what does God want for us? He wants us to ask Him for help and guidance; He wants to walk with us every step of the way. When we ask for God's help, placing our worries into His hands, amazing things can happen. We need to rely on God each and every day.

Jesus also talks about the 'Kingdom of God' in the Gospel. We can often think that the Kingdom of God is some place elsewhere, but in fact it is here with us now. Jesus came to build the Kingdom here on earth. We are called to help enable the Kingdom to be built by witnessing to our faith, being a good example for others to see.

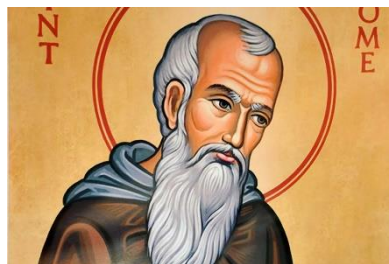
**What do you think the Kingdom of God is like?**

St Paul says it's 'righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'. **Would you agree? Would you add any other words to this list?**

## St Jerome Feast Day

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, St Jerome House celebrated their Feast Day. Each St Jerome tutor group gathered in the hall for Mass with Fr Kevin to begin their day of celebration. Well done to all those who read in Mass!

**St Jerome – Pray for Us**



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## **Year 7 News**

It is hard to believe that it has only been 4 weeks since Year 7 joined us. I cannot imagine the school without them. In such a short amount of time, they have learnt their way around, made new friends, and entered their first round of in class assessments. As the term moves on, there will be many more opportunities for the Year 7's to get involved in the wider school community. Student Leadership positions will be opening for students to apply for, and there are the ongoing house competitions.

Our last house competition was the St Joseph's Bake Off. There were so many Year 7 entries, that I could not possibly have tasted them all - although it must be said that I tried! Well done to all who entered. You should all feel a great sense of pride.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Miss O'Connor

## **Year 8 News**

Congratulations to everyone who took place in Bake off Last Friday especially the winners, It was a great success and lots of money was raised for both Mission to Thai and Macmillan. There once again has been some excellent work going on throughout the school. Well done to the students that are going to represent the year on the chaplaincy team. There are a lot of assessments going on at the moment, please as always try your best. Can I remind you that you need to have a reading book with you at all times.

In the meantime have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy

## **Year 9 News**

Dear Year 9,

Another great week at St Joseph's for Year 9, you are showing fantastic commitment to the beginning of your GCSE studies. This week you have been completing your first assessments of this academic year ready for our first reports to go out to you before October half term. I was fortunate enough to go into Year 9 science lessons this week and see the fantastic work they have been doing on transport in cells, atoms and energy transfers. Lastly, thank you to those who came to the Year 9 Welcome and Information Evening on Wednesday, the hall was packed with so many parents and students and it was so great to finally meet so many of you. A few key messages from the evening for those of you who could not make it:

- If you would like to see what your child is learning, you can access our whole school curriculum on the school website under the curriculum tab.
- Attendance and Punctuality are crucial to the performance and development of your child. Out of a whole year, the time they spend in school with contact time is only 10% - so every hour, every lesson and every day really do count!
- All homework is now on SatchelOne - there is an app which parents can download. You can see what homework is being set for your child, when it is due, if they receive positive points or detentions.
- Get them talking! - Their generation is the generation which is too scared to discuss their feelings and emotions. We need to get them talking to aid in unlocking the success and belief in all.

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Finally, if you would like to contact your son/daughter's form tutor, you can do so via email:

- 9 Cecilia - Miss Weir - [e.weir@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:e.weir@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- 9 Jerome - Miss Aushaha - [a.aushana@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:a.aushana@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- 9 Mark - Mr Spencer - [j.spencer@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:j.spencer@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- 9 Peter - Mrs Aldridge - [m.aldridge@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:m.aldridge@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- 9 Teresa - Miss Toro-Sanchez - [m.toro-sanchez@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:m.toro-sanchez@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- 9 Veronica - Miss Joseph - [m.joseph@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:m.joseph@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- Deputy Head of Year 9 - Miss Pisavadia - [p.pisavadia@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:p.pisavadia@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)
- Have a blessed weekend,

Miss WD

Head of Year 9 - *Hopeful, Compassionate, Attentive*

## **Year 10 News**

Thanks so much to all who attended the information evening this week. I do appreciate that not everyone was able to attend, so please do email me if you have any questions.

A reminder that academic review day is on 15<sup>th</sup> October. It is imperative that you attend for a 10 minute appointment with your child's form tutor. This will involve reviewing the first report of the year and setting important targets.

Best regards,

Mr C Robinson

Head of Year 10

## **Year 11 News**

As we get closer to half term and PPE1 how are you applying yourself at home? If you need any help please speak to your tutors or teachers if you feel you don't know what to do with your revision time.

Please remember our standards on jewellery and uniform as I have had to challenge students a lot more this week. Don't let standard slip and have an amazing weekend.

## **Year 12 News**

Well Done Adrian Fernandes!

Adrian in Year 12 has secured a scholarship with IBM and here (in his words) are a bit more about the programme he will be taking part in:

"Quantum computing will impact industries from healthcare to finance to cybersecurity, and IBM wants today's high school students to be prepared to lead the next computing revolution. Their goal is to promote quantum computing education for a diverse, global community, who can shape the direction this technology takes to have the biggest, most positive impact on society because they want the future quantum workforce to be as diverse as the world is. I have received a full scholarship for this course and as a part of the programme, I and other students will have the unique opportunity to meet with industry leaders and quantum experts who are shaping the field of quantum and will be taught live by MIT and Oxford quantum scientists."

Please join us in congratulating Adrian on this outstanding achievement when you see him.

Mr Clark

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## **Sixth Form News**

Just a reminder to continue working on your UCAS. If you need help, please contact your form tutor. Remember to link your application to us using the buzzword provided. Personal statements must be given to Mrs Bray by 8<sup>th</sup> October 3pm.

Next week there will be changes to assembly due to school photos. On Monday, there will be no assembly therefore if you do not have a period 1 lesson you do not have to be in. On Tuesday, we will have assembly in the drama room. This is compulsory for you all. Please line up on the lower school playground at 8:25 and leave all bags in the study room. After assembly year, 13 students will have photos in the hall during period 1. Make sure you are looking smart and in the correct uniform.

The rules regarding lateness have changed this week. If you are late to school or a lesson you must attend a detention in A6 the following day at lunch. If you miss this detention, you will receive a SLT detention on Friday from 3-4pm.

PSHE will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October p3.

Have a great week

Mrs Bray

## **School Vaccinations – Nasal Flu Vaccine and COVID-19 vaccination**

The school-aged immunisation team will be visiting St Josephs on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021** to offer nasal flu to students in years 7-11 and a single dose of the Pfizer/ BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to students in years 8-11.

We plan to co-administer these vaccines within the same session (if consent is obtained for both).

**To prepare for the delivery of one or both of the above programmes parents must give consent. A separate consent form must be completed for each jab.**

**Copies of these forms can be found as attachments to this newsletter.**

Due to the recent announcement of the COVID-19 programme to students in years 12-15 we are still awaiting a number of guidance documents before we can start administering the COVID-19 vaccine. If this guidance is not received in advance of your planned session date we will not be able to safely co-administer both COVID-19 and flu, therefore we would just administer nasal flu to all eligible students in years 7-11. For the latest Government guidance regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents please visit: GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

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## **School Photos - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

We've got external photographers coming into school to photograph all students Year 7 to Year 13. Please can you make sure your all students are in correct uniform and look extra smart on these dates please.

The photographers will be giving out proof sheets to each student on the day and parents can go online and place their order the next day.

The photos will take place in the School Hall. The broad timetable is as follows:

Date	Period	Time	Year group
<b>MONDAY 4 OCT</b>	Period 1	9.05am	Year 9
	Period 2	10.05am	Year 7
	Period 3	11.25am	Year 10
	Period 4	12.25pm	Year 12
	Period 5	2pm	Year 8
<b>TUESDAY 5 OCT</b>	Period 1	9.05am	Year 13
	Period 2	10.05am	Catch up session
	Period 3	11.25am	Year 11

## **House Competition - Le Spelling Bee**

Now happening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of October!

Thanks to all form tutors for sending names through.

Please can you remind your tutees to come and collect the list of words from Rosa Rodriguez on Monday.

Merci /gracias J

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the timetable below for when the different clubs are on during the week.

**Guitar Club:** Welcomes all students of all levels of ability.

**St Joe's Vox:** Join our vox club to develop your skill as a singer.

**Modern Music Collective:** Welcomes all students who would love to play and sing together to form a big band.

Time of Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School 8:00-8:25</b>		<b>St Joe's Vox</b> All years welcome			
<b>Break 1</b>	Practice rooms open	Practice rooms open			
<b>Break 2</b>			Practice rooms open	Practice rooms open	
<b>Lunch 1</b>	Guitar Club KUR Practice rooms open				Modern Music Collective (8-10) KUR/MRI
<b>Lunch 2</b>	Guitar Club KUR Practice rooms open			Modern Music Collective (7, 11, 6th) KUR/MRI	
<b>After School 15:00-16:30</b>	GCSE Composition Yr11 Practice rooms open.	GCSE Composition Yr11 Practice rooms open.	GCSE Composition Yr11 Practice rooms open.	.	GCSE Composition Yr11 Practice rooms open.

### Instrumental Lessons

If you are interested in learning to play an instrument, we are working with Slough Music Service to house tuition in St Joseph's school. To apply, please follow the link attached for the Slough Music Service: <https://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/For-Pupils/Lessons-in-School/Apply>

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Miss Ure.

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## **History Film Club**

Next Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, the History Department will be launching their film club. This will take place once every half-term, and open to all students.

A tuck shop will be provided by Mission to Thailand students, so feel free to bring a small amount of money if you want to buy some snacks!

Our first film, “Hidden Figures”, highlights the untold story of female African-American mathematicians played at NASA during the Space Race in the 1960s. This film is PG, and will be supervised by the History Department teaching staff.

**Where:** T13

**When:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm



Don't forget to check out our Instagram page - @stjosephshistory - to see some of the amazing work that our students are creating, as well as ways to enhance our students' cultural capital through books, films and trips!



## Science Department

# Beautiful Biology Bookmark Competition

**To celebrate Biology Week the Science Department is running a competition for the most beautiful bookmark with a biology theme.**

### Competition Rules:

- You need to make the bookmark yourself (no pictures off the internet)
- Book mark size: 4 cm wide by 14 cm long
- Can be any medium (pencil, pen, paint, pressed flowers etc.)
- You must submit the original artwork.
- Write your full name and Form on the back of the bookmark.

There will be one winner per year group and a small prize will be offered.

**Closing Date:** All entries must be given in at the **Science Office** by 3pm on **Friday, 10 October**.

Winners will be announced in the bulletin on Friday, 15 October.



## **House Competition Results – St. Joseph’s Bake-off**

Last Friday, we held the second house competition of the year – the St. Joseph’s Bake-off! The pupils baked over 60 cakes, and raised a whopping £159.11! This money will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Support and Mission to Thailand. Here are the results from each year group, based on presentation and taste:

### **Year 7 Presentation:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Cecilia House – Emilia Malczewska
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Teresa House – Taia Butler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Veronica House – Mia Thornhill

### **Year 7 Taste:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mark House – Alessia Celorico-Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Teresa House – Alexandra Zarzycka
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Veronica House – Nikola Zulewska

### **Year 8 Presentation:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Cecilia House – Romain Janot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Cecilia House – Anushka Kelvin Kappil
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Teresa House – Nathan James

### **Year 8 Taste:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Peter House – Richard Liyanaarachchige and Michael Njau
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Cecilia House – Victoria Prochacka and Eva Fernandes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Teresa House – Cameron Stock

### **Year 9 – Presentation:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mark House – Milena Olech and Julia Deskiewicz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Cecilia House – Emilia Augustyn-Sharma
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Teresa House – Sandra Kszczot

Azariah



Nikola



Piotr



Romain



Taia



## **TVLP Student Leadership Conference**

On Wednesday, our head boy and girl, and deputy head boy and girl attended a student leadership conference run by Future Foundations, hosted at Slough and Eton school. It was a fantastic day working on developing leadership skills. Aidan Lambourne, our Deputy Headboy, has written the following account of the day:

Our trip to Slough and Eton to take part in TVLP's workshop was highly enjoyable. Aside from building spaghetti bridges (mine and Emma's could hold a tangerine, by the way) and getting to know what inspires each other, we worked on leadership and teamwork, two values that are becoming increasingly important.

In a Dragon's Den style pitching session, we all had to employ our leadership and teamwork to deliver pitches on social attitudes that we deemed needed changing. From charities, to mental health, to the environment and even bullying, the workshop was a very reassuring sign that our local young communities have their heads where it counts.



## **Student Leadership Positions**

Next week, students will receive information about the student leadership positions available in the school. This year, the student leadership team will have 2 strands:

- Subject student leaders
- Year group student leaders

### **Subject student leaders**

As a subject student leader, you will work closely with a department in the school of your choosing to:

- understand the rationale behind the curriculum for that subject
- feedback to the head of department students' views in your year group
- be an ambassador for that subject

### **Year group student leaders:**

- As a year group student leader, students will find out what the key views are of their year group, present these at leadership team meetings and work to find solutions/improvements that we can act on.

### **Being a student leader will help:**

- Develop team working skills
- Gain confidence
- Improve your oracy skills through speaking in meetings/to your form group/year group
- Gain a sense of achievement when you work to improve/change something
- Work towards a number of the St Joseph's pupil profile attributes
- Be an excellent addition to your CV for future jobs or apprenticeships and UCAS application (university application)

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**How to apply:**

Students will receive an email (to their school email address) with a link to a Microsoft Forms page to register interest and explain why they want to be part of the student leadership team

The form will ask:

1. Whether you are applying for subject or year group student leader
2. What year are you in
3. Which subject you would like to work with (if applicable)
4. Why you want to be part of the student leadership team

## **Absence**

If your son/daughter is absent for any reason please ring the school as soon as possible on the first morning of their absence. Please also send an explanatory note to the form tutor on his/her return. In certain circumstances we may need to obtain copies of medical notes from doctors to confirm the reasons for absence.

If you know in advance about a medical appointment, it would help if you send a note before the absence letting the form tutor know when the pupil should leave the school, and when he/she is likely to return so that we can get the anticipated work missed to you in advance

## **Lost Property**

Here is a gentle reminder for students to make sure their names are in all items of uniform and any other equipment they bring into school. We have a huge pile of lost items in the School Office including blazers, ties, coats, umbrellas and bottles. If any student has lost an item, please ask them to pop by so we can try to reunite them. Many thanks.

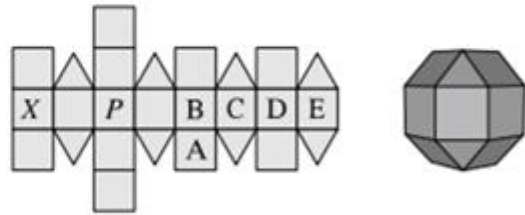




# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** When the net is folded up to form the rhombicuboctahedron, the left-hand edge of the square marked *X* is joined to the right-hand edge of the square marked *E* so that the eight squares at the centre of the net form a band around the solid. In this band, the square opposite square *P* is the square which is four squares away from *P*, that is square *D*. So if the square marked *P* is placed face down on a table, then the square marked *D* will be facing up.



## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

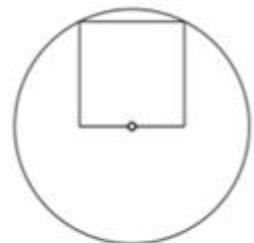
- E** Amrita bakes every 5 days and Thursdays come every 7 days. So the next time Amrita bakes on a Thursday will be in 35 days time since 35 is the lowest common multiple of 5 and 7.

## Problem of the week

The circle has radius 1 cm. Two vertices of the square lie on the circle. One edge of the square goes through the centre of the circle, as shown.

What is the area of the square?

- A  $\frac{4}{5} \text{ cm}^2$    B  $\frac{\pi}{5} \text{ cm}^2$    C  $1 \text{ cm}^2$    D  $\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ cm}^2$    E  $\frac{5}{4} \text{ cm}^2$



## 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. The first full complete answer will get satchel points.

## **Pupil Nominations of the Week**

<p><b><u>Year 7</u></b></p> <p>Our amazing bakers! Emilia Malczewska for topping Year 7 Presentation and Alessia Celorico-Jones for coming first in Taste! Well done to the both of you for your <b>active</b> participation in House events.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 8</u></b></p> <p>Harry O (8J) excellent work in maths. Adam (8P) Excellent work in Geography.</p>
<p><b><u>Year 9</u></b></p> <p>Cameron Fyfe for excellence in Science (<b>Wise, Curious, Attentive</b>) and Ana Passos for continuing with excellent standards across all subjects (<b>Discerning, Eloquent, Intentional</b>)</p>	<p><b><u>Year 10</u></b></p> <p>Pamela Lopez and Adina Soper for autonomous, independent work and preparation in food this week.</p>
<p><b><u>Year 11</u></b></p> <p>Liam Wilson for excellent participation in Biology and Adrianna Wroblewska for always being curious and attentive</p>	<p><b><u>Year 12</u></b></p> <p>Adrian Fernandes for scoring a scholarship with IBM.</p>
<p><b><u>Year 13</u></b></p> <p>Jagoda Chomiak for excellent work in business. Heloisa for excellent work in Spanish.</p>	