



St Joseph's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, 04 February 2022

NEWSLETTER



This Wednesday saw the Year 11 boys' football team through to the Quarter Finals of the County Cup. They won 5 - 0 and were by far the best footballing team throughout the entire match. It was an excellent squad performance and the boys really did the school proud. Very well done - it's come home!

Mr Hunt / Mr Dann

"Unlocking Belief in All"



FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well,

My weekly message is in video format. Please do take a listen and let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

Please find below the link to our website to view my message:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-04.2.22-1.m4v>

Important letter - Please see in the separate attachment the details for Nathan Marriot's Funeral Arrangements. As a school, we would like to mark our respects and provide a chance for the staff and students

Have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

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THEME OF THE WEEK

Do not be afraid

Jesus calls the first of His disciples in this week's Gospel. Simon Peter, James, and John were all fishermen, who were struggling to catch any fish on the day that they encountered Jesus. Jesus worked a miracle in this scene, He tells them to put out their nets again, and they haul in lots and lots of fish. Jesus then says to them; "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." He gained their trust, working with them, and they trusted in Him to the point of leaving everything to follow Him. Simon Peter, James, and John were giving up everything to follow Jesus, their work and their possessions. But the life of a disciple of Jesus enables them to not worry, to know that the Lord will provide all that they need. There are times in our lives when we must let go of things. Some Christians have given up everything like these disciples, and live a very simple life following Jesus. We're not all called to simply give up everything, but we are called to put all our trust in God, to know that He is walking beside us each and every day in every situation. The words of the Kerygma remind us of this; "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

What do these words mean to you? How can you keep Jesus at the centre of your daily life?

This week, we celebrate the feast days of St Josephine Bakhita, St Scholastica, and Our Lady of Lourdes. The stories behind these saints and feast days all have something in common; dedication and trust in God. St Josephine's story is one of great sadness, but she finds great joy and peace when she encounters Jesus; St Scholastica had a strong faith and began the first community of Benedictine nuns; and St Bernadette in the story of Our Lady and Lourdes – Bernadette listened to Mary who spoke to her in many apparitions. These people had faith and trust in God, responding to the words of Jesus; "Don't be afraid".

Can you think of examples of people who have trusted in God and responded to Jesus' words; "Don't be afraid"?

To be a follower of Jesus, as we know is not an easy path to follow. We can turn to the many saints such as those already mentioned, as well as our Guardian Angels who walk beside us every step of the way. There are those around us who can help and support us on the journey.

Do not be afraid

Weekly Reflections
7th February 2022



A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

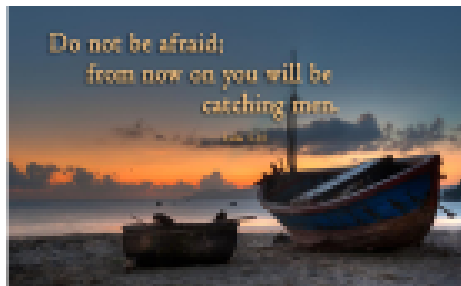
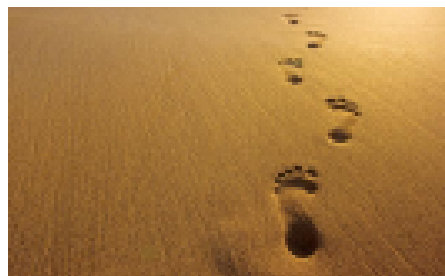
When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



Day 1

We read in the Gospel this week, of the calling of Simon Peter, James and John. They were all fishermen trying to catch some fish, but were struggling to catch anything. Jesus saw them and told them to try again. This time, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink. Jesus had worked a miracle for these fishermen. He knew they had faith in Him and so He called them to be His disciples. Jesus says to Simon Peter; "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." What does Jesus mean by these words? What does this mean for us as disciples of Jesus?

Day 3

Angel of God
(Prayer to your Guardian Angel - a prayer of trust)
Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me
here, ever this day be at my
side, to light and guard, to rule
and guide.
Amen.

Day 2

"Do not be afraid" - This is our theme for the week. We hear these words many times throughout the Bible. Being a follower of Jesus isn't always easy, but God wants us to trust in Him. He has a beautiful plan for each of us, and He knows that by following Him, we can have true life. The Kerygma is what we believe as disciples, it is encouraging and brings us hope. The words are; "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." What do these words mean to you? How can you keep Jesus at the centre of your daily life?

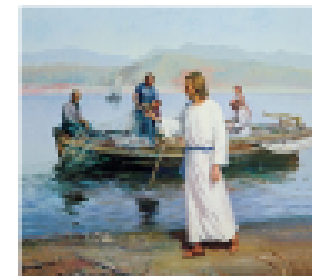
Day 4

'...left everything...'

The disciples leave everything to follow Jesus. They leave their work and their possessions. Their lives are completely changed with this one encounter with Jesus. How has Jesus and your faith impacted your life? Does it make you think about how you treat others? Are you more grateful for the things you have?

Prayer for the Week

Lord, be the beginning and end of everything we do and say.
Prompt our actions with your grace, and complete them with your all-powerful help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Day 5

Bless us, Lord, and shine your love upon us. Only then can we be your love in action and serve you.
Amen.

Year 8 News

I have really missed you all this week due to self-solation, hopefully I will be back Monday. I have heard that there have been lots of good things going on this week. I hope 8 C enjoyed their Pizza! There was a cake sale in memory of Nathan today and I just want to add this photo of the amazing cake Romain made.

In the meantime have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy



Year 10 News

Thank you to all of our wonderful students who brought in cakes for the bake sale today in memory of Nathan. In particular thank you to Laura, Ava and Madi who helped co-ordinate.

Recently students have applied to the Eton summer school program. We received lots of amazing applications and I am delighted to announce that the following students were selected:

Cerys Quille

Chloe Baladad

Simone Gagliesi

Mikolaj Sycz

Congratulations to the boys football team who beat Langley academy 3-1 on Thursday, with Michael and Ryleigh getting the goals.

The last 2 weeks have been fantastic for year 10, with the positive points going up and the lowest numbers of negative points we have seen. Keep up the hard work.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Robinson

Year 11 News

Happy Friday! We have one week of lessons left until the next set of PPE's. Please ensure revision timetables are established and you are as prepared as you can be. Topic lists are on Teams if you need any guidance.

Have a great weekend and I will see you all next week

Mr Cudmore

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12

At this time of the term, you should not have but if you still do have problems seeing your homework in class charts, please contact with me as soon as possible. Remember to ask your tutors about the pollywallies.

Next week we will have forms assembly in the hall. At 8:25 am at the very latest, please can you all be lined up on the quad in alphabetical order with your tutor group. We will be checking your uniform so make sure this is perfect and you have a mask on.

Remember the attendance for your House Assembly is compulsory. St Thomas and St Joseph's houses you go to your original house assemblies.

PPE exams are soon. Regardless Y12 do not have PPE exam like Y12 (except some subjects like English, maths, and science) I am quite sure you will have certain assessment in your subjects. Organise yourself, revise often and do not leave huge amount of content for the last minute. Save yourself from stress please

Have a great weekend

Mr. Romero

Year 13

Year 13 are preparing for their next set of PPE's which begin on Monday 14th February. This week all students have received their timetable for exams and need to plan out their revision time carefully to focus on areas where there are gaps in their knowledge. It's important to use past papers to practice questions and think carefully about the structure for long answer questions.

A big thank you to all the students who helped with the logistics of vaccinations on Friday.

PSHE next week is on: Thursday period 1.

Have a great week

Mrs Bray

Other Notices

Drama News

A reminder that “The Curious Incident of the dog in the Nighttime” will be performed in the Hall on Thursday and Friday of this week. It will start at 7.00 and tickets are available from Mrs Dunleavy and Miss Ure. Can I point out that it is suitable for year 9 upwards. Tickets are free but we are asking for a donation to the drama department

History News:

Year 11 Student of the Month:

A huge well done to Natalia Malczewska for winning January’s History Student of the Month! Natalia has been working hard in lessons throughout the year, always contributing positively by asking and answering questions and making connections between current and prior learning, and is writing outstanding answers in her skills questions.

A huge well done, Natalia – a £10 Amazon voucher is coming your way! Keep up the amazing work!

History Film Club:

This half-term, the History Department will be showing “The Book Thief” on Wednesday 9th February in T14. This film will begin promptly at 3.05pm, with a running time of 2 hours and 11 minutes. **The age rating is PG13.** This viewing will be supervised by a member of the History Department.



Year 7 History News:

This half-term, our Year 7s have been creating election campaigns on who they believe should become the next King of England following the death of Edward the Confessor in 1066. Below are just some samples of the resources students have been creating in lessons, and their presentations – a huge well done on all of the excellent work!

Geography News

Next week on Wednesday 9th February, VI form Geography students will be out on a trip at the FSC Amersham completing research and enquiry on water and carbon cycles. The following students will be absent all day, please send them work on Teams to complete that they may miss in your lessons. Sorry for any disruption that this causes.

First name	Last name
Vimbai	Chunga
Samreen	Sarkaria
Robert	Soper
Gian	Cajes
Adrian	Branski
Przemyslaw	Durlak
Krzysztof	Trzeciak
Piotr	Augustyn-Sharma
Lucia	Mourato
Belatriz	Lamelo De Souza
Patryk	Nysiewicz
Harvey	Clark
Noor	Shehzad
Hannah	Crow
Jayne	Bernales
Lia	O'Brien
Mateusz	Powazka

L. Boland

Literacy Update

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word this coming week is '**discerning**'; an adjective, which means to have or showing good judgement.

'The idiom this coming week is '**not to see the wood for the trees**. This means that by focusing on detail you lose perspective and miss what is important. Sometimes you need to 'zoom-out' to see the bigger picture. To have perspective is to have a sensible outlook on life, rather than to be irrational in thought.

Reading Tests – we are fast approaching the second round of reading tests for our students. This will allow us to update their reading ages and put in place personalised plans to support our students to become highly accomplished readers. When all of the tests are complete, parents will receive an updated reading strategies report for their son or daughter.

Year 7, Year 12 and 10 Jerome will be conducting their tests this coming week. Each week I will post in the bulletin the reading tests coming up the following week. Please find a fully comprehensive timetable attached. Your son/daughter's tutor has their log in code and will ask the students to write this in their journals during form time.

Year 7	Date
7X1	Weds week 2 p1 - 9th of February
7X2	Fri week 1 p1 - 14th of February
7X3	Tues week 2 p3 - 8th of February
7X4	Thurs week 2 p3 - 10th of February
7Y1	Mon week 2 p4 - 7th of February
7Y2	Tues week 2 p4 - 8th of February
7Y3	Mon week 1 p3 - 14th of February
7Y4	Thursday 10th of Feb period 4

Thursday February 10th Lesson 1 (PSHE)

Group/Class	Date
PSHE Group 12A	Thurs week 2 p1
PSHE Group 12B	Thurs week 2 p1
PSHE Group 12C	Thurs week 2 p1
10J	Thurs week 2 p1
PSHE Group 12D	Thurs week 2 p1

Reading Tests - Round 2

Thursday February 3 Lesson 5 PSHE
YEAR 13 & 10J

Group/Class	Date
PSHE Group 13A	Thurs week 1 p5 - 3rd of February
PSHE Group 13B	Thurs week 1 p5 - 3rd of February
PSHE Group 13C	Thurs week 1 p5 - 3rd of February
PSHE Group 13D	Thurs week 1 p5 - 3rd of February
10C	Thurs week 1 p5 - 3rd of February

Year 7 w/c 7th of February (and some following week)

Year 7	Date
7X1	Weds week 2 p1 - 9th of February
7X2	Fri week 1 p1 - 14th of February
7X3	Tues week 2 p3 - 8th of February
7X4	Thurs week 2 p3 - 10th of February
7Y1	Mon week 2 p4 - 7th of February
7Y2	Tues week 2 p4 - 8th of February
7Y3	Mon week 1 p3 - 14th of February
7Y4	Thursday 10th of Feb period 4

Thursday February 10 Lesson 1 PSHE
YEAR 12 & 10C

Group/Class	Date
PSHE Group 12A	Thurs week 2 p1 - 10th of February
PSHE Group 12B	Thurs week 2 p1 - 10th of February
PSHE Group 12C	Thurs week 2 p1 - 10th of February
10J	Thurs week 2 p1 - 10th of February
PSHE Group 12D	Thurs week 2 p1 - 10th of February

Thursday February 17 Lesson 3 PSHE
YEAR 10 & 9C

Group/Class	Date
10M	Thurs week 1 p3 - 17th of February
10P	Thurs week 1 p3 - 17th of February
10V	Thurs week 1 p3 - 17th of February
10T	Thurs week 1 p3 - 17th of February
9C	Thurs week 1 p3 - 17th of February

Thursday March 3 Lesson 5 PSHE
YEAR 9 except 9C

Group/Class	Date
9J	Thurs week 2 p5 - 3rd of March
9M	Thurs week 2 p5 - 3rd of March
9P	Thurs week 2 p5 - 3rd of March
9T	Thurs week 2 p5 - 3rd of March
9V	Thurs week 2 p5 - 3rd of March

**Friday March 18 Lesson 3 PSHE
YEAR 11**

Group/Class	Date
11C	Fri week 2 p3 - 18th of March
11M	Fri week 2 p3 - 18th of March
11P	Fri week 2 p3 - 18th of March
11T	Fri week 2 p3 - 18th of March
11J	Fri week 2 p3 - 18th of March

**Friday March 25 Lesson 1 PSHE
Catch up session for any absentees**

Group/Class	Date
11V	Fri week 1 p5 - 25th of March
Catch Up	Fri week 1 p5 - 25th of March

Year 8 w/c 21st of March

Year 8	Date
8C	Tues week 1 p1 - 22nd of March
8J	Thurs week 1 p1 - 24th of March
8M	Weds week 1 p2 - 23rd of March
8P	Thurs week 1 p3 - 24th of March
8T	Thurs week 1 p3 - 24th of March
8V	Fri week 1 p5 - 25th of March

PE NEWS - Netball



On Monday the Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams had a game against Langley Academy. Unfortunately Year 7s lost but played exceptionally well against a Year 8 Langley Academy. St Joseph's Year 8 team won their match 8-6 with lovely shooting from both Maja and Wiki.

Miss Joseph

Music News

Royal Holloway University London - Composition Workshop Session 1



On Wednesday 2nd February, four of our year 10 GCSE music students were selected to attend a composition workshop with the Fidelio trio at Royal Holloway University London. Joining students from other schools, The Fidelio Trio hosted the workshop in the University Chapel. The aim of the workshops are to help our students develop their own ideas in composing music. It is such an incredible opportunity in gaining an understanding of how composition works, but also in terms of how composers work to earn a living.

As part of session 1 of the workshop, the Fidelio Trio played excerpts of lots of pieces from varying styles, demonstrating and explaining lots of different techniques composers used to create and develop their music. We also discussed the different capabilities of the instruments used in a piano trio and the different ways they can be played. As part of the day, we also got a chance to see Royal Holloway's Picture Gallery, which houses a large collection of beautiful paintings.

Ahead of the next session in March, our students are now challenged with writing their own short piece of music for the trio. They will bring their ideas to the next workshop to be developed with the Fidelio trio, where there is also an opportunity for their work to be performed and recorded.

K. Ure

PE House Competition



Unlocking Belief In All



PE – House Competition Badminton

Friday 11th February

The Competition



The competition

Tutor groups need to nominate 1x doubles team to participate for their house. Each court will have a year group tournament. All houses will play each other.

3 Points = Win

1 Point = lose by 1

What to bring

Must be in trainers to participate – pack some in your bag that day to change into if you don't have PE

When:

Break 1 – Year 8,9,10

Lunch 2 – Year 7+11

Winner Takes All!



Pizza Challenge Reward



Each Form Group was given a week to collect as many positive behaviour points as they could. When the dust settled - **8 Cecilia** came out on top for the Lower School with 156 points and **10 Teresa** won the Upper School Reward with 135 points (1 more point than 10 Jerome). This meant that both Forms got to enjoy Domino's Pizza for lunch this past Tuesday. 10 Large pizzas per Form left no one needing more; by the time I got a photo they had eaten it all! This week's challenge will reward the pupil who can collect the most positive behaviour points (linked to our Pupil Profile) for a £20 Amazon Gift Card.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Dann

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Vanessa Bryk for her amazing grade in the last French assessment
All students from 7J for their wonderful behaviour and progress in Spanish lessons

YEAR 8

Jack Green and **Georgie Loizou** for great extended writing in French

Romain Janot for his amazing cake

YEAR 11

Matylda Labuz from Y11D for excellent work in Spanish this week.

Aiden Dailing and **Nicole Osei-Agyarko**

YEAR 12

Piotr Augustyn highest positive points this week

Hannah Crow highest positive points this week

YEAR 13

Mia Lopez for being active and curious in Art.

Lee Collins for good work in travel and tourism.