



# St Joseph's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, 07 January 2022

## ***NEWSLETTER***



A selection of our Year 12 students' fantastic art work.

***"Unlocking Belief in All"***

## FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well,

My weekly message to all is in video format. Please do let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

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

[Newsletters - St Joseph's Catholic High School \(st-josephs.slough.sch.uk\)](https://st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

Have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

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### **ClassCharts**

Polite reminder that the school has moved away from using the SatchelOne system. Please can we ask all to delete the app on your phones and devices.

Instead we have introduced a new system called ClassCharts.



You can access the site with the following link: [Log in \(classcharts.com\)](https://classcharts.com)

Alternatively please download the app on your phones and devices.



Login details for pupils and parents were given out to all students in registration periods on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Any questions please do contact the school office

## THEME OF THE WEEK

### **Baptism**

We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this week which marks the end of the Christmas season. It's also the time when we see Jesus begin His ministry. As baptised Christians, we too share in the ministry of Jesus. We are to proclaim the Good News that Jesus the Messiah has come, that He has brought us salvation; to help and to care for others around us and to proclaim God's love.

#### **In what ways can you be like Jesus, and share in His work?**

We read in the Gospel that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and that the voice of God the Father could be heard saying; 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' We too are sons and daughters of God, He loves each of us and we are filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that prompts us to do God's good work in the world.

Within the Sacrament of Baptism, there are many symbols that are used. Symbols are important as they show to us what is going on in a visible way, so that we can understand what we cannot see, the working power of God.

#### **Have you ever experienced a baptism before, perhaps a younger brother or sister's? Can you remember what happened?**

#### **What symbols were used?**

As a way of remembering your own baptism, take some time this week to ask someone about it, perhaps a parent or even one of your Godparents. You could even look at some photos and find your baptismal candle.

## YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome back all! Hope that we all had a lovely Christmas. It has been a good start to the year, Year 7 have got the best ratio of positive to negative points, meaning we are outweighing the negatives by a substantial amount. I look forward to this continuing whilst having a reduction in any negative points. Keep up the good effort though and I look forward to a productive and a lovely year.

## YEAR 8 NEWS

What a great start to the year and a Happy New Year to you all. I am so proud of you all this week as we are at the top of the school for positive point in classcharts, long may this continue.

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A polite reminder of the way our new 'X' system works for behaviour for learning:

An 'X' equals a lunch time detention the next day

2 'X's equals the above lunch times and a HoY 1 hour detention on a Friday

3 'X's equals the above lunch times and a SLT 2 hour detention on a Friday

Any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch

Have a great weekend

Mrs Dunleavy

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Happy New Year to all of the families in Year 9.

A positive start to the New Year with Year 9, they have adapted to the changes in school incredibly well. Most specifically with our line-ups in the morning where Year 9 have excelled in their silence and reverence and are hitting all expectations in regard to uniform and behaviour. A huge congratulations – lets keep this up!

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Best Wishes,

Miss WD

## YEAR 10 NEWS

Dear all,

Firstly I wanted to wish you a happy new year and say how wonderful it is to see all our students.

It has been a very positive start to the year with the engagement in lessons being excellent. In Maths, some students are learning about iterations. English classes are working on creative reading. In Science many students are learning about Molecules and Matter and in RE the students have been studying Psalms.

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Our new behaviour system is in full flow with lots of positive points being given out. There have been some X’s given out for various reasons but in particular the following need addressing: uniform, punctuality and equipment. It is vital that students arrive on time, in fully correct uniform and with all of their equipment and exercise books for the day. Please ensure your child is packing their bag for the next day with everything they need. They have been given a large plastic wallet to store their exercise books for the day and all their equipment in.

If there is anything you are not sure about please do get in touch with either myself or your child’s form tutor.

Best regards,

Mr Robinson

## YEAR 11 NEWS

Please be aware it is parents evening on the 13th of January, it will be online via Microsoft Teams as it was last year. All students must ensure they can log into teams on a device with a working camera and microphone. The process will be as follows:

- Students will make appointments with teachers as normal from the 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Teachers will then call the student on teams at the allotted time.
- The appointments will be kept to 5 minutes.

Students will have already started making appointments.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Cudmore

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

**Year 12** - Hope you are well. A big welcome back and thank you for your co-operation with testing this week. Please remember to wear masks in lessons, corridors and the study room. Alongside this, you should be washing hands regularly and testing at home twice a week.

PSHE is compulsory and you must attend! For this half term PSHE will be on the following dates, please add them to your diary;

Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> P5  
Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> P1  
Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> P3  
Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> P5  
Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> P1  
Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> P3

In each of your subjects the teachers should be providing you with flipped learning tasks. This is for you to use your own and private study time to independently learn knowledge allowing for deeper knowledge, more evaluation, analytical and application skills to be developed in lesson time.

A big thank you to you and your parents for your support with parents evening via teams on Thursday. If there are any concerns, please let us know.

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

Wednesday 12th P3 the 15 students will participate in "Learn to Work Program" .

Have a great weekend

**Mr Romero**  
**HOY 1**

**Year 13** - A big welcome back to all year 13 students. Thank you for your co-operation with testing this week. Please remember to wear masks in lessons, corridors and the study room. Alongside this, you should be washing hands regularly and testing at home twice a week.

So far, we have had over 39 applications sent to UCAS. Several students have already started to receive offers, which is exciting! For those who have not completed their application the final deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please speak to your form tutor or Mrs Bray if you need any help.

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All year 13 students have been given flipped learning tasks ahead of each lesson. As a result, they need to use their own and private study time to independently learn knowledge ahead of the lesson. During class time, this will allow for more evaluation, analytical and application skills to be developed.

Thank you to all the parents for your support with parents evening via teams on Thursday.

Have a great week

Mrs Bray



## **Reading Tests - Update**

We will be conducting a second round of online reading tests **from the 31<sup>st</sup> of January**. This is just to give you an early indication of our intentions and a more fixed date will be provided shortly. This will mean that we can see the progress that our students have made with their reading skills and this will give us an up to date reading age. As with the autumn test, all students (as well as teachers and parents) will receive the personalised reading test feedback sheet, with personalised strategies to support and challenge our students. We will have a final test in the summer so that students can celebrate the progress that they have made throughout the year.

### **Form time Reading Programme – Feedback – *link is now available to all***

Our Year 7-10 students have been engaged in reading novels during their form time. This year we have dedicated 20 minutes a day to this, resulting in our students reading 4 novels by the end of this year (potentially 30 by the time they leave us in Year 13!). In order to ensure the student experience of our reading programme remains high quality, I would like all of our Year 7-10 students to complete this feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zG46fhdxUx>. Thank you very much for your assistance in this.

### **UCAS Deadline**

Please be aware that the UCAS deadline is upcoming for our Year 13 students. This year, it has been moved to the 26.01.22 for the vast majority of courses (some are earlier and some are later, please check the information for the specific course on the UCAS website). For those still to submit, all information and guidance can be found on our dedicated web page, here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/applying-to-university/>

### **The World of Work**

For students in Year 13 who are looking to apply to apprenticeships, training programmes or employment; we will be offering careers meetings through Adviza. Students have had careers education via PSHE in sixth form, they have access to the World of Work booklet (with a plethora of information and guidance) and all of these resources can be found on our website, here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/careers/>

For more information for parents, you will find out presentations for our Post-18 options evening here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/post-18-options-evening/>

**Apprenticeships Week** – starts on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February! Stay tuned for more information.

### **Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week**

The word this coming week is **‘truthful’**; an adjective, which means ‘telling or expressing the truth’. Being eloquent is not much use if what you are saying is not worth saying. Education is the search for truth and the eloquent articulation of what we discover.

‘The idiom this coming week is **‘halcyon days**. This is a tranquil period of happiness, especially in the past. The phrase refers to the period around the winter solstice that is associated with calm weather, which in Greek mythology was attributed to the power of the fabled halcyon bird that was said to calm the wind and sea.



## **Business News**

Hello St. Joseph's Students. This week the Business department will be running a house competition. You need to create a poster on an entrepreneur of your choice. All details can be found on the attached poster.

# House Competition – Business

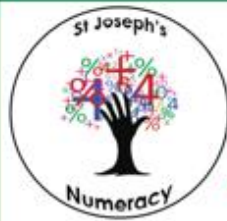
The apprentice started back on BBC last week. To celebrate this the house competition for this week is linked to entrepreneurs. Create a poster (digital or hand drawn) describing your favourite entrepreneur. Your poster should include the following :

- Name of the entrepreneur
- picture of the entrepreneur
- Business they set up
- Background information
- Why they are successful
- Why they are your favourite entrepreneur

Ensure all submissions are sent to Miss Hurley by 3pm on Friday 14th January - [a.hurley@st.josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:a.hurley@st.josephs.slough.sch.uk)



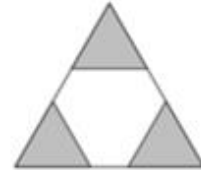
Good Luck! Miss Hurley



# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** Since the total shaded area is half the area of the larger equilateral triangle, the area of that triangle is six times the area of each of the shaded equilateral triangles. Now when two similar figures have side-lengths in the ratio  $1 : k$ , the ratio of their areas is  $1 : k^2$ . In this case, the ratio of the areas is  $1 : 6$  so the ratio of the side-lengths is  $1 : \sqrt{6}$ . Hence the length of the sides of the larger triangle is  $\sqrt{6}$  cm.



## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

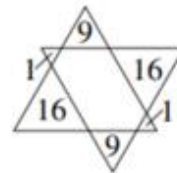
**C** The fraction  $\frac{3^9}{9^3} = \frac{3^9}{(3^2)^3} = \frac{3^9}{3^6} = 3^3 = 27$ .

## Problem of the week

The diagram shows two congruent equilateral triangles whose overlap is a hexagon. The areas of the smaller triangles, which are also equilateral, are 1, 1, 9, 9, 16 and 16, as shown.

What is the area of the inner hexagon?

- A 68      B 58      C 48      D 38      E 28



## Break time Teaser:

What is the value of  $2021 - 2223 + 2425$ ?

A 2122      B 2223      C 2324      D 2425      E 2526

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. The first full complete answer will get satchel points.

## Geography News

Geography Department will relaunch the Geography club as Eco club. The main aim is to appreciate nature and its resources. It also aims to create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

Eco club 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in T-15 at 3.05-3.45p.m. These meetings will be held every week after school on Friday and is for year 7-11. In these sessions we will create Landform models – Volcano and Coastal landforms.

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# PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

## YEAR 7

Lucy Connolly for her working extremely hard during her PE lesson. Afonso Reis Gomes for being helpful for teachers around the school.

## YEAR 8

Amelia Pawska and Gabriel Sobala for an excellent start to the year.

## YEAR 9

Sandra K for being Active and Curious in PE and Julie Lichoyst for excellent reading in tutor time.

## YEAR 10

Amber-Brooke Sowah and Alex Lewandowski for the highest combined positive points this week.

## YEAR 11

Alfie Mewett and Luka Wilson for getting the most positive points this week.

## YEAR 12

Nathaniel Fernandez for his outstanding work this week, 3 positive points!  
Sania Siqueira for her good work this week, 2 positive points!

## YEAR 13

Sinead Titterell for completing extra work for BTEC Sport.  
Harvey Clark for excellent work in geography.