



★ Year 10 Boys Football Team - Won their league! ★

A HUGE congratulations to the Year 10 Football team, they have won Division 1 in the Slough district.

After a long season, showing great courage, resilience, determination and teamwork to fend off all the other schools and becoming the best team in Slough.



Another HUGE congratulations to Wisdom & Xavier on been selected to represent Berkshire next season in the U16 County Team.

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/20220715-Newsletter-1.m4v>

Important Dates to Note:

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| ❖ Thursday 18 th August | - 6 th Form Results day (A Level and BTECs) |
| ❖ Thursday 25 th August
the video message | - Year 11 GCSE Results Day - this a correction to |

***Please note students will need to enrol on their courses on this day
(Thursday 25th) from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm**

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| ❖ Thursday 1 st & | |
| ❖ Friday 2 nd September | - INSET Days for staff only (no students) |
| ❖ Monday 5 th September | - Year 7 and Year 12 only |
| ❖ Tuesday 6 th September | - All Students return. |

St Joseph, pray for us

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Academic Review Day

Many thanks to all parents and guardians who attended our 2nd Academic Review Day on Monday. To help us improve the experience of the day and to further support your child there is a quick questionnaire for parents to complete. If this can be completed by Friday 22nd July I would be most grateful.

<https://forms.office.com/r/r02A4HS2Q0>

Free school meals

Am I eligible for free school meals?

You will be able to claim free school meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have a net income from employment of no more than £7400 per year). For more information on how the government calculates your earnings from employment whilst claiming Universal Credit, please check the "Eligibility under Universal Credit" section below.
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If any of the above apply please click on the link below and complete the form.

<https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244>

Summer activities

If you are struggling to find some activities for your child to be doing over the summer holidays then there are PowerLeague tournaments happening at Arbour Park and the PowerLeague in Chalvey from 25th July – 19th August. Both of which are supported by the Department for Education and Slough Borough Council. These events are free to attend and if you are interested in your son or daughter taking part then please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details.

Also attached to the newsletter are flyers for 'Together Karting' and 'Berkshire Cricket Foundation' tournaments also happening over the summer. Please see the flyers for more details and to sign up.

Mr J Gibbons

Results Days

Below is information regarding our results day and sixth form enrolment. We greatly look forward to celebrating the successes of all of our students. Please refer to the letters sent by Mr Stack-Clark and Mr Cudmore regarding more detail around results days and enrolment, however below are the key points to note:

Year 12 & 13 Results Day – 18th of August

Our first results day this summer will be the Year 12 and 13 students collecting their Level 3 results (A Level, AS Level, L3 BTEC and Core Maths). Students will come in and collect results from **9am**. It is likely they will know their university outcome before this. If a student does not get their first or insurance choice, they will need to go through clearing, which you can find here: <https://www.ucas.com/node/5456>

Students will collect their results from an allocated member of staff in the main hall (by form) and there will be an opportunity for students to gather in the quad and enjoy an ice cream with staff before they move off to pastures new.

For those students who did not make their first or insurance university choices and require some guidance in school, E4 will be available for students to access their UCAS Clearing account. Whilst this is largely done online now (in the past it used to be the case that students would phone around), staff will still be on hand to advise.

Year 11 Results Day and Sixth Form Enrolment – 25th of August

Our Year 11 results day and sixth form enrolment will take place on the 25th of August. Students will have **an allocated time slot** to collect their results. Slots starting at **9am** and in tutor group pairings, which are:

9:00 – 9:30 C and J

9:30 – 10:00 M and P

10:00 – 10:30 T and V

Students will collect their results from an allocated member of staff in the main hall and there will be an opportunity for students to gather in the quad and enjoy an ice cream together.

Enrolment – whilst all students who have applied to St Joseph's have received a more detailed letter on enrolment guidance, the key point is that students will sign up for sixth form courses at the moment of collecting their results.

Students will then collect:

- The Sixth Form handbook
- iPad form & use policy
- Bursary application form
- Start of term letter (this will explain the first day of Year 12).

N.B. Year 12/13 students who do Re Take will collect their results on this day too.

Mr G Stack-Clark

Next Year Change:

Please note: From next year on timetables, rather than 'Weeks 1' and 'Week 2' this will now be known as:

Week A and **Week B**

To clarify, when students return on 5th September they will be returning in **Week B**

Mr R Dann

Water safety over the Summer Break - A message from The Canal and River Trust

With pupils celebrating the end of school and exams, combined with the hot weather, we are tragically seeing fatalities on inland waterways. Young people seek out canals and rivers as a place to cool off and have fun, without realising the hidden dangers. Every year young people drown in our waterways so we are urging all families to watch this short film with your children at the start of the holidays.

[Water safety for teenagers and young people | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/water-safety-for-teenagers-and-young-people)



Free 5 a side football tournaments during the Summer holidays

Slough Borough Council will be running football tournaments for 4 weeks starting on **Monday 15 July** and ending on **Friday 19 August**.

All abilities are welcome. We had over 200 young people from Slough schools at our Easter sessions and expecting even more during the summer holidays.

- ★ FREE 5-a-side tournaments for boys and girls aged 11-16 years old.
- ★ 11-14 year olds at Arbour Park
- ★ 14-16 year olds at Power League.
- ★ FREE healthy hot lunch available each day.
- ★ Young people can attend on their own or with a pre-arranged team.



This a great opportunity for young people to socialise and be engaged in safe, healthy activity over the holidays.

All details are included on the attached flyer.

Miss S Cheston

YEAR 7 NEWS

It has been a wonderful year for Year 7. It is hard to believe that this is the ***first complete school year many of them have had since Year 4***. Each of them joined St Joseph's with an intentional attitude and fit right into our family. It is hard to imagine St Joseph's without them all here!

We have had so much sporting success this year, with our athletes, rounders team, footballers and netballers... far too many to mention by name. Successes in the classroom have also been outstanding- so many have smashed their targets and are soaring to achieve things they thought were unattainable for them. That is a feeling which I wish they feel again and again on their journey through St Joseph's.

I will not be continuing as their Head of Year, as I am moving on to pastures new, but I am so glad that my final year at St Joseph's has been spent working with Year 7 and their families. I can honestly say that it has been an honor to lead Year 7 this year. They have brought so much to our community, and enriched the lives of their peers and their teachers. I cannot thank you all enough, students and families, for being such supportive members of our community.

I will continue to pray for you all every day.

Have a restful summer.

Miss O'Connor



YEAR 8 NEWS

This is just a sign off from me. I wanted to say what a pleasure it has been being your heard of year for the past two years. I know that you are in safe hands with Mr Romero. In the meantime really enjoy your summer and remember what I said to you in assembly this week. Don't waste it connect with friends and family, read, relax and have a great one.

God Bless

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9,

It has been an honour and privilege to have been Head of Year to your child for the past two years. For those of you who may not know yet, I am leaving St Joseph's and will no longer be your child's Head of Year. Thank you for trusting in me and supporting any decision I made towards your child in their time here. They have been the most charismatic, caring, courageous and loving year group and I will cherish my memories with them forever. You all do truly have incredible children who undoubtedly will go on to have huge successes. I hope our paths cross again in the future.

Thank you for everything,

Miss WD

YEAR 12 NEWS

Well done to all of year 12 for a really successful year! They have worked hard and remained resilient despite lots of change.

We hope the students found academic review day on Monday useful in helping to review targets and results from recent exams. Over the summer, students need to be using the resources provided by their teachers to prepare for September and their next set of exams.

In September year 13 will return to school on Tuesday 6th. This will be a normal school day beginning at 8:25. Students will have form time in the morning before going straight to their normal lessons.

We will be holding a parents information evening for year 13 on Tuesday 11th October. As part of this evening information will be shared regarding post 18 Careers, study skills and how to support your child throughout the year.

Have a restful summer break

Mrs Bray

TVLP News

Bulb Planting Event – September/October 2022

Please see the free opportunity below which will be great for students to add to UCAS statements and future CV's. Each student that attends will be sent a TVLP participation certificate.

This is open to all age groups however students aged below 16 will need a parent/guardian in attendance. Thames Hospice have a public cafe onsite where parents/guardians can wait, if desired.

Clare Matheson is organising a bulb planting event with the local charity Thames Hospice in September/October 2022 and she needs to know how many students are interested in attending. This will be open to students from TVLP schools. There are a number of Saturday's available, with times from 10:00am-11:30am and 2:00pm-3:30pm. These will be confirmed once we know how many are interested in the event.

All the equipment you will need will be provided.

Any questions, please speak to Miss Boland



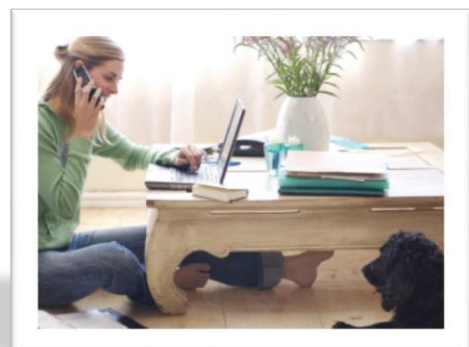
Design Competition

Please find a poster attached for a design competition, which is being run by Eton College.

Students can send their submissions to the TVLP Coordinator, Clare Matheson, by emailing info@tvlp.org.uk.

The deadline for entries is Thursday 22nd September 2022.

Miss L Boland



SCIENCE NEWS

Science Club 2021-2022 came to an end on Tuesday and our eager beavers were not only sad to see it end but anxious to know what the plan is for the next school year. We had a little awards ceremony for the winners of the Sunflower Growing Competition as well treats and token presentations to the consistent and active members (which were alot). During the course of the year, as we watched our young scientists at work in experiments, we also had the opportunity to witness growth in their confidence and scientific maturity. As they move forward, continue to encourage them in the wonderful world of science.



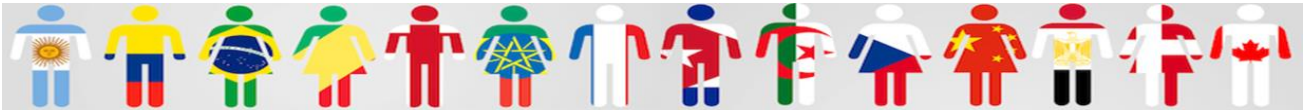
J. Spencer

M. Wait

S. Hinds-Spencer

L. Da Silva

EAL NEWS (English as an Additional Language)



Reminder: Use your Learning Village login to continue your independent learning at home. Please try to complete, as many sessions as possible during this summer holiday and you will be receiving an electronic certificate from the Learning Village once you complete a session.

I will always be happy to help. J.Ura@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Reading ideas for families During the Summer 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.

Activity to try

Play "I'm Thinking of an Object" this game may be played while driving in a car, eating breakfast, or just about any time you have a few moments.

The questioner may ask up to 10 questions to figure out the object. The questions must be answered with "yes" or "no"

Examples

- Is it alive?
- Can you find it in a house?
- Is it bigger than a car?

If the questioner can guess the object in 10 questions or less, she/he receives a point. Once the 10 questions are asked, repeat the game with the other player thinking of an object.

This activity is great for building vocabulary.

Thinking outside the Box

Reading game instructions is a terrific way to get your child reading difficult material. You can try out a new game that you have never played before, or ask your child to verify a rule about something you are unsure of in a game you have played many times. Either way, your child must read and understand the rules.

Free Online resources

This is a useful website for learning English and for help with homework: Learn English Teens,

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A** Let the small sides of each triangle have length r . This is also the side of the original square. The longer side of each triangle is $\sqrt{2}r$, since that is the diagonal of the square. Hence the perimeters of shapes P, Q, R are $(2 + 3\sqrt{2})r$, $(6 + \sqrt{2})r$ and $(4 + 3\sqrt{2})r$ respectively. Now $6 + \sqrt{2} - (2 + 3\sqrt{2}) = 4 - 2\sqrt{2} = 2(2 - \sqrt{2})$, which is greater than zero. Therefore the perimeter of P is less than the perimeter of Q. Also, $4 + 3\sqrt{2} - (6 + \sqrt{2}) = 2\sqrt{2} - 2 = 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$, which is also greater than 0. Therefore the perimeter of Q is less than the perimeter of R. Hence, in ascending order, the lengths of the perimeters are P, Q, R.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- E** The correct answer is a multiple of both 3 and 8, as $24 = 3 \times 8$. Although 100 is a multiple of 4, it is not a multiple of 8. Therefore even multiples of 100 are multiples of 8, but odd multiples are not. This leaves 200, 400 and 600, but of these only 600 is also a multiple of 3. Hence the only option which is a multiple of 24 is 600.

Problem of the week

The diagram shows a rhombus and two sizes of regular hexagon. What is the ratio of the area of the smaller hexagon to the area of the larger hexagon?

- A 1 : 2 B 1 : 3 C 1 : 4 D 1 : 8 E 1 : 9



Break time Teaser:

How many two-digit squares have the property that the product of their digits is also a square?

- A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Oliver Kroliczek for being generous and assisting Mr Mall with his issue in Food Tech,
and **Patrick Lopez** for having the highest number of positive points
this year without a single negative! Amazing work!

YEAR 8

Jack Green for being compassionate and **Michaela Sowah** for being loving

YEAR 12

Nicola Oko and **Dawid Fullara** for the most positive points.