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# ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



From Year 7 to 6<sup>th</sup> Form - Friendships last forever at St Joseph's

## From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but purpose filled first half term concluding with the APR meetings today. Thank you for all the generosity with which you have engaged with this and the feedback form which we keep trying to make things better. The time in which parents give to support the school is always humbling and we could not do what we do without your support. Thank you.

It has been a term where once again, we have had to be reactive to the national picture around Covid where a level of responsive agility has been required within a 'live' situation that has influenced staff and students extra-curricular activities, which we otherwise would not have wished. Again thank you for your support in making this happen in such fluid manner. By all accounts, this could be the ongoing reality for the next 3 years and it is a state of being we are all going to have to become accustomed. We have been led to believe that a large enough

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take up of vaccines might help the day-to-day experience of the students return to normal and ease disruption; otherwise, our experience towards the end of this term looks increasingly likely to remain the norm for some time as we head into winter. We will keep you up to date through this Newsletter, as we have done in the past as things evolve.

#### Vaccinations on 1<sup>st</sup> November

We have had a number of queries from parents and students around the issue of whether they can receive the jab either after having Covid or if they have felt the symptoms of Covid. After getting in contact with them, the NHS have provided a point of contact – *Emma Siddons* - who can be contacted on 07880541699 or [Emma.Siddons@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.Siddons@berkshire.nhs.uk) for all questions concerning covid or jab related.

Please do not forget that due to the sheer enormity of the programme they have had to shut down the electronic consent form system an additional 48 hours prior to any planned session date to allow the clinical team to safely administer. **Parent's and Carer's deadline to provide consent has been extended until 12pm Wednesday 27th October.** Please be aware that the school immunisation team are currently **unable to book any** catch up clinics for **COVID-19**.

We've bookings in advance for educational trips next year (for example the Battlefields trip) and we need to let you know at this point that currently many *travel companies are not insuring students* who will not have been or who are vaccinated. That means they will not be able to go on these trips.

#### Keeping in contact with us around illness over half term.

We will be re-assessing the situation to see whether we need to continue with the restrictive measures we either self-imposed and/or those which were undertaken upon advice and guidance by the Health Security Agency when the students come back after the half term. To this end, please do inform us via [cv19@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:cv19@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) if your child has a positive LAT flow test and / or a positive PCR test over the half term, as it will help us with the planning for the first week back.

#### Movement of dates for Parents' evenings and PPE1 (mock exams 1)

Finally, the Covid situation meant a fair deal of absence over the last couple of weeks and a fair bit of disruption to the quantity of teaching and learning across the school. Together with the vaccinations on site being set on 1<sup>st</sup> November we've taken the decision to push the first set of Pre-Public Exams back to start on the 15<sup>th</sup> November (for 2 weeks). The knock on effect of this is that the children's performance data we would use to inform discussions with you on Parents' evenings will also be 2 weeks later. Therefore **Parents Evening for the Sixth Form has been moved to January 6<sup>th</sup> and Year 11 Parents evening moved to the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

#### Student Cycling

Finally, thank you to all the parents and students who supported us trying to keep the children safe on the road by kitting them out with safety equipment. We've ordered over 70 sets of equipment for the children following feedback from local residents and passing drivers who regularly informed us of close shaves with children cycling (not all were from our school!) and the odd bumped student. Already ordered, the lights and helmets should arrive after half term. We are looking into how we can provide some kind of training for them on how to ride cycles safely in the future. If anyone is aware of any successful schemes that have proven successful - we would like to know (please contact [r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) ).

Have a great break – we are looking forward to seeing the students back again bright eyed and bushy tailed on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran Stapleton

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Dear Parent & Pupil,

We are conducting a very short survey on your views about our Progress Reports that you receive. Following the Academic Review Day and the most recent set of reports, we feel that you are in a strong position to let us know your thoughts. **Please can you complete this by Friday 5th November.**

Parent Link - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nRr-Bi-jQTU2WCf5rTXAvSfMmhZB4cQRFtn2ICv1I-kxURUFPWIk4T1laTDZPTINKUEU4UVFOQkIFRi4u>

Pupil Link - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nRr-Bi-jQTU2WCf5rTXAvSfMmhZB4cQRFtn2ICv1I-kxUQINZTEpGOF4WEIBM1FCWE9WTUJWSDgwUS4u>

Thank you and wishing you a great half term.

Mr R Dann Deputy Head teacher

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## **Theme of the Week**

### **All Saints**

We begin our week reflecting on the lives of all the saints as we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints day. We talk about the saints quite a bit in school, especially with our house saints such as St Teresa and St Jerome, as well as St Joseph. But have we given much thought and reflection to what or who a saint is? A saint is someone who has lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way, trying his or her best to be a follower of Jesus. For some they have served the poor, others have been great teachers, others have set an example for caring for others or for bringing peace to troubled parts of our world, and some have even died for their faith, for love of Jesus and His Church. These people are now living in Heaven with God. We are all called to be saints. The Gospel today helps us to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the words of the Beatitudes.

#### **Which one speaks to you the most?**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:1-12)

One of the Beatitudes is; “Blessed are the peacemakers”.

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**What does it mean to be a peacemaker?** It is to think about how to act and react in different situations; to not fight back and to do things with love and gentleness.

**How can you be a peacemaker today?**

Pope Francis created his own Beatitudes which help us to reflect on the way we live our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. They are:

"Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

"Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

"Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.

"Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

"Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

"Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."

**Which one of Pope Francis' Beatitudes challenges you?**

Jesus says in the Gospel; "Rejoice and be glad". He is talking about those times when it is difficult to be a witness and to show our faith. We are able to openly be people of faith within our school community, but in other places around the world, people are persecuted for their faith. Many of our saints are martyrs, they died for their faith, never giving up on their belief in Jesus.

**Let us pray today for all people of faith, that they may be filled with courage, hope and joy.**

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

Gentle reminder to those that have not yet completed consent forms for the vaccines - the deadline to provide consent is **12pm on 27th October 2021**.

Any questions from Parents and Carers please contact the Head NHS Nurse directly:

Ms Emma Siddons - 07880 541699 [Emma.Siddons@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.Siddons@berkshire.nhs.uk)

### **Parents please note:**

- **NHS nurses CANNOT take verbal consent on the day .**
- **A separate consent form must be completed for each jab - copies of these forms are attached to the Newsletter.**

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).

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Proposed schedule for the day in the Drama Studio:

Year Group	Timings
8	8.30-9.45
7	9.45-11.05
BREAK	11.05-11.25
9	11.25-12.25
11	12.25-1.25
LUNCH BREAK	1.25-2.00
10	2.00-3.00

## **Year 7 News**

I am so proud of how well Year 7 have started their journey at St Joseph's. They have had a great 6 weeks. I look forward to seeing them all return after a well deserved break, ready to head into the second half of term.

When we do return to school, the afternoons will be getting darker and colder. With this in mind, I ask that over the break, you check that your child's coats and scarves fit the school uniform policy.

I wish you all a restful half term break

Miss O'Connor

## **Year 8 News**

Another busy week this week for year 8. They have participated in the countdown house competition with gusto. There has been lots going on in lessons, they have been learning about the coastline in geography, the periodic table in science, there were some lovely crumbles made in food tech. As we enter the colder weather can I ask you to make sure that coats are of a dark colour. I hope you all have a lovely half term and see you all raring to go next term.

Mrs Dunleavy

## **Year 9 News**

Dear Year 9,

A fantastic start to the year! I am proud of the way you have conducted yourselves within lessons and around the school, you have had a great start to your GCSE Subjects. I am wishing you a safe and relaxing October half term, rest up well so you're ready to tackle your studies with eloquence and curiosity in the run up to Christmas.

Love,

Miss WD

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## **Year 10 News**

I just wanted to say thank you to all of our Year 10 students for being the amazing people they are. It truly has been a fantastic half term, with lots of learning and achievement going on. Across the Year group we have seen much higher ATL scores compared to last year which shows how focused and engaged we have been.

With that in mind, to help retain the knowledge they have worked so hard for I have suggested that students do some succinct and focused revision over the half term. This could be as simple as summarising each lesson for a subject into 3 bullet points.

In addition to this, please ensure we are getting lots of rest so we are ready to go next half term.

Have an amazing half term and take care.

Mr Robinson

## **Year 11 News**

A massive congratulations to Daisy Loft who ran in the Windsor 5K mud run last weekend to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Daisy ran with Zuzanna, Ola, Natalia and Julia, together raised over £900 for a great cause that is close to them all, and we are all so proud of what they have done.

I also want to thank you all for your amazing start to year 11. We have had a positive half term and I truly hope you have a relaxing time off. If you need anything over half term please let me know but otherwise be safe and have fun. See you all on the 1st.

Mr Cudmore



## **Year 12 News**

For all Y12 students: Please remember it is compulsory to have a reading book with you. You must have one! If you do not have any, please talk with me and I will provide appropriate reading book for you.

Another thing: I have added several times information about Aspiring programme and very soon, we have the Sutton Trust programme. Please, do not be shy and apply for every project or opportunity. They are great not only from UCAS perspective but also for your own personal experience.

Have a wonderful half term. Take care =) Mr Romero

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## **Year 13 News**

Well done to all of year 13 for your hard work this half term. The centre assessments have now been moved back to 15<sup>th</sup> November. This will allow for more revision time so think carefully about the targets you set with your form tutor on academic review day.

GCSE Exam certificates are available to collect from the school office for anyone who has not yet received them. You must sign for these and keep them safe, as they can be expensive to replace.

## **Sixth Form News**

Just a reminder about uniform; all 6<sup>th</sup> form students must have a blazer and school shoes. For ladies, a blouse must be worn and not a t-shirt, only 1 earring per ear and no nose studs are permitted. Please use the time over half term to review your 6<sup>th</sup> form uniform and make any amendments which are required.

Key UCAS deadline dates are as follows;

St Josephs final deadline of personal statement completion for feed-back.	01.11.21
Date of submission for full application to St Josephs	17.12.21

For all who ride bikes to school please also ensure you are following the new safety rules. This means that you must have a helmet and lights otherwise you will not be able to store your bike in school. Remember you are setting the example to younger students and they will look up to you.

Over half term continue to follow covid guidance regarding hand washing and testing. You should all be completing two Lat flows every week.

Have a restful half term and stay safe

Mrs Bra

### **Post-18 Options**

Our wonderful Head of Year 13 has kindly provided the Sixth Form students and their parents with a presentation to provide Information and Guidance regarding Applying to University and The World of Work. You can access them on our school website, here:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/post-18-options-evening/>

You will also find more information for University study on our dedicated page, here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/applying-to-university/>

And for the World of Work, here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/careers/>



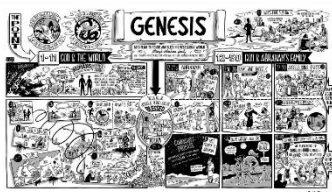
## Monday Lunchtime Club

On Monday lunchtimes, we will be following a series of videos exploring the stories of the Bible. Created by the Bible Project, they explore and explain Bible stories in an easy and accessible way. Come and see!

Beginning on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the Chapel  
12:40pm - Year 8, 9, 10

1:40pm - Year 7, 11, 6<sup>th</sup> Form

(notice the start time which allows students to eat some lunch beforehand)



## Academic Review Day

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your support with Academic Review Day. I hope you found the meeting informative about how your child is progressing to date but also a positive way where we all can set measurable and achievable targets for this academic year. If you have any questions please do get in contact with your child's Head of Year.

Throughout the year, the data collected from this day will be reflected upon with your child during school so they can aim towards achieving their targets. Can I please ask parents to do the same at home.

## November PPEs for Year 11 and 13

PPEs for Year 11 and 13 have been moved back by two weeks to start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The reason for this is so your son/daughter has more time to prepare themselves for these set of PPEs. Please can I ask all parents to support and encourage their child with revision over the half term. Heads of Departments have published topic lists for revision on Satchel One and this has also be promoted by both Mr Cudmore and Mrs Bray on Teams. It is important that your child try their best with these sets of PPEs so we as a school can clearly see their progress to date and where we need to target intervention in topics areas over the course of the academic year.

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## **Geography Club**

In this week's geography club, we had students awarded with their Eco School Badges for attending five sessions to contribute towards a more environmentally friendly community. Well done to Celine 7C, Gabriela 7C, and Phoebe 7T, Matthew 9P and Arthur 9P for making an outstanding impact and contribution to reducing our plastic pollution through the active creation of ecobricks.

We have many more students on their way towards their badges! Please continue to bring your plastic wrappers (sweets, crisps, biscuit wrappers etc) up to the department for our Geography Club, which will continue every Tuesday after school in T16. We need your plastics!



## **Drama News**

Sweeney Todd Auditions will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the hall.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> form, Years 10 and 11

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: Years 7 to 9

Please make sure you come prepared with your audition song

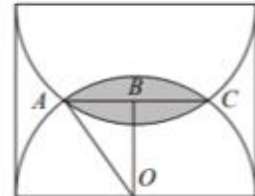
Mrs Dunleavy

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Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** In the diagram,  $O$  is the centre of the lower semicircle,  $A$  and  $C$  are the points of intersection of the two semicircles and  $B$  is the point at the centre of the rectangle and also of the overlap. Now  $OA$  is a radius of the semicircle so  $OA$  has length 5 cm. Also  $OB$  is half the height of the rectangle so has length 4 cm. Angle  $ABO$  is a right angle. So triangle  $ABO$  is a (3, 4, 5) triangle and hence  $AC = 2 \times 3 \text{ cm} = 6 \text{ cm}$ .



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- C** Bertie travelled 5.5 m in 19.6 s, which is just less than one-third of a minute. So his average speed was approximately 16.5 m per minute, which is equal to 990 m in one hour, as  $16.5 \times 60 = 990$ . Now  $990 \text{ m} = 0.99 \text{ km}$ , so Bertie's approximate average speed was 1 km per hour.

Problem of the week

A list of positive integers has a median of 8, a mode of 9 and a mean of 10.

What is the smallest possible number of integers in the list?

- A 5                      B 6                      C 7                      D 8                      E 9

Break time Teaser:

The angles of a quadrilateral taken in order are  $x^\circ$ ,  $5x^\circ$ ,  $2x^\circ$  and  $4x^\circ$ . Which of the following is the quadrilateral?

- A kite                      B parallelogram      C rhombus                      D arrowhead                      E trapezium

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

## DIOCESAN SCHOOLS' MASS

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, many schools from across the Diocese of Northampton gathered together for Mass with Bishop David at St Mary's Catholic Church, Dunstable. The Mass readings were for the Feast of St Joseph as we continue the Year of St Joseph, and we reflected on the care for creation with each school receiving a small tree to plant in their schools, in preparation for the COP26 climate conference-taking place in Scotland next month.

In his homily, Bishop David said; *"Trees must be given the space and the freedom to grow, just as our Church must be the space and freedom to grow. We must be a people who appreciate creation and look after it"*

Well done to our amazing students, Mary and Matilda who had the privilege of altar serving with Bishop David, and Cameron and Karan who read in the Mass. It was a great and joyous celebration!



*Photographs taken by Northampton Catholic Diocese*

Bishop David's homily can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNIwRZFp38Q>





## Design and Technology Department

Some fantastic, independent 'free cooks' from the chefs in year 10 and 11 this week. Year 10 concluded their work on diets at different life stages and year 11 began trialling some possible development dishes for their NEAs



## Plastics Challenge

Thank-you to those that have already brought in plastic bottle tops. Please do continue to collect and send them in to be put into the collection boxes in A4. Year 8s and 9s will be making good use of them after half term.

## Year 7 and 8

Please look out for information after half term detailing the continued provision of ingredients and equipment for food lessons.

## DESIGNeers- KS3 DT club

The first of our Makelt tasks for our DESIGNeers produced some great outcomes and pupils were delighted to take their efforts home at the end of the session.



## DT social media



We try to post updates and points of interest on our Instagram page we also share some of the great work being done by our DT pupils.... Coming over half term there will also be a few challenges and mini competitions. Please do look, and encourage pupils to be involved.

## D&T Stars of the week



For autonomous and intentional work in lessons and home **Pamela Lopez** year 10

For extracurricular efforts and a wise response to the brief

**Mikah Aungon** year 7

Both of these pupils have previously been nominated stars of the week in DT so a particular well done for your **continued** fantastic efforts!

## Careers Opportunity for Year 11, 12 and 13 students

Heathrow Airport is delivering a series of webinars during October half term (25-29<sup>th</sup> October) for young people aged 16-24 who are thinking about their next steps.

Each webinar will be up to 45 minutes long and features a colleague from a different area of the airport talking about their role, their career journey and what it is like to work at Heathrow.

Colleagues from across the airport, including employers such as Louis Vuitton, Mace and JCDcaux, will be talking about their role and career journey, as well as answering questions submitted by young people.

To close the week, a colleague from the Heathrow Employment & Skills Academy will lead an employability skills workshop to help young people brush up on their job searching and interview skills.

It is an opportunity for students to engage directly with Heathrow colleagues and learn more about careers at the airport.

There is no sign-up required, and young people are free to choose the webinars to attend which interest them. The webinars will all be recorded for those who cannot attend live.

To access the webinars, and for the full list of topics, dates and times, **please go to our landing page**

We have attached a PDF webinar schedule for the week with a copy below

If any viewer has accessibility requirements, or if you have any questions about the programme, please contact [education@heathrow.com](mailto:education@heathrow.com).

We hope young people will use this opportunity to learn more about careers to help inform their next steps.



## LIVE WEBINAR SCHEDULE

ALL WEBINARS LAST 45 MINUTES

<p><b>25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   10:30<sup>AM</sup></b> Introduction to customer service and security at Heathrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>	<p><b>27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   2:30<sup>PM</sup></b> Introduction to IT at Heathrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>
<p><b>25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   4:30<sup>PM</sup></b> Welcome to Heathrow Airport with Chief Solutions Officer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>	<p><b>28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   10:30<sup>AM</sup></b> Introduction to Engineering at Heathrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>
<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   10:30<sup>AM</sup></b> Early Careers opportunities at Heathrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>	<p><b>28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   2:30<sup>PM</sup></b> Construction at Heathrow with Mace</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>
<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   2:30<sup>PM</sup></b> Marketing at Heathrow with JCDecaux</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>	<p><b>29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   10:30<sup>AM</sup></b> Introduction to Heathrow's airline community</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>
<p><b>27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   10:30<sup>AM</sup></b> Retail at Heathrow with Louis Vuitton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>	<p><b>29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER   2:30<sup>PM</sup></b> Employability skills workshop with the Heathrow Employment &amp; Skills Academy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px 5px;">Join webinar</a></p>

## Pupil Nominations of the Week

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 7</u></b></p> <p>Vanessa Matejek for her intentional attitude to learning, and Jake Wood for his loving ways, spreading a smile wherever he goes! Well done to you both!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 8</u></b></p> <p>I would like to nominate Dominik Maslach (8V) and Emily Orlowska (8J) for their excellent work and commitment to their Spanish students this term. I would like to nominate Dominik as well for the Champions League.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 9</u></b></p> <p>Ana Passos for excellence in Maths and Olivia Bojarska for excellent acting in Drama</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 10</u></b></p> <p>Nicola Boryn and Grzegorz Kuczynski for an outstanding attitude to learning this half term.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 11</u></b></p> <p>Daisy, Zuzanna, Ola, Natalia and Julia for raising such an incredible sum of money for Cancer Research. Well done</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Year 12</u></b></p> <p>Jon Castillo for his great effort in Physics A level</p>
<p><b><u>Year 13</u></b></p> <p>Stewart Arthur and Harvey Chambers for helping out a younger student.</p>	

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