



Year 7's Rounders Tournament



This week the year 7's had their Rounders tournament. The team played exceptionally well. Their 1st game was against Langley Grammar the girls fielding skills were excellent and Langley only scored 1 rounder, the girls went on to win the match 8.5 rounders to 1. The girls won all their matches convincingly and beat Wexham 13.5 rounders to 1.5 rounders. The team won their pool and went through to the finals against St Bernard's. The girls kept up their competitive spirit and won 8-2. Well done to all the girls who played it was a truly deserved win.



FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 7's won their district tournament winning all their games and beating St Bernard's in the final 8-2. It's great to see them flourish so much in their first year with us. There's no video version today as I'm at the Slough secondary Head Teachers annual conference today to strategically think through as a collective the rising issues that impact on us as those running the schools and how we can best place our efforts to work in the most efficient way together. You can be assured of the Heads commitment to working together to provide the best education for all the children across Slough.

Suffice to say at this time we're aware of the continuing difficulties with issues around the continuance of Covid infections in the locality and despite the lower profile of the issue we're still working to mitigate the impact of lost learning and the difficulties this still presents.

Just a last few points – as the weather gets warmer, we're still asking that uniform is as good as it always is, let's keep the standards high.

Finally know that as parents many of us will be looking to book holidays abroad. Please ensure that the children are here right up to an including the final day where lessons will continue to the last hour and then resume in September from that last point. It's important that the students don't fall any further behind after what's been another difficult year for all schools across the country in terms of absence.

Also, if you haven't logged into Classcharts yet – can I encourage you to do so as there is a new portal available to help make communication quicker and easier between home and school that we think will be beneficial.

Finally, just a reminder for those going to Thorpe Park, the payment is due Friday 24th June.

Have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran Stapleton



TRUST NEWS

From our Executive Leader, Joe Richardson:

It has long been a tradition in our family of Catholic schools that many of the people who work in our schools have a deep connection to our schools. Whether that is current staff seeking promotion, past students returning to the place of their education or parents and carers who are invested in their own child's education, it is commonplace for us to see applications from people invested in our mission. I am pleased to share the adverts below, each one representing a fantastic opportunity. For more details about any of the roles, please go to our website: [Trust Vacancies - St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust \(stcat.co.uk\)](https://stcat.co.uk)

THEME OF THE WEEK – Corpus Christi

We celebrated on Sunday the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and blood of the Lord. We are given this extraordinary gift from Jesus of Himself, which we receive in Holy Communion. We reflect upon the Mass, the meal with share and enter into with Jesus. When we go to Mass, we experience the Last Supper with Jesus. It is the most sacred moment when we receive Him, as we receive Him fully His Body, soul and divinity. We are fulfilled and nourished when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Why is this so important in our Catholic faith to be able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion?

In the Gospel reading, we have a reminder of the Eucharist when Jesus feeds the five thousand. He blesses and offers up to God the fish and the bread, and shares it amongst the people. All are fed. We are fed and nourished by Jesus in His Body, we see in Mass the priest who is in the person of Jesus, offering up the bread and the wine to God which is transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

When you read this Gospel reading, what is it you like about it?

What is the key message?

Towards the end of this week, we have two solemnities, the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, the last prophet who pointed towards the Messiah who was to come. He is a significant person in the life of Jesus, and in our life to. He points us towards Jesus. We also celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We reflect upon the sacredness of Jesus' loving heart where we receive everything from. We can unite our hearts to His, asking Him to show us where we can spread His love.

Where do you see the need to spread the love of Jesus?

Throughout this week, reflect on the importance of Jesus in Holy Communion, His true presence, and upon the place of Jesus in your life. How can you keep Jesus at the centre of your life?

Corpus Christi

Weekly Reflections
20th June 2022



A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Prayer for the Week

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the
gift of your life and the
way it strengthens us to
live ours. Teach us to
draw on the gift of your
Body and Blood for
energy, renewal, strength
and grace. May we never
take the gift of your
presence or granted.
Amen.

Day 1

Corpus Christi

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord)

This week we reflect upon the solemnity of Corpus Christi which is the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. We as Catholics, believe in the true presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus gave us the gift of His Body and Blood in Holy Communion at the Last Supper with His disciples. We today, are able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the true gift of Jesus His Body, soul and divinity for us. We are fulfilled and nourished when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Why is this so important in our Catholic faith to be able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion?

Day 2

In the Gospel this week, we hear the story of the feeding of the five thousand, a familiar story to many of us. This is an important story of Jesus' ministry as we reflect upon the solemnity of Corpus Christi. Jesus in this story blessed the food and distributed it. It is an experience of the Eucharist, of sharing of food in thanksgiving. When you read this Gospel reading, what is it you like about it? What is the key message?

Day 3

The Nativity of St John the Baptist (23rd June)

O God, who has made this day to be honourable in our eyes by the commemoration of blessed John the Baptist, grant to us your people the grace of spiritual joy, and direct the minds of all your faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Day 4

Sacred Heart of Jesus (24th June)

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Day 5

Lord Jesus, bless this day, make it holy, and fill it with your love.
Amen.

End of Year Assessments and PPEs

End of year assessments for Year 7-9 will continue into next week. A timetable each form group in Year 7 and 8 and for the whole of the Year 9 can be found attached.

From Wednesday 22nd June, Year 10 and 12 students will be completing their first set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in the Sports Hall. The timetable for these is also attached to the newsletter

Academic Review Day

I would just like to confirm that that the second Academic Review Day will now be on Monday 11th July.

Every student in Year 7-10 and Year 12, accompanied by a parent or carer, will come into school to attend a 15 minute appointment with your child's form tutor in their form room. This to review your child's progress across the curriculum and within their wider school life since September.

At the meeting we will:

- Review the academic progress to date by reviewing your child's final report card
- Explore any other issue if any that have arisen e.g. attendance, punctuality, behaviour and how best to address this in the next academic year
- Review targets set at the first Academic Review Meeting.

A letter will be issued to students on Wednesday 22nd June that will allow parents to indicate whether you would prefer a morning or afternoon appointment. Please can parents complete and return to their child's form tutor so they can do all they can to accommodate this request. Appointments will be available between 8.00am and 4:00pm and will be on a first come, first serve basis. If for any reason you are unable to attend, your child's tutor will contact you offering an alternative time after school.

If you have any questions regarding the day, please contact your child's Head of Year.

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

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

Mr Gibbons

Rewards Screen

REWARDS SHOP - COLLECTION








LRC

In the all day every day!






* Orders before 5pm will be available from the following day

Thorpe Park Trip Important Notice

The Deadline to pay for the Thorpe Park trip is **9:00am Friday 24th June**. After this deadline there will be no further chance to purchase.

Year 11 GCSE Information Update Week 5

– see attached document

Mrs R Dann

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The Word for the Week is **'forthcoming'**. This is an adjective, which has two uses:

- It expresses something that is 'about to happen or appear'.

For example, "The forthcoming cricket season promises to be brighter for the current test-match team".

- It is used to express something that is ready or made available when wanted or needed.

For example, "Financial support from the government was not forthcoming".

The Idiom of the Week is **'to make hay while the sun shines'**. This means to make the most of one's opportunities while you have the chance.

Reading Test – Summer

A reminder that Year 7-10 & 12 will be completing their final reading test in the coming weeks (see dates below). From this, we will place the most up to date reading ages on the school reports, coming to you in the summer. The tests have been critical for us to identify individual strategies to help students make even more progress with their reading age.

Students will receive their Access Code and a timetable (with the link and information on completing the test) in form time this week. A point to be aware of is that students will complete the test in a computer room or the link and so this will be different to their normal timetable (for the one session only) and so it may be worth checking their reading test timetable to clarify. The dates are:

- Year 7 – 24th of June
- Year 8 – 27th of June
- Year 9 – 28th of June
- Year 10 – 20th of June
- Year 12 – 23rd of June

Reading Programme

Following the success of the reading programme this year, we are pleased to be able to offer even more books in each year group. Part of this will be offering a student choice as to some of the books in the programme. I have emailed every year group with a synopsis to a selection of books. Students have the opportunity to vote for their preferred option, via the link in the email, and we will put this in the programme for their year group.

Best wishes,

Mr Stack-Clark

Electives 2022-23

As previously mentioned from September every Wednesday afternoon (Period 5) all pupils will be taking part in the electives programme – this is made up of a variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. Pupils will rotate onto a new Elective roughly every half term. All pupils at St Joseph's received their Electives Brochure and Online Electives Preferences Form via email for them to select their preferred Electives to do in Autumn 1 of next year. The brochure is also attached to the newsletter. Please do read it with your child and ensure they fill in the form where they are asked to rank all the electives in their block from most preferred to least preferred. It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils to acquire a number of a new skills and knowledge – we hope the pupils enjoy the electives!

Deadline to complete the online form is **Wednesday 22nd June 5pm.**

Mrs F Araf

YEAR 8 NEWS

A very well done to 8 Mark who enjoyed their Dominos Pizza on Tuesday. A reminder as the weather is getting hot can you make sure that you wear plenty of sunscreen and bring water with you to keep hydrated. If you are on the Thorpe Park list and have not yet paid please can you ensure you do so ASAP. The year 8 assessments are underway and it is great to see them being taken so seriously. Well done year 8. I hope everyone has a great weekend and enjoys the sunshine

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Year 9,

A polite reminder that payment and consent must be completed on ParentPay for the Thorpe Park Rewards Trip by **24th June**. If payment has not been made by this day, your child will not be attending and will be in school. If there are any concerns around being able to make this deadline - please do not hesitate to get in touch. If your child has a Merlin Pass or a Thorpe Park Pass, please send a copy of this to me, but do still go on to ParentPay to give consent.

We are running a pilot of the new Electives Program (due to start in September) on the 1st and 8th July this term, your child has received all information in their school email - please do get them to log on and complete the form so they receive the elective they want.

Have a great weekend in the sun

Miss WD

YEAR 10 NEWS

Khalsa primary school visit – sports day

I just wanted to say a huge congratulations to the students below who represented our school at Khalsa primary this week, helping out with their sports day. We could not have had better feedback from the school about how wonderful our students were with the younger children. We certainly have a few budding PE teachers in our midst!

Saskia Adams	Patrycja Artemska
Charlie Clark	Tyrone Crooks
Maksymilian Czajkowski	Tia De Jesus
Bartosz Dworak	Megan Fullam
Dominik Gogola	Szymon Hoszowski
Abigail Kalicka	Xavier Kopec
Martyna Krzesaj	Valentin Lefebvre
Ethan Louis	Michael McMahon
Matteo Mennone	Bogdan Mitulescu-Bilan
Fabian Mroziejewicz	Gabriel Nycz
Wisdom Ogbeide-Jackson	Ryleigh Sabino
Shiman Singh	Athena Thomas
Melwin Thomas	Mia Woodley

Exams

Next week is the start of our end of year exams which I know our Year 10 students have been working hard towards. The purpose of these is to give our students experience of being in the exam hall and to get an idea of where they are at. Many of the current Year 11-13 students did not have the opportunity to do these PPEs and we want to give our Year 10s the opportunity to get the first set of PPEs under their belt in advance of Year 11.

I appreciate there are lots of students who are anxious in advance of these. I would encourage any students who are struggling to speak to their form tutor.

Over the next few weeks it is of paramount importance that all our students are in every single day and on time. We will be discussing the exam procedure with all students this week so they are fully aware of the expectations before, during and after exams.

Students will be expected to attend their normal timetable around exams. For example, if they have a morning exam which finishes during period 2, they must return to their period 2 lesson immediately after being dismissed for the exam.

If there is anything you are concerned about regarding the end of year exams please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Robinson

YEAR 11 NEWS

Can I ask any students with uniform that is of a good standard to donate their old uniform to the office (especially skirts and ties).

Prom will be on 5th July at Ditton Manor, the event will start at 6pm and end at 11:30pm.

A massive congratulations and thank you to all students and parents/carers for their hard work so far, we have 1 week left.

Mr Cudmore

TVLP NEWS

TVLP
THAMES VALLEY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

STUDENT INDEPENDENCE DAY

Preparing students for life after secondary school

MEET OUR STALL HOLDERS, ATTEND A WORKSHOP, GRAB SOME FREEBIES.

Wednesday 22nd June 2022 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | St Joseph's Catholic High School, SL2 5HW

STALL HOLDERS INCLUDE:



FREE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

<p>TVLP STUDENT INDEPENDENCE DAY FREE PERSONAL FINANCE WORKSHOP</p> <p>Includes information on payslips, student loans and pensions. Wednesday 22nd June 2022 2:00pm-3:00pm Book your place here: tvlp.org.uk/sid</p>	<p>TVLP STUDENT INDEPENDENCE DAY FREE EMERGENCY FIRST AID CLASS</p> <p>Includes CPR, the recovery position, signs of heart attack vs cardiac arrest, choking, severe bleed, using an AED, and making an emergency call. Wednesday 22nd June 2022 3:00pm-4:00pm Book your place here: tvlp.org.uk/sid</p>	<p>TVLP STUDENT INDEPENDENCE DAY FREE WORKSHOP: YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE</p> <p>A fun workshop on your rights within the workplace and what the trade union movement has done to make change in your community. Wednesday 22nd June 2022 4:00pm-5:00pm Book your place here: tvlp.org.uk/sid</p>
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FREE PRODUCTS INCLUDE:



FOR MORE INFO, AND/OR TO BOOK A WORKSHOP, GO TO TVLP.ORG.UK/SID

Open to 6th form students from the following schools:



PE NEWS

This week we took 23 Y10 GSCE PE students over to Khalsa Primary School where they had the opportunity to run their Sports day for their students in years 1-6. The students were fantastic role models for the younger students but also a great representation of all the pupil profile attributes whilst representing St Joseph's. Well done to all that were involved! We even had a teacher help out as their school mascot – Can you guess who it is?

Mrs L Rolfe



Important Note

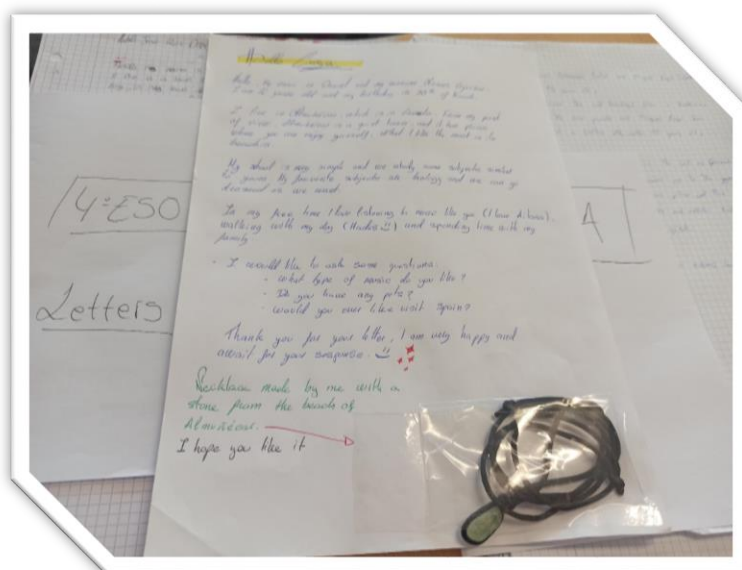
As the weather gets more consistently warmer (we hope!) Please can we remind you to bring the following

- A water bottle - filled at appropriate times in the day
- Sun cream – applied before school and whilst in the changing rooms
- A sun hat if you wish

MFL NEWS

The year 10 students have received their first letters from their Spanish pen pals. They are super excited! Someone was really lucky and also got a handmade necklace!

Miss M. Toro Sanchez



Spanish Club

Mondays 3-4pm

Join us in T5 Mondays after school to revise, learn more with the help of our Sixth Form expert!

Sign up NOW with your tutor or Spanish teacher.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Week beginning 20th June Week 1

Monday 20	8P retreat (JUR/HSI) Year 10 reading tests-lessons 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday 21	
Wednesday 22	Year 10 & 12 exams start PSHE lesson 3 8M retreat (NCU/BTO)
Thursday 23	Yr 12 Reading tests lesson 3

EAL NEWS (English as an Additional Language)



EAL Social Club will be for year 8, 9 and 10 (Week 2) remember it is Chat & Chew so come with your lunch. I am excited to inform you that we are going to start a support programme. This consists of 3 morning sessions a week, focusing on reading and understanding, as well as writing and grammar. More details will follow soon!

Do You Know?

Research shows at the age of 11 a parent is as important as a teacher in a child's education. When parents are involved in their education, children do better on a wide range of measures. These positive effects include:

- Better behaviour
- More confidence and greater self-esteem
- More enthusiasm about learning
- Better results etc.

"It's what parents do rather than who they are that counts."

Professor Charles Desforges University of Exeter

Talk to your children about what they are doing in subjects in their first language. If they do not understand, encourage them to use:

- Dictionary
- Google Translate <http://translate.google.com>

In fact, John Hattie's seminal 2008 study, Visible Learning: A Synthesis of Over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement found that "the effect of parental engagement over a student's school career is equivalent to adding two or three years to that student's education".

Free Online resources

Useful Internet website for English exercises for all levels <https://agendaweb.org/>





MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Every Wednesday 3.00 to 4.00PM in M1



<u>Team Name</u>	<u>League Position</u>	<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Points</u>
Blue	1 st	3	10
Winners	1 st	3	10
Epik	2 nd	3	9
Pi	3 rd	3	8
Pikachu	3 rd	3	8
Mr Bean	4 th	3	7
Minions	5 th	3	6
Banter FC	5 th	3	6
Distinguish	6 th	3	5
Dumbest	7 th	3	3
Bribelle	8 th	2	1
Get Battered FC	9 th	1	-1

League Rules:

- Correct answers: **+1 point**
- Disruptive: **-1 Point**
- Calling out answers: **Minus - 1 Point**
- No attendance from any member of your team: **Minus - 2 Points**
- Late: **Minus - 1 Point**
- Cheating: **Minus - 1 Point**
- Talking to another team member not in your team: **Minus - 1 Point**





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

E The sum of $\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{11}$ is $\frac{11}{99} + \frac{9}{99}$, that is $\frac{20}{99}$.

Now 20 and 99 do not have any factors in common except 1. So the fraction cannot be simplified. In option A, we may write 0.10 as the fraction $\frac{10}{100}$, whose denominator is a power of 10. The same is true of options B, C and D. Therefore, when simplified, none of these fractions can have 99 as a denominator.

It is left to the reader to confirm, by division, that $\frac{20}{99} = 0.\dot{2}\dot{0}$.

An alternative argument follows.

Let $x = 0.\dot{2}\dot{0} = 0.202020\dots$. Then $100x = 20.202020\dots$.

Subtracting the first equation from the second gives $99x = 20$.

So $0.\dot{2}\dot{0} = \frac{20}{99}$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

B The required difference is 25% of $(£37 - £17) = 25\%$ of £20.

Hence the difference between 25% of £37 and 25% of £17 is £5.

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:

In 2014, in Boston, Massachusetts, Eli Bishop set a world record for the greatest number of claps per minute. He achieved 1020 claps in one minute.

How many claps is that per second?

A 17 B 16.5 C 16 D 15.5 E 15

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Jermaine Chatyoka for his resilience and hard work in English this week
Kaitlyn Wynne and **Csenge Bodor** for outstanding work in Maths!

YEAR 8

Franciszek Hermanowski and **Harry Oguike- Ibenana** for excellent drama performances this week

YEAR 9

Dawid Duczek for good work in PE and **Igor Galka** for good progress in Maths

YEAR 10

Wiktor Miklas and **Liam Paes** for the most positive points this month.

YEAR 13

Isabel Jarett for resilience and **Kornelia Kasprowicz** for being attentive and discerning.