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YEAR 10 PUPILS PREPARING FOR THE SEAFORD TRIP NEXT WEEK

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

No week is ever a quiet week in Education and I wanted to start by thanking all the parents and children who returned the PCR tests this week in such large numbers. The opening up of Berkshire to Step 4 is reliant on what happens in the schools and the efforts everyone has gone to in supporting that was very much appreciated by the Public Health Team.

We had a few glitches with the questionnaire last week, which we've ironed out. We've received 370 responses now so far – it would be great if we could get a few more responses before next week to have a comprehensive overview of the matters that concern parents. Likewise can I ask that you encourage the students to do the same with their questionnaire issued this week. It will all help give us a clearer picture of what we need to do to make this a better place.

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We also had a successful *St Jopen* Golf Tournament last weekend which brought together past and present students, staff and families out on the course at Wexham Golf Course and Club in the glorious sunshine. Over £600 was raised for the Mission to Thailand cause thanks to Mr Gibbons.

Next weekend sees the Duke of Edinburgh out on tour and camping over- night – it feels like we're getting back to normal. The best of luck to Ms Prince and her intrepid team of explorers in their preparations.

Meanwhile we're delighted to inform you that our New Staff Day was full of a cracking bunch of recruits both new and old.

Mr Richardson joins us in the Music department, Miss Rodrigues joins us the Geography department, Ms Aldridge joins us as Head of Art, Mr Sindall re-joins us (after successfully running the British School in Colombo, Sri Lanka) as Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Riddles (Assistant Head Teacher) and Miss Cooper (SENDCO) re-join us after their secondments in the North of the Diocese and we'll be joined by Mr McLaughlin as Assistant Head Teacher. That's quite a Leadership team for September.

Have a cracking weekend,

St Joseph, St George, Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Wisdom

Have you ever felt misunderstood, shunned or rejected or that someone is making fun of you because you have spoken the truth in a certain situation?

Why do you think this happens?

How do you deal with this – or who has helped you deal with this?

As our Year 8s will know very well, a prophet is someone who is chosen by God to spread the Word of God. A prophet is often unwelcome amongst people. They usually have a hard-hitting message that will require us to alter our way of life.

Jesus was rejected by His own people in His hometown of Nazareth. This is because **Jesus was pointing out to these people how they were straying away from God's plan for them**. Jesus' message was alien to their way of life, so he moves on, never to return to Nazareth again.

How do we feel when people remind us of our own faults?

Do we feel uncomfortable?

Do we grow angry, or even violent?

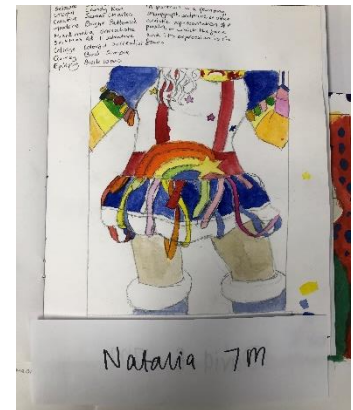
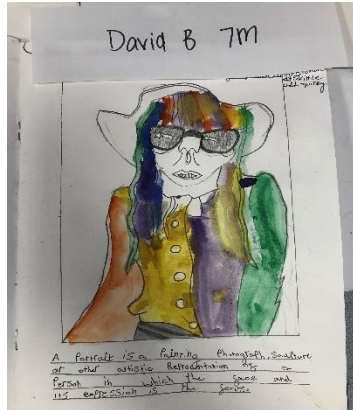
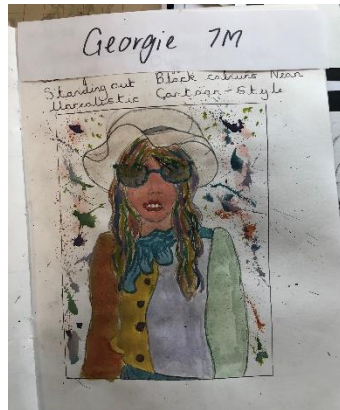
These are certainly very natural reactions. However, **if we are to remain on the path that God has laid out for us, we must practise responding to these hard-hitting messages with humility.**

Who do you think the prophets in our school, parish, country, or even our world are today?

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Year 7 News

Well done for everyone who took their PCR tests with such efficiency. In Geography Year 7 have been learning how countries can be sustainable, in Drama "The Tempest" by Shakespeare, community cohesion in RE and Sarah Beeston self-portraits. See some examples below.



The top epraisers are.....

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1. ● Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (5008)	1. ● Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (135)	1. 7 Mark (21161)
2. ● Kieran Mugume (7 Mark) (3230)	2. ● Oliver Bathke (7 Teresa) (45)	2. 7 Teresa (13238)
3. ● Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (1200)	3. ● Gabriela Wilczko (7 Teresa) (40)	3. 7 Peter (11154)
4. ● Jayden Sabino (7 Mark) (1108)	4. ● Wiktoria Zych (7 Teresa) (30)	4. 7 Veronica (10323)
5. ● Oliwia Polaczyk Borek (7 Mark) (1046)	5. ● Victor Hryn (7 Mark) (25)	5. 7 Jerome (10058)
6. ● Yurand Kwiatkowski (7 Mark) (969)	5. ● Loris Gumbs (7 Jerome) (25)	6. 7 Cecilia (7599)
7. ● Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (937)	5. ● Harry Aji Joseph (7 Jerome) (25)	
8. ● Maksymilian Oleszak (7 Veronica) (914)	5. ● Charlotte Betchley (7 Teresa) (25)	
9. ● Gabriela Majewska (7 Teresa) (890)	5. ● Daria Chomiak (7 Teresa) (25)	
10. ● Adriel Dias (7 Veronica) (861)	5. ● Darragh O'Connor (7 Teresa) (25)	

Meanwhile have a great weekend. It's coming home

Mrs Dunleavy

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Year 8 News

Dear Year 8,

Another tough week of assessments, but it has not gone unnoticed how committed and courageous you have been throughout. I am very proud of the way you are all conducting yourself around school this term and it is clear that you have finally settled into life at St Joseph's, after an unimaginable two academic years of lockdowns. Keep up the good work.

The end is near and there is no doubt that the last two weeks of term are the most exciting! We have our end of year Rewards Assembly and Sports Day to look forward to. Lessons will be as usual up until the very last hour, so please keep to the non-negotiables and continue to show fantastic commitment to your studies as we approach the summer holidays.

Have a great weekend.... it's coming home!

Miss WD

Year 9 News

Assessments have come to an end this week, which I know lots of our students will be glad about. They have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks and we only have 2 more weeks to go before a well-earned rest. The next 2 weeks will be focused on test feedback and preparing for Year 10.

This week we have been learning about plants in Science, digging into Inspector Calls in English and bearings in Maths.

Thank you for all the effort in turning around the PCR tests quickly.

Have a lovely weekend all, it's coming home!!!

Mr Robinson

Year 10 News

Lessons will be back to normal now and teachers will be starting the Year 11 course content so it's important that you maintain high levels of focus and take good notes.

Another full on timetable of exams has taken place this week, hopefully all the hard work has paid off. You have been amazing throughout the exams especially when coming into the hall. This experience will put you in a positive position ready for your first round of PPE's in Year 11. Results assembly will be on Wednesday 14th July when you will receive your results from your first set of PPE's.

Next week is a busy week with the Art exam taking place all day on Wednesday July 7th and the Geography field trips to the South coast on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th July. Make sure you are prepared with water bottles, suntan lotion, hats and wind/rain proof jackets just in case-the weather on the coast can change quickly.

Sports Day is on Wednesday July 14th so make sure you have all signed up for one field and one track event along with the relay teams. Last sports day for you as St Joseph's students so do get involved and support your house this year.

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The end of the year Awards Assembly will take place on Tuesday July 13th when we will have an opportunity as a year group to recognise all your hard work over the year.

Have a great weekend, get some rest so you are mentally ready for the last 2 weeks.

Miss Cheston

Sixth Form News

Year 12-13 Transition:

We have provided Year 12 with Year 12-13 Progression booklets. These contain subject specific vocabulary, reading lists and website/ted talk lists to fill the gap in learning over the summer. Subject teachers will direct students as to sections to complete during this time. This could either be some of vocabulary from the list or concepts from a specific article or ted talk on the list. Students can find the PDF version of them, here (it may be better to copy and paste the link into your browser): <https://stjosephssloughsch.sharepoint.com/:f/s/StudentResources/EvUkgUy695VOtbxFsTID8P8BvANhCYu7gWfuZMqdJ-GIJQ?e=aREnmw>

Best wishes,

Mr Clark

Year 12

Well done to everyone for your hard work during the centre assessments. Your conduct has been exceptional and we are all really proud of you. I hope you enjoy the rounder's game on Friday to celebrate and have some fun.

Wednesday was the deadline for Head Boy and Head Girl applications. Well done to everyone who applied. It is a fantastic opportunity, which will look great on your personal statement and on any job or apprenticeship application.

With Sports Day fast approaching please ensure you have signed up for an event or activity. It will be a great day to show off your sporting excellence and competitiveness.

Over the next few weeks make sure you complete your personal statement document. This is a first draft and you will be able to share it with your teachers and tutors for feedback. If you need further help, speak to a member of the 6th form team.

Have a great week,

Mrs Bray

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MFL News

Yr7 are currently learning about Spanish food and drinks and they had the opportunity to try one of our most typical dishes "tortilla española" (Spanish omelette).

They liked "tortilla española" so much that many of the students said they'd like to try it at home so here are a couple of You Tube videos for those who want to find their "inner chef".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvOaHBUV1aw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wCg4_nRSTQ

Another culinary delight they were particularly interested in is "chocolate con churros" (chocolate with fried dough)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKmWqQfomJ4>

Whether you try "tortilla española" or "chocolate con churros" please do send us your pictures at mfl@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk so we can share them in our next newsletter and Instagram page.

¡Qué aproveche!

Mrs Rodrigues



Music News

Congratulations to our Year 12 Musicians!

On Wednesday 30th June, our students organised and ran their own concert of solo performances as part of their final exam for Unit 6 of their BTEC in Music Performance. The concert went incredibly well, with all of our students demonstrating high quality pieces and excellent showmanship. Congratulations again Clarence, Azariah and Gianluca!



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Debating Society

On the 6th July debating society will be taking place as per usual in T11 from 3:05pm - 4pm.

For more information email either j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or D.Kuczynski@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

St Joseph's Golf Tournament

Congratulations to Declan Hughes for winning the Inaugural St Jopen Golf Competition at Wexham Park Golf Course on Saturday. Declan was a former student here from 2011-2016. Thanks to the 27 players who took part and a congratulations must also go to three of our current students, Alfred Clark and Zac Munro (both Year 10) and Eron Holloway (Year 13) who played brilliantly. Over £600 was raised for our charity to Mission to Thailand and thank you to TVP (Thames Valley Printers), Reactive Logistics and Slough Irish Club for their kind sponsorship.



Geography News



Year 10 students have been busy this week preparing for their Seaford fieldwork trip next week by practicing their data collection techniques. These techniques include: Sediment analysis, beach profiling and bi-polar analysis. Students used fieldwork equipment (ranging poles and clinometers) to run through data collection for 'beach profiling' which students will be completing at Seaford beach in Sussex next Thursday 8th/Friday 9th July. This was an informative lesson that prepared students with a variety of skills for their studies and future careers.

Thank you to all the parents that have given their consent for this trip already via ParentPay. This is a compulsory fieldwork trip for Year 10 Geography students to support their GCSE fieldwork studies, so please can all parents complete this. If you have any issues with ParentPay logins, please contact the Office who will be happy to support. We look forward to students gaining a fruitful experience at Seaford beach. If you have any questions about your child's trip, please contact the Head of Geography- Lauren Boland- for more details.

History News

Operation Bletchley Virtual Code-Breaking Challenge:

Operation Bletchley launched a new code-breaking challenge which takes place from 1st July – 30th July. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to walk fifty miles – the distance from Bletchley Park to Churchill's War Rooms in London. With three levels of codes, junior, code-breaker and cypher expert – this is a great way to get the whole family involved, and get out for some exercise in the summer weather!

Registration is £10, and all money raised goes towards The Army's National Charity. To register, or for more information, please visit <https://events.soldierscharity.org/operation-bletchley>.

The Platinum Jubilee Emblem Competition:

The Victoria and Albert Museum are holding a national competition for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Emblem. The V&A and Buckingham Palace are inviting artists and designers aged between 13-25 to design a special emblem for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The winning design will feature in the lead up and throughout the jubilee celebrations, including on TV, in street parties, and community events.

Design Criteria

An emblem is a symbolic object or logo used to represent an idea or an individual. Your emblem should be inspired by The Queen's life and work.

Your entry will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Creative** – your design must be striking and original.
- **Usable** – the design must be simple enough to work on small and large scales, in black and white and in colour. The winning design could appear on everything from a postage stamp to huge advertising hoardings.
- **Relevant** – the designs will be easy to recognise as the Platinum Jubilee emblem and have relevant meaning to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please make sure your design:

- Includes a drawing of a royal crown (any entries which do not contain this will be disqualified).
- Is drawn freehand and/or using computer design software.
- Can be reproduced as a 2-dimensional flat image (i.e. no sculpture or assembled designs) and also is legible on smaller screens (i.e. mobile phones).
- Is able to be submitted online in JPEG, PNG, TIFF or PDF file format.

Please make sure your design does not:

- Contain any drawing of The Queen herself or any likeness.
- Include anything else apart from the design.
- Include any names or personal details.
- Include anything that you have copied from somewhere else (except drawings of the royal crown which are permitted).

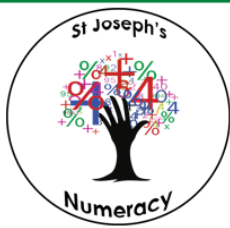
Please note that entries which contain any of the above will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER

The competition is open to all UK residents (including residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man), aged between 13 and 25.

Age and residency requirements above must be met on the closing date for submissions: **16 July 2021 at 18:00.**

To enter, you'll need to [register an account](#). Once you've registered, you can start your entry (save it in-progress), and submit your entry to be judged.



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** Let the area of the inner circle be A . The radius of the outer circle is twice that of the inner circle, so its area is four times that of the inner circle, that is $4A$. Therefore the region between the two circles has area $3A$. As three of the six equal segments are shaded, the total shaded area is $3A \div 2$. So the required fraction is $\frac{3}{2}A \div 4A = \frac{3}{8}$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

D $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{50} + \frac{2}{500} = \frac{200 + 20 + 2}{500} = \frac{222}{500} = \frac{444}{1000} = 0.444$.

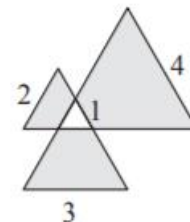
Well done and epraise awards to Piotr Basinski (8T), Gabriela Majewska (7T), Annabell Lysiak (8C) and Izan Iglesias Trepiana (8M) for correct answers to both the Challenge and the break time teaser.

Problem of the week

The diagram shows four equilateral triangles with sides of lengths 1, 2, 3 and 4. The area of the shaded region is equal to n times the area of the unshaded triangle of side-length 1.

What is the value of n ?

- A 8 B 11 C 18 D 23 E 26



Break time Teaser:

Each of the diagrams below shows a circle and four small squares. In each case, the centre of the circle is the point where all four squares meet.

In one of the diagrams, exactly one third of the circle is shaded. Which one?



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



Design and Technology Department

Year 7 Awards and Trophies

Some great work again from Year 7 designers, who have modelled their trophy designs after researching, designing and developing their ideas this half term. We are delighted to share some more of their creative outcomes.



Year 8: Block of Choc.

The food room was transformed into a bit of a chocolate factory as Year 8 began moulding their promotional chocolate bars..... we are looking forward to seeing some more of these wrapped, packaged and enjoyed before the term is over.



DT club: Make it- Year 7



Just one week left for the DT club this year. It will be a busy couple of sessions as members work to complete their current projects.... A sneak peek of a few that are currently being worked on by our Year 7 makers .

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D&T Stars of the week



Darragh O'Connor for innovation and creativity in his trophy design.

Julia Pytel for fabulous contributions and consistent effort.

Duke of Edinburgh News

There will be a meeting for students on Tuesday 6th July at lunchtime in M6 to finalise groups and details for the weekend.

Please remember to bring in your permission slips.

Water Safety

Message from Slough Children's services (please see attached leaflet)

Although Slough is landlocked and the Thames is nearby, it is the Jubilee River that is within walkable distance from the town centre which has claimed a number of lives, particularly young men.

Following the deaths of two young men within three weeks in the Jubilee River in 2018, and two others in previous years, we have run a campaign annually to highlight the dangers of swimming in open water. This is the third year it has run, and we hope that it will continue to discourage young people to enter open water.

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St Joseph's Confirmation at Holy Redeemer

Confirmation Candidates

This Saturday, 20 pupils will be making their Confirmation at Holy Redeemer:

Mary Anamanya

Chloe Baladad

Megan Bule

Alex Chaba

Rodnie Coroja

Lisa Deans

Monika Dylak

Mark Galang

Zoe Galang

Alexis Jaca

Daniel Kozak

Kacper Kozak

Hannah Mascarenhas

Cinera Mathew

Daniel Rada

Emilia Augustyn-Sharma

Simone Soriano

Cynthia De Souza

Shelley De Souza

Mary Jane Visitacion

From all of us here at St. Joseph's, we wish you all the best for your special day.



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Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Anushka Kappil and Gabrileea Majewska for excellence in their learning.

Year 9

Rodnie Coroza for brilliant work in Spanish.

Martyna Trzeciak for excellent engagement in Science.

Year 12

Cameron Tannis-Wright and Shane Rodrigues for hard work in travel and tourism.

Year 8

Igor Szczepanik for excellence and consistency with completing his Maths homework.

Oliver Diller for showing resilience and bravery through a difficult time.

Year 10

Michelle Arzoo for her positive attitude towards her studies and Alex Chappell for his creative writing skills.