



Basketball Trip to the O2!



11 Students from Year 7-10 went on a Basketball Trip to the O2 last weekend to watch the Ladies and Mens British Basketball League Finals. Each of the boys massively enjoyed it. Hopefully this will be the first of many games that they will each attend!

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/Newsletter-20Th-May-2022-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

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THEME OF THE WEEK – Loving God

The theme for the week is 'Loving God' as we hear Jesus talking to His disciples in the Gospel passage. He tells the disciples that When He has ascended into heaven, He will send the Advocate to be with them. The Advocate is the Holy Spirit. There are many messages that Jesus gives in the Gospel passage, He gives a message of peace too. It is Jesus who is our peace if we turn to Him in times of need, we can find His peace within through the Holy Spirit, but also when we spend time with Him in silent prayer and especially when we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in a church.

Can you think of a time when you experienced peace? Is there a place where you find peace?

We celebrate Jesus ascending into heaven on Thursday this week, but as we hear in the Gospel Jesus gives His disciples the Holy Spirit, we too have access to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, we can pray to Him just as we pray to Jesus and God the Father. We read and speak of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Gifts are; wisdom, piety, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord. The fruits are; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit and the fruits are the outcomes of using the gifts that we have received.

Looking at the list of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which ones could you try and fulfil today? How can you be loving, joyful or peaceful? How can you be patient, kind and generous today? How can you show generosity, faithfulness, and gentleness and self-control in your actions today?

We celebrate the feast day of St Bede the Venerable this week, a great saint of the Church. He was an English saint, from the North of England. He wrote a lot about the scriptures and is known throughout the world.

How can you take example of the saints, particularly those who lived in the UK, into your daily lives? How can you be an example and a witness to the faith?

Loving God

Weekly Reflections
23rd May 2022



A reading from St John's Gospel

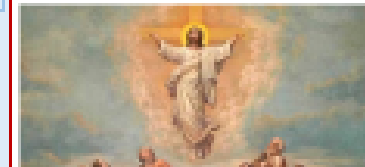
John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me, do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Prayer for the Week

Lord, bless the week ahead. May its challenges not overwhelm us, circumstances not discourage us, and in all things may we remember you are with us in our journeying, your love our fuel, your word our guide, today and always.
Amen.



PEACE

Day 5

Prayer for Holiness

Breathe in me,
O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts
may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me so, O Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.
Amen.

Day 1

On the Gospel this week, Jesus is speaking to His disciples preparing them for when He has ascended into heaven. He tells them that He will send the Advocate who is the Holy Spirit to be with them, the third person of the Trinity. He tells the disciples too that He is going to give them His peace. The theme this week is 'Loving God', as Jesus also speaks about what it means to love Jesus. Lots of messages this week! Re-read the Gospel passage and listen out of the messages that Jesus gives. Which one speaks to you the most?

Day 2

"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." - Jesus says that He is the peace the world cannot give. What does that mean for us? It is an invitation to turn to Jesus when we need peace, in moments of silent prayer, in His presence in Churches where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, there we experience His peace. We can experience the peace of Christ in our hearts too, through the Holy Spirit. Can you think of a time when you have felt peace?

Day 3

**Christ our Morning Star
Prayer**
Written by St Bede - Feast
Day 25th May
*O Christ, our Morning Star,
Splendour of Light Eternal,
shining with the glory of the
rainbow, come and waken us
from the greyness of our
apathy, and renew in us your
gift of hope.*
Amen.

Day 4

**The Ascension
(26th May 2022)**
Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us. And may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!
Amen.

End of year assessments for Year 7-9

End of year assessments for Year 7-9 will commence from Monday 13th June over a two week period. Assessment will be undertaken in lesson time. A timetable for Yr 7-9 will be issued to students next week and will also be sent out with next week's newsletter. The timetable will outline when each assessment is to take place. Your child's class teachers will inform them on the topics to revise for their subjects and how best to prepare for these assessments. Please can I ask parents to encourage their child to revise content covered during the year by reviewing all resources that have been uploaded onto Class charts, any resources uploaded onto Microsoft Teams and from all their work in their exercise books.

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

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 attached to the newsletter. This for many will be the first time PPEs have been sat. Your child's class teachers will also inform them on the topics to revise for and how best to prepare for these assessments. Please can I ask parents to also encourage their child to revise content covered during the year by reviewing all resources that have been uploaded onto Class charts, any resources uploaded onto Microsoft Teams, by using revision guides that might be available for a subject and from all the work completed in their exercise books.

In light of the above, we have rescheduled the second Academic Review Day from Friday 24th June to Monday 11th July. This will allow parents, students and tutors the opportunity to reflect on the most up to date report card as well as reviewing targets set at the first Academic Review Day in October. More information regarding the timings and logistics of this day will be sent out after half term.

Mr Gibbons

Literacy Update

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word this coming week is **'(to) undergo'**. This is an infinitive verb, which means to experience or be subjected to (something, typically something unpleasant or arduous). For example, *"they had to undergo hours of training to be ready for the marathon"*.

The idiom this coming week is **'To hear it through the grapevine'**. This is an expression that means to hear or learn something new. No, Marvin Gaye didn't come up with this one (although what a song that is!). It actually dates back to the time of telegraphs. Many people thought the telegraph wiring resembled grapevines so when they received a new message they would say they heard it through the grapevine.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Another great week for year 8. In lessons they have been doing lots of recal. In RE they are looking on the 5 pillars of Islam, in Science polymers, in English Dracula in PE athletics getting ready for sports day. Keep an eye out for big news..... Rewards day at the end of the year

In the meantime have a great weekend!

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 9 NEWS

Good Afternoon Year 9 Parents and Carers,

As we are approaching the end of this half term, it is clear that standards in year 9 are dropping and our negative points are rising. Please can we speak with our children this weekend about what it is to be a St Joseph's pupil, our pupil profile and how they can ensure that their time at school is of a positive nature. How we can support our children in this includes:

- Helping them to pack their bag the evening before school
- Ensuring they are fully equipped for their lessons, including PE Kit
- Discussing their previous school day, reflecting on it and preparing them for the next day with a positive mindset
- The importance of speaking to other people (peers or members of staff) in a respectful manner

Thank you for your support.

Miss Wellesley-Davis

Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY Immunisations - St Joseph's Catholic High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting St Josephs on Wednesday 15th June 2022 for all young people in **Year 9**.

Year 9 students are due to receive their 3-in1 (tetanus/diphtheria/polio) booster alongside the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

Parents need to complete the E-Consent form whether they are giving a YES consent or a NO consent. Access to the E-Consent form will close to parents [at 09.00am](#) 1 working day before your session date to allow triage of the consent forms.

Consent form is attached separately with the newsletter and has been sent to Year 9 parents directly.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Regards,

School Aged Immunisation Team



YEAR 10 NEWS

Dear all,

Congratulations to the rounders team for their win over St Bernard's this week and a massive well done to Leah and Ethan for delivering assemblies.

As of next week we will be commencing some activities in form time focused on study skills to prepare for the end of year exams and Year 11. There will be information uploaded to the Year 10 team on Microsoft teams to support our students in revising.

It is vital that there is a balance between work and rest over the next 3 weeks which is why we are encouraging students to use a revision timetable to plan their time effectively. I am aware that the upcoming exams will cause anxiety, so please do get in touch with me if you feel your child needs some support in the lead up to the exams. The purpose of doing these exams is to give Year 10 the experience of being in the exam hall and to get an idea of where we are at so that we can plan for next year.

Vocational business students have an exam on the 25th May at 1pm. They will need to line-up behind the sports hall at 12:45pm to ensure they are ready to start. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend - Mr Robinson

YEAR 12 NEWS

Dear Year 12

One week less for half term break and one week more of exams. I know it is hard. I know you are under lots of pressure. But we all know you can and you will resist and succeed. Just few important notices for next week:

- Next week we will have house assemblies so please pay attention to the dates of your house assembly
- PSHE is Tuesday 24/05 P1
- No headphones are allowed outside Sixth Form Room. If I see you (or any other member of staff) we will confiscate them
- Next week exams:

Mon 23 May	08:45	02:30	WJEC/GCE	A200U10-1	Sociology Component 1 Socialisation	GCE/A	13
Mon 23 May	13:00	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	9EC0 01	Markets & Bus.Behaviour	GCE/A	13
Mon 23 May	13:00	01:40	EDEXL/GCE	8FM0 2D	F.P.Maths.1 & Dec.Maths.1	GCE/ASB	12
Mon 23 May	13:00	00:00	EDEXL/GCE	8FM0 21	Further Pure MATHEMATICS1	GCE/ASB	12
Mon 23 May	13:00	00:00	EDEXL/GCE	8FM0 27	Decision Mathematics 1	GCE/ASB	12
Tue 24 May	08:45	02:00	AQA	7182/1	Psychology ADV Paper 1	GCE/A	13
Wed 25 May	08:45	02:30	AQA	7687/1	Polish ADV Paper 1	GCE/A	13
Wed 25 May	08:45	02:30	OCR	H470/01	Eng Lang: Exploring Language Wrtn	GCE/A	13
Wed 25 May	08:45	02:30	EDEXL/GCE	9PG0 01	Translation Into English	GCE/A	13
Wed 25 May	13:00	02:00	EDEXL/GCE	9BS0 01	Business:Market People & Global BU	GCE/A	13
Thu 26 May	08:45	02:15	EDEXL/GCE	9HI0 1F	History: USA C1917-96	GCE/A	13
Thu 26 May	13:00	02:00	AQA	7408/1	Physics ADV Paper 1	GCE/A	13
Fri 27 May	08:45	02:30	AQA	7037/1	Geography ADV Paper 1	GCE/A	13
Fri 27 May	08:45	02:00	OCR	H409/01	Media Studies: Media Messages Wtn	GCE/A	13
Fri 27 May	13:00	01:30	AQA	7404/2	Chemistry AS Paper 2	GCE/ASB	12

Have a lovely weekend all of you ☺

Mr Romero
Head Of Year 12

Y12 Sixth Form Registration

Dear parents and carers of Year 12 students, please see that attached letter that has been sent to you today. As per our pre-pandemic policy, from the 6th of June, all of Year 12 will be required to attend form time, every day.

Thank you for your support in advance, Mr Stack-Clark

YEAR 13 NEWS

Well done to Azariah and Gianluca who completed their BTEC music performance on Tuesday. This is a crucial part of their external exam assessment in which they both did really well.

Year 13 will have their leavers assembly on Friday 27th May at 2pm. This is a chance for them to reflect upon their time at St Josephs and celebrate all they have achieved. We are really proud of all the students and wish them all the best in the future.

Year 13 prom will be held on Thursday 14th July at Wexham Park golf course. Tickets cost £30 and can be purchased through ParentPay. If you have any problems logging in to your ParentPay account please contact the school office, either via the main school phone number or by email office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Good luck to all students completing exams next week!

Thank you.

Mrs K Bray
Head of Year 13

Year 13 UCAS update

The date by which all university offers were made was Thursday the 19th of June (for all applicants who submitted before or on the 26th Jan). All students should have received decisions from their chosen Universities - offer, reject or changed course offer in some cases. Nationally, the number of rejected applications across the sector are already up 10%+ on last year.

If students have been rejected, I would ask them to stay calm, take stock and stay focused on their studies and revision. I refer them to the guidance we gave during our UCAS PSHE workshops in which students can start to look through UCAS Extra, and take the half term to make another application through these means.

UCAS Extra: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

There will be lots of high quality places via UCAS extra and clearing if students find themselves in this position and so I say to students to focus on the main thing at the moment, their exams.

If they have any more questions or concerns, please can they contact Mrs Bray (Head of Year 13) or me and we will support them with this.

Best wishes,

Mr Stack-Clark

Drama News

★ A massive well done to **Patryk Wachowiak** for gaining a place at **Rose Bruford** one of the top 5 drama schools in the country. Over 2000 auditioned and 30 are on the course. ★

TVLP NEWS

On Monday 23rd May from 2pm-4:30pm the following students will be taking part in the Thames Valley Learning Partnership 5-a-side football tournament with the following schools: Eton College, Holyport College, Beechwood School, Slough & Eton School, The Windsor Boys School.

The tournament will be taking place at Arbour Park Football Stadium, and parents are able to spectate if you wish.

Students taking part must be in FULL PE kit, have a water bottle and appropriate footwear, please see the image below supplied by Arbour Park.

The following students will be taking part:

Johanna Nakasujja	Filip Czajka
Zuzanna Drewnowska	Kasper Malina
Zuzanna Cieslak	Marcel Niezgoda
Olivia Bojarksa	Myles Woodward
Annabella Nersadja	Mateusz Zieba
Paige Lomas	Jayden Barron
Gabi Wielgus	Adrian Jurys
Nicola Szuba	Oskar Luiewski
Matilda Clark	Radek Przerwa
Mary Tanner	Dawid Rusinek
	Milan Iwanowski

S&C SLATTER
SPORTS CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS

Acceptable Footwear for a 3G Football Pitch

Studs (Moulded)	Plastic Studs - Screw-in Less than 15mm	Astro Turf Trainers YES ✓	Blades or boots with metal or metal tipped studs	Flat soled e.g. trainers etc
YES ✓	YES ✓	NO X	NO X	NO X
		 Dimpled e.g. Specialist hockey shoes NO X		
				

Please make sure your boots are clean before going onto the pitch. Anyone with Inappropriate / Muddy footwear will be asked to leave the pitch as it damages the playing surface. Thank you.

It is the hirer's responsibility to physically check the footwear of users before going onto the pitch. If a member of staff

PE News

This week both Year 7 and Year 10 had rounders matches against Westgate and St Bernard's. Year 7's were really excited to play their first ever rounders match for the school winning 9-5.5. All the girls involved played very well as a team and scored some lovely rounders. Year 10s were equally excited to play against St Bernard's. The girls played exceptionally well when both batting and fielding where they won their game 13-9.



Upcoming fixtures

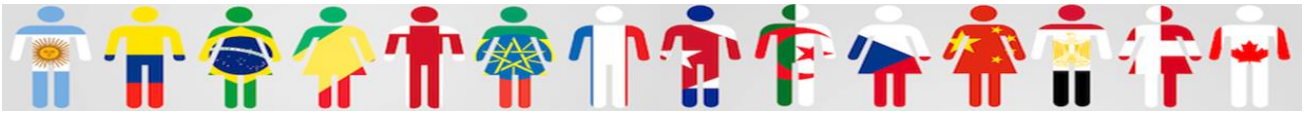
Monday 23rd May- Year 7 rounders away at Herschel Grammar School

Tuesday 24th May- Year 10 rounders away at Herschel Grammar School

Thursday 26th May- Year 9 rounders away at Langley Grammar School

Miss Joseph

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.

Do you know what a foreign accent is?

“It is a sign of bravery.” -Amy Chua

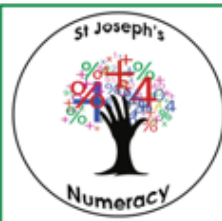
Tips to Improve Language Skills

1. **Create the need:** If kids do not have the need to speak the language, then why will they? Whether it be to talk to someone, or to play a certain activity or game, there must be a good reason for them to be **motivated** to use the language.
2. **Make One on One Time Priority:** Spend as much time together where possible, one on one. By spending one on one time where you are speaking **ONLY** your language, there will be less distractions.
3. **Talk a lot in the target language:** This seems obvious, but talk as much as you can with your child every day, and **encourage them to speak back with you.**
4. **Read aloud to your child every day:** I cannot stress enough the importance of reading to your child every single day. Whether it is with their bedtime routine, or just throughout the day randomly, installing a love of reading is one of the best things you can do for your children.
5. **Buy them gifts to help their language development:** For birthdays, or Christmas, buy your kids language learning gifts. Things such as books in the minority language, or puzzles and games that encourage them to talk and use the language.

Language Apps

1. Below you can find a list of the language apps for kids with a variety of languages:
2. Learn languages with Amy is a new and exciting language app for kids who are learning English, Spanish, Polish, Dutch or Esperanto.
3. Gus on the Go: is a fantastic easy to use language app for young kids.





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

D Let the distance, in miles, from P to Q be x .

Then the time taken to travel from P to Q is $\frac{x}{40}$ hours = $\frac{3x}{2}$ minutes.

Also, the time taken to travel from Q to P is $\frac{x}{45}$ hours = $\frac{4x}{3}$ minutes.

Therefore $\frac{3x}{2} - \frac{4x}{3} = 2$. So $\frac{x}{6} = 2$. Hence $x = 12$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

D Let June have x sweets. Then May has $\frac{3x}{4}$ sweets. Also, April has $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3x}{4}$, that is $\frac{x}{2}$, sweets.

Therefore $x + \frac{3x}{4} + \frac{x}{2} = 90$. So $\frac{9x}{4} = 90$. Hence $x = \frac{4}{9} \times 90 = 40$.

Problem of the week

Farmer Fatima rears chickens and goats. Today she returned from market and said, "I sold 80 animals, and now there are 200 fewer legs on my farm than before!"

How many goats did she sell?

A 15

B 20

C 25

D 30

E 35

Break time Teaser:

Which one of these is a multiple of 24?

A 200

B 300

C 400

D 500

E 600

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Brianna Dankyi and **Nikola Zulewska** for their discerning attitude towards their studies. Keep it up!

YEAR 8

Romain Janot and **Ariyana Maraj** for participating in Chaplaincy assembly on Friday

YEAR 9

Julia Pytel 9P and **Gianna Lica 9T** for the most positive points this week

YEAR 12

Lindsay Wedji and **Belatriz Lamelo De Souza** for the highest amount of points this week in classcharts

YEAR 13

Gianluca Piscopo-Evans and **Azariah Thomas** for excellent work in their music performance.