



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023



Sport News - Basketball

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More exciting photos are inside the newsletter...

Please remember we do have Basketball Club twice a week so if you are interested in playing in school or even outside of school then please speak to Mr Cooper-Santos and he can point you in the right direction.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

Please find below the link to this weeks video to view my message:

[Headteacher Message NEWSLETTER 20 10 23 - YouTube](#)

Please like and subscribe to be made aware of all new and exciting St Josephs content.

Link to our YouTube channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/@SloughStJosephs>

Have a fantastic half-term everyone!

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton

Breakfast at St Josephs

Reminder to parents that St Josephs offers breakfast to all students, complimentary from 730am.

The Greatest among you will be your servant

Weekly Reflections
6th November 2023



A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (23:1-12)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honour at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Prayer for the Week

Dear Father in Heaven,
help us to do what is good,
to do what is right, to love
mercy, and to walk humbly
with you." Guide us and
help us to live by the
inspiration of your Holy
Spirit and to follow your
lead. We ask this through
Christ our Lord,

Amen

Saint of the week

St John Duns Scotus



8th November 2023

Duns Scotus was a Franciscan who was renowned for his intellectual work on combining science, the Bible and Philosophy together into a coherent whole. He and St Thomas Aquinas went head to head in an intellectual battle to set out the churches teaching-losing narrowly to Aquinas. At the centre of his work was an eco-friendly nature centred philosophy based on St Francis and nature. He was Learned and Wise.

Day 1

The phylacteries were small leather boxes that contained scripture from the Torah (the law of God). They were strapped around the body showing the closeness of God's commandments to the person - it might be similar to tattooing the words of God to you in that the words became part of who you were forever - it was a very physical and personal thing. If required, what scripture would you want to have strapped to you to carry around on a daily basis? Take time to choose perhaps 2 or 3 lines of scripture that speak to you at this moment in time and use them for your prayer this week.

Day 2

Lord God, Source of all wisdom, in Duns Scotus you gave us a master of life and thought. Grant that, enlightened by his thought we may remain faithful followers of Christ who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen. St Joseph, Pray for us

Day 3 Humility

Jesus 'called out' hypocrites who said that they were prayerful and loving people but didn't do it in practice. Being humble means being 'of the earth' - honest, and putting others before ourselves. Today - what act can I do that puts someone first over my needs.

Day 4 Service

Dear Lord, Teach me humility, teach me service, so that others may find joy in the works you, through I, and do. Amen. Amen.

CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT

If you are interested in your son/daughter receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year and they are in the academic Year 8 or above, then please register your interest to confirmationolop@gmail.com. Registration will close on 5th November 2023.

VACANCY: TRUST LEADER OF CHAPLAINCY (2 DAYS PER WEEK)

Job description: To bring children in our Catholic schools ever closer to God.

The St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust serves 3 schools in Slough and works in close partnership with all 5 schools. The Trust is seeking to appoint a Trust Leader of Chaplaincy to work mostly with primary schools in the area for two days each week. The role will include providing rich experiences for children that draw them closer to God - surely the best job in the world! Uniquely, we want this to be done in a way that helps the children make connections across schools in Slough and beyond, ensuring they understand that they are part of a great mission. You can find out more about this role and more roles in our Trust on our website: [Trust Vacancies - St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust \(stcat.co.uk\)](http://stcat.co.uk)

Faith Formation Programme

St Joseph's Faith Formation programme 2023-2024 outlines all the experiences we wish our students to live out during their time at St Joseph's. Catholic Life is at the centred of everything we do at St Joseph's and our wider school community. Our aim is for our students to take their faith into the wider world in everything they do, say and believe. Please see the attached Faith Formation booklet 2023-2024 which outlines our ethos, values, beliefs and stories which make up the Catholic faith of the school. Whether you are new or old to St Joseph's, very familiar with the Catholic Church and its rituals, or a bit out-of-touch with your local church, we hope you find something of interest and reassurance in the booklet

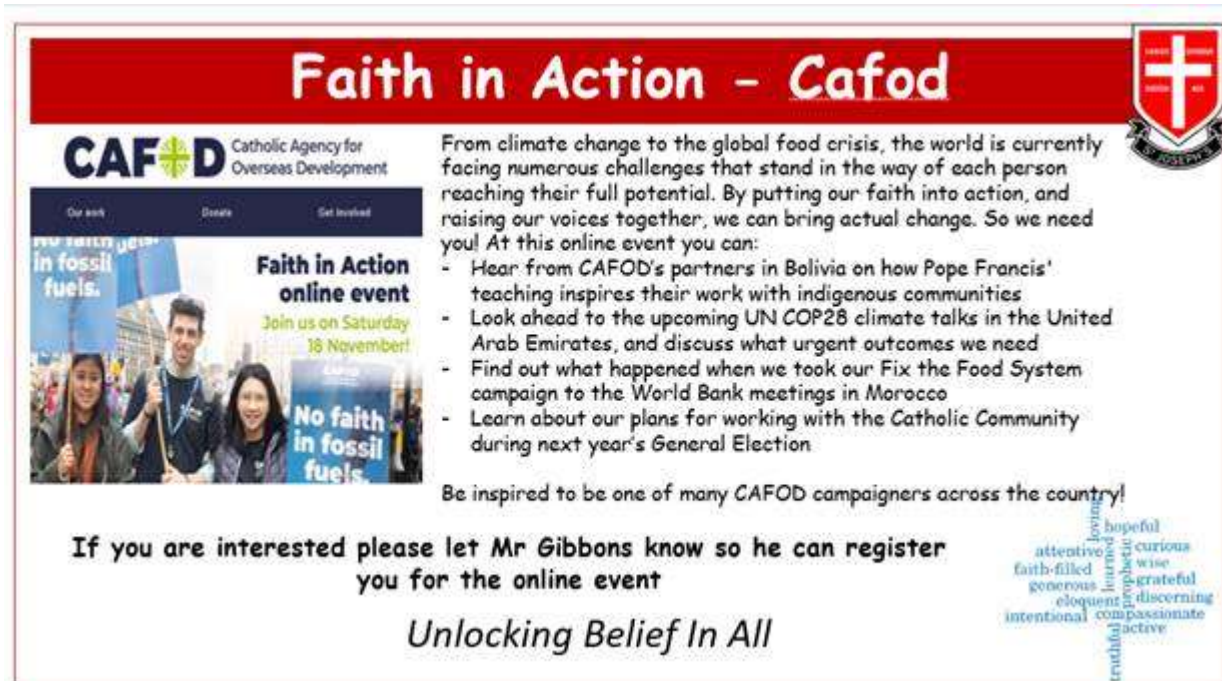
Remembrance Service – 10th November 2023

On the first Friday back after half term, 10th November, the Chaplaincy Team will be leading us in a remembrance service on the upper school playground with scripture readings and moments of reflection and prayer.



Faith in Action

Saturday 18th November between 10:30am-2.30pm Cafod are holding an online event with some of their overseas partners to discuss how, rooted in faith, we can fight for a better world. This event is free of charge and if any students are interested please ask them to see Mr Gibbons so he can register them for this event.



Faith in Action - Cafod

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Our work | Donate | Get involved

Faith in Action online event
Join us on Saturday 18 November!

From climate change to the global food crisis, the world is currently facing numerous challenges that stand in the way of each person reaching their full potential. By putting our faith into action, and raising our voices together, we can bring actual change. So we need you! At this online event you can:

- Hear from CAFOD's partners in Bolivia on how Pope Francis' teaching inspires their work with indigenous communities
- Look ahead to the upcoming UN COP28 climate talks in the United Arab Emirates, and discuss what urgent outcomes we need
- Find out what happened when we took our Fix the Food System campaign to the World Bank meetings in Morocco
- Learn about our plans for working with the Catholic Community during next year's General Election

Be inspired to be one of many CAFOD campaigners across the country!

If you are interested please let Mr Gibbons know so he can register you for the online event

Unlocking Belief In All

hopeful, curious, wise, grateful, discerning, compassionate, active, truthful, intentional, eloquent, generous, faith-filled, attentive, loving, prophetic, learned

Prayer intentions for our website and school community

As a Catholic school, we feel it's always important that students, staff and parents/families have the opportunity to share their prayer intentions so as a school community we can come together in prayer to support one another. If you have any prayer intentions you wish for us to pray for please feel free to send through to chaplain@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk During the school year, students will come together as a collective group (as a class, year group and as a school) to pray for your intentions. These prayer intentions will also be put on our website (prayer corner) to share so as a whole school community we can prayer for one another.

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

Please give on the link below to apply. If entitled, Slough Borough Council will inform you and the school of this.

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

All students who are currently on free school meals, a voucher has been sent to parents via email from huggg.me to be used over the half term break.

Year 7 News

It has been a great week this week! We started the week with our rewards assembly where many of our students picked up awards for outstanding performances, most progress and those who have consistently demonstrated our pupil profile values. Please remember we are now off for two weeks and will return as normal on Monday 6th November. Can we ensure that all Homework is done and that any necessary equipment that is needed is bought and

Have a lovely two weeks all and rest up!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7



Year 8 Celebrations this Half-Term

St. Joseph's Catholic High School

Awards for Most Progress:Art

Chloe Cinco

Drama

Florence Tambwe

English

Dana Torok-Pena

French

Orla O'Connor

Geography

Coco Stewart

History

Chloe Cinco

Maths

Julia Dulak

Music

Dana Torok-Pena

PE

Adem Rada

Science

Robert Slezak

Spanish

Michael Garncarek

Food Technology

Eva Henriquez

Year 8 Celebrations this Half-Term

St. Joseph's Catholic High School

Awards for Outstanding Performance:Art

Adam Luzynski

Drama

Coco Stewart

English

Iga Karasinka

French

Evan Vijay

Geography

Filip Baginski

History

Adam Luzynski

Maths

Matthew Gumarang

Music

Joshua Lama

PE

Coco Stewart

Science

Bianka Bodor

Spanish

Claudia Burakowska

Food Technology

Chloe Cinco

Design Technology

Sophia D' Amaro

Year 8 Celebrations this Half-Term

St. Joseph's Catholic High School

Pupil Profile Badges

Eloquent and Truthful

Darren Bailey & Victoria Kowalik

Active and Curious

Zofia Waraksa & David Gheorghita

Attentive and Discerning

Joanna Balasa & Joshua Saji

Faith-Filled and Hopeful

Freddie Clark & Coco Janot



Grateful and Generous

Amber Nunes & Bruno Valek

Intentional and Prophetic

Adriana Paulusz & Marlon Rodrigues

Learned and Wise

Nathaniel San Juan De Leon & Tesia Teji

Compassionate and Loving

Edzio Stacey & Izzy Bown

Year 9 News

Well done for a positive start to Year 9! As a year group Year 9s have smashed it and I am so proud of you! We have had so many positive moments over the past 7 weeks from 9 Teresa winning the Domino's pizza, 9 Mark winning a free ice cream and 9 Veronica winning my challenge of receiving the most positive points to win a box of Krispy Kreme's. Well done to all students that received an award during our rewards assembly this week.

Now that you have 2 well-earned weeks off, please use this time to rest, see friends and family and to study for any upcoming assessments. Please continue to check ClassCharts for any homework.

Have a lovely half term 😊

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9



Year 9 Celebrations this Half-Term

St. Joseph's Catholic High School	
Awards for Outstanding Performance	
<u>Art</u> Csenge Bodor	<u>Maths</u> Oliver Kroliczek
<u>Drama</u> Alexander Baptista	<u>Music</u> Andrius Trinovas
<u>English</u> Patrick Lopez	<u>PE</u> Mikah Aungon
<u>French</u> Dominic Szczepanek	<u>Science</u> Michal Kundys
<u>Geography</u> Kaitlyn Wynne	<u>Spanish</u> Patrick Lopez
<u>History</u> Filip Ozdoba	<u>Food Technology</u> Olivier Kroliczek

St. Joseph's Catholic High School	
Awards for Most Progress	
<u>Art</u> Finora Souza	<u>Maths</u> Samantha Albalate
<u>Drama</u> Jake Wood	<u>Music</u> Lynn Keyrouz
<u>English</u> Jeff Sibanda	<u>PE</u> Lucie Connolly
<u>French</u> Amellia Pace	<u>Science</u> Kingsley Chukwudi
<u>Geography</u> Phoebe Tomar	<u>Spanish</u> Oliver Stacey
<u>History</u> Alexandra Czajkowska	<u>Food Technology</u> Emma Powell

St. Joseph's Catholic High School	
Student who have demonstrated the Pupil Profile	
<u>Eloquent and Truthful</u> Marcell Enwere and Vanessa Masna	<u>Grateful and Generous</u> Oliver Stacey and Mia Thornhill
<u>Active and Curious</u> Filip Arkuszynski and Ava Bellamy	<u>Intentional and Prophetic</u> Patrick Lopez and Patrycja Szczepanska
<u>Attentive and Discerning</u> Emmanuel Muinde and Anna Wydrych-Kang	<u>Learned and Wise</u> Noah Devereux and Sam Albalate
<u>Faith-Filled and Hopeful</u> Dominic Szczepanek and Taia Butler	<u>Compassionate and Loving</u> Andrius Trinovas and Celine Sidyk

Year 11 News

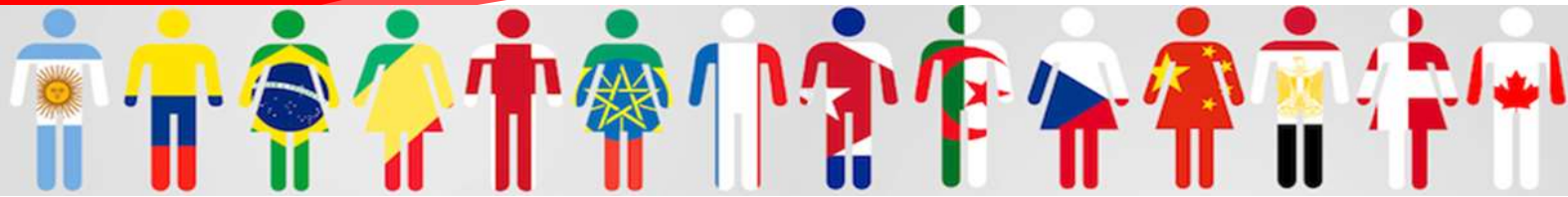
Well done to 11P who made sandwiches for homeless today. Was really positive atmosphere with everyone mucking in. A big well done to 11J who won the XH challenge gaining ice creams for the whole form.

PPEs start on 6th Nov can I ask that you ensure your child is revising on a daily basis. Form tutors delivered a session on how to revise today. There is also a Teams group setup for all of year 11 with tools to help them achieve the very best. Every head of department has put useful information in there so please make the most of it.

Congratulations to all the year 11s that received rewards this week!

Mrs Dunleavy – Head of Year 11





EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

The Importance of Mother Tongue Language in Education



Research indicates that having a strong mother tongue foundation leads to a much better understanding of the curriculum as well as a more positive attitude towards school, so it is vital that children maintain their first language when they begin schooling in a different language.

Developing the mother tongue is very important because when children develop their mother tongue, they are simultaneously fostering a whole host of other essential skills, such as **critical thinking and literacy skills**. It is this skill-set that they take with them into formal education, and research tells us that any skills and concepts gained in the learner's home language do not need to be re-taught when they transfer to a second language. For example, if a child has developed the ability to guess the meaning of a word through its context or to infer meaning by reading between the lines, these skills are easily transferred when they begin studying in a second language.

It is much harder, however, to teach these abstract skills directly through a second language.

Language and mother tongue also play a huge role in the development of personal, social and cultural identity. Children with a strong foundation in their first language often display a **deeper understanding of themselves and their place within society**, along with an increased sense of **wellbeing and confidence**. Certainly, this flows down into every aspect of their lives, including their academic achievement.

It is crucial to note that it is through language we learn **about culture**, whether it is someone else's language or our own. To deprive children of their mother language literacy is to deprive them of understanding his or her **cultural identity**, and for children growing up in UK society understanding one's cultural identity can become compromised or changed inevitably. Children who become balanced bilinguals and develop mother language proficiency (ideally from an early age), in addition to acquire languages such as English, are equipped to become global citizens. In conclusion, Languages, with their complex implications for identity, communication, social integration, education and development, are of strategic importance for both people and the planet.

PE News

After half term we will allow students to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms instead of their usual bottoms if they feel the weather is appropriate for outside sports only. This will be strictly monitored and we are asking that they are as plain as possible and strictly black. Please do contact us if there are issues or concerns with this. Have a great and active half term.

Mrs L. Rolfe

Sports News

The Year 8s had a game against Pioneer on Tuesday, it was a tight second half but our boys pulled away in the second half to win 28-12. Great job! Next game will be after half term.

Man of the Match - **Nikodem Marciniak**

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team travel to local rivals St Bernards. Unfortunately coming out 2nd best. The team showed great determination and team work but unfortunately fell.

Final Score: St Joseph's 0-4 St Bernards

Next Fixture: 22nd November (Home) Beechwood

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 Football team travel to Wexham School to continue their football season. The game was a shootout, Wexham scored first, St Josephs replied. This continued until the score was 5-5 with 10 minutes to play. Unfortunately two late goals from Wexham made the final score 7-5.

Goals: **Tobi x4 and David**

Next Fixture: 14th November @ Langley Academy



Basketball News

On Thursday the PE department had a Professional Basketball Coach from the Slough Cobras Basketball Club along with a Great Britain Basketball player by the name of Jordan Williams. They put on multiple sessions throughout the day for the boys and girls of St Josephs. The students absolutely loved it and got loads from the experience. Please remember we do have Basketball Club twice a week so if you are interested in playing in school or even outside of school then please speak to Mr Cooper-Santos and he can point you in the right direction.



Homework Superstars



Ava	Bellamy	9 Cecilia
Csenge	Bodor	9 Veronica
Amber	Nunes	8 Cecilia



Student Leadership Opportunities



Student Leadership Booklets have been uploaded to your Year Group Team and attached to this Newsletter. Browse the different roles, look at the responsibilities and benefits and fill out the application form. You can apply for more than one role.

Applications need to be given to Miss Cooper by **Friday 10th November.**

You will need to get 2 teachers to support your application by signature.

UKMT Senior Math's challenge

On 3rd October, a group of Year 11, 12, and 13 students took part in the UKMT Senior Math's challenge.

The First Round Challenge is a 90-minute, 25 multiple choice question round Challenge aimed at student's year 13 or below. The problems on the Senior Maths Challenge are designed to make students think. Stimulating problems for both beginners and experienced problem-solvers. Students who participated:

- ★ Mariam Gomez
- ★ Tymon Jabonski
- ★ Aditya Jain
- ★ Reuben Jaques
- ★ Kismat Randhawa
- ★ Gabriel Kraszewski
- ★ Liam Paes
- ★ Jakub Roginski - Bronze
- ★ Cameron Fife - Bronze
- ★ Ethan Fernandes - Silver
- ★ Y11 Joel Manalody - Silver Best in Year
- ★ Baraa Allababidi - Bronze
- ★ Lena Bojarska - Bronze
- ★ Grzegorz Kuczynski - Silver Best in School
- ★ Alex Chappell - Bronze Best in Year
- ★ Maria Jakubowska - Bronze Best in Year

Well done to everyone who took part. ☺

PE After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball	Badminton and Basketball
Afterschool	Trampolining LRO Rugby HMC	Netball- all year groups AAN MJO CCR Year 7+8 boys Football FWA Year 7-9 Basketball JCO Dance LRO	Year 9-11 boys Football THU Girls Football- all year groups MJO Golf JCO Volleyball HGO		Year 10,11,12,13 Basketball CWH

Afterschool Science Club

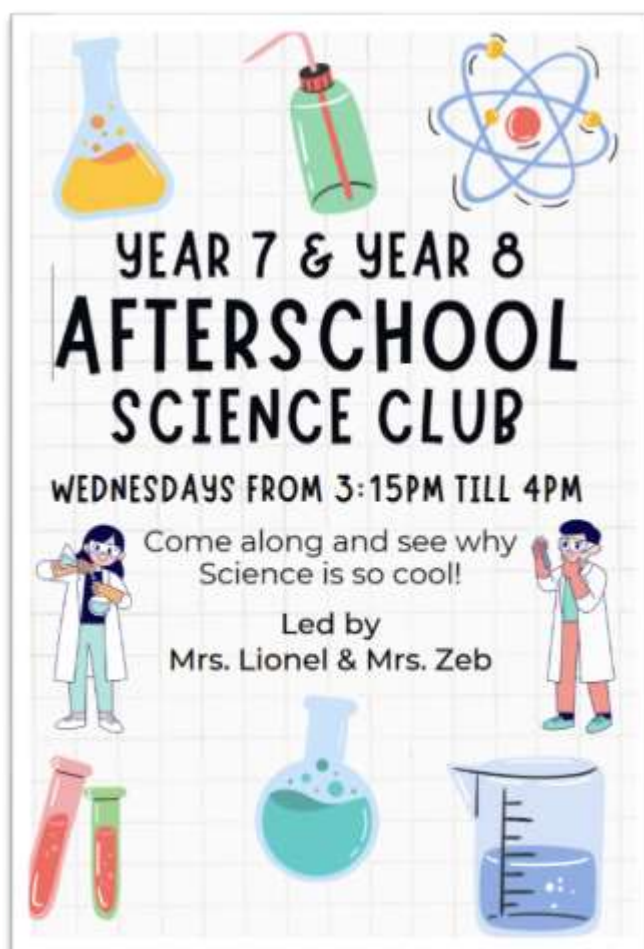
Afterschool Science Club is back and it is for year7 and year8 students!

Science Club will be on Wednesdays from 3.15- 4.00 in Lab3. The first Club meeting will be on Wednesday, 8th November.

Looking forward to doing fun science experiments with you all!

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs.Lionel and Mrs.Zeb





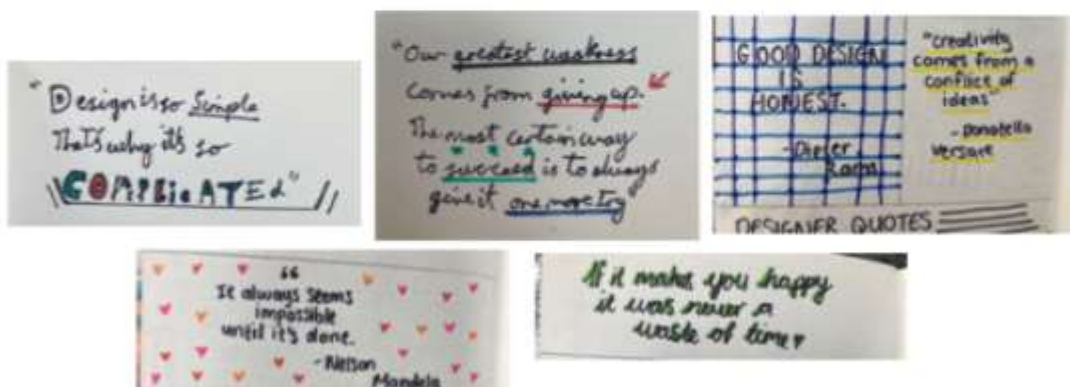
Design and Technology Department

A snapshot of some of the learning and outcomes from students in our department this half term.



To quote our A level students

The 6th formers were tasked with finding motivational and design based quotes- here are a selection of their favourites- Do you have a favourite quote you'd like to share with us?



Competition Time.

Over the half term we would like to invite all pupils in the department to design a graphic for their Design and Technology or food class. The graphic should be presented in a square, and include their class code Eg. 7x1 or 9y4. Please send your entry via Teams chat to Mrs Stacey.

Pupils will receive a positive point for entering the competition, and the winning logos will be used around the department and in class.

D&T Stars of the half term



There have been so many fantastic moments in lessons with some amazing work produced by so many students, it has been hard to narrow down our stars this half term. A particular well done to the following students who have particularly impressed us since September

Year 7: Sophia D'Amato and Chloe Cinco

Year 8: Bianca Lacsamana and Antoni Mielcarek

Year 9: Gabriela Kakol and Oliver Krolczek

Year 10 D&T Nathan James

Year 10 Food Rowan Moore

Year 11 Food Gabriela Wielgus

Year 11 D&T Karolina Woronowicz

Year 12 Kacper Kozak

Also a big and massive thankyou to **Mrs Hill and Mrs Suleyman** for keeping everything and everyone in our department safe, equipped and running smoothly.

DT social media



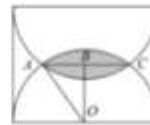
We try to post updates and points of interest on our Instagram page we also share some of the great work being done by the D&T pupils in the department....



#IcandoMaths

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:

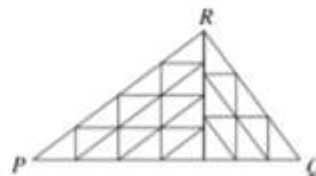
- B** From the information given, there are at least two 9s in the list, since 9 is the mode, and at least one number greater than 10, since 10 is the mean. So there are at least three numbers greater than 8 in the list. Therefore the list must contain at least six numbers, as the median of the numbers is 8. Moreover, it is possible to find suitable lists of six numbers with sum 60 (as the mean is 10), for example 1, 2, 7, 9, 9, 32.

Puzzler of the week

Triangle PQR has been divided into twenty-five congruent right-angled triangles, as shown. The length of RP is 2.4 cm.

What is the length of PQ ?

- A 3 cm B 3.2 cm C 3.6 cm D 4 cm
E 4.8 cm



Break time Teaser:

Which of the following has the largest value?

- A 2^6 B 3^5 C 4^4 D 5^3 E 6^2

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

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Dominik Sobczak and Bianka Bodor for receiving the most positive points this week.

Year 8

Nicholas Jurj, Jaydon Da Costa, Amber Nunes and Coco Janot For getting the most amount of positive points.

ANTONI MIELCAREK 8X1 For demonstrating school values of proud, active & curious, compassionate & loving with his independent translation about his mother's job in seven languages in the present and perfect tense. This went to our Head's 'goldfish bowl'!

VICTORIA OKOCHA 8X1

For exceptional organization & study skills showing us her glossary of French vocabulary & words on the new topics; and showing interest in the wider world on a regular basis.

Year 9

Noah Devereux and Anna Wydrych-Kang for most positive points

Year 10

I would like to nominate Nathacia M , Molly D, Nysa and Nick T for pupil of the week.

Nick has had continuously outstanding work in
GCSE Buisness.

Nathacia has improved immensely in GCSE Business.
Molly has been exceptional in class and in her attitude
in Vocational Business

Nysa has got excellent coursework, despite needing to
start again!

10V - SYDELLE VAZ & NATHACIA MENDONCA DE JESUS
For Computer Science & English award certificates from
their teachers for progress and skills in those subjects
respectively.

VINCE LACSAMANA & ROSA JARRETT - For outstanding
pronunciation and intonation, whilst reading out aloud,
of different, difficult words in other languages such as
Italian, Latin, Persian, Greek & Japanese, in our class
book 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' by Oscar Wilde.



Year 11

Warrick Passos-Wiggs and Amelia Czajkowska for most positive points

Year 12

Emaan Batool for an excellent attitude to her studies this half term

Daniel Da Fonseca Soares and Felmica Souza for the most positive points on ClassCharts this week

Mia Woodley and Jasmine Fernandez for participation in extra-curricular activities.